

Noticias de Nuestras Raíces



From the Editor:

Hi. I am Tina Sansone. I am excited to be a part of the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America. While I do not have Hispanic in my direct lines, I have several family ties to this beautiful ethnicity. I want to help document my cousins' Hernandez lines and I know this group will be the one that can help me on this endeavor.

I hope to share news of events that the GSHA will be hosting, as well as other society's events I feel may be of benefit. This first newsletter I am doing will focus on our upcoming conference. I would love to hear from you, especially after the conference. The next edition will be in August after the conference – I want to hear what you learned, the speakers that stood out and anything you would like to share about the event. Have you read any informative books that have been helpful? I would love a book review. How did you feel about it being virtual? Do you prefer to meet in person or virtually?

I would love to have any photos you have of your ancestors or of the beautiful country your ancestor's lived in. In 1969 I visited friends with my mother in Panama. I will never forget, even now as an adult, the beautiful landscapes and oceans that were there. I recall the friendly people, especially the time I fainted due to the extreme heat. This Southern girl was not used to being in. Although we did not speak the same language, they took care of me, gave me water and stayed next to me and my mom until I was ok to travel again.

I hope you register for the upcoming conference. I have seen the speakers' list and the topics. I am excited to sign up and attend this instructive event. I live in Mississippi, so virtual this year is great. I hope in the future to attend a conference in person and meet the members of this great society. I appreciate everyone who has offered their assistance as I start this new endeavor as your newsletter editor.

Tina Sansone (tinahsansone@gmail.com)



May 25, 2021

From the President

Hello, I hope everyone is doing well.

At this time, I would like to introduce our new newsletter editor, Ms. Tina Sansone living in Hernando, MS, and a Member at Large of GSHA. Ms. Sansone brings a wealth of experience in genealogical research and as a newsletter editor. Some of Ms. Sansone's career experiences: Librarian for the Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Center; Owner, Past & Present Pathways: research family histories & reports, DNA analysis, writer, and website design; Board member and editor of "Ansearchin News" for the Tennessee Genealogical Society; background researcher for the TV series "Who Do You Think You Are?". These are just a few of her background career history and makes her the perfect newsletter editor for GSHA. So please welcome Tina at tinahsansone@gmail.com. Please consider submitting announcements, events, and personal short stories for publication in our newsletter, Noticias de Nuestra Raices

The Conference Committee (Rose Alvarado (UT), John Martinez (UT), Albert Garcia (UT), Patsy Vasquez (SC), Cathy Romero (SC), Jeanette Martinez (SC), Lynda (Sena) Kouba (FACC), Tom Martinez (FACC) believe we have created a virtual conference that will have something of interest for everyone in attendance, this year's theme is a more general theme, "Keeping Our Family History Alive Through People, Places Stories & DNA. By the time you receive this newsletter, information on conference and registration should be available on our website, gshaa.org and GSHA Facebook page. This conference is open to everyone interested in Hispanic genealogy, so if you know someone invite them to our conference.

I want to Thank all the GSHA members who have continued their support of GSHA during this last 1 ½ year, due to the pandemic. It has been disruptive in many ways, but we were able to adapt with the use of Zoom to conduct chapter business meetings. One surprising result, of using Zoom, was the sharing of chapter presentations. We have been privileged to hear great subjects and fantastic speakers. I, "Thank" the GSHA Board, chapter representatives and committee chairs for their hard work and dedication to GSHA. Also, thanks to the conference committee for their ability to switch tracks from planning a in-person conference to a virtual one, because of the on-going pandemic. This is the first ever virtual conference for GSHA, and we are excited about it.

We started the GSHA blog back in December of 2020, though it has been a slow start, I hope it becomes more popular over time. I want to thank Lynda (Sena) Kouba (FACC) our lead blogger, for her time and efforts in posting are articles, also thanks to Tom Martinez (FACC) for its design. I also thank Jeanette Martinez, Donie Nelson, Lynda (Sena) Kouba and Roccie Hill for working on a guideline for content to be posted. So please consider using the GSHA blog once we have posted the guidelines for content.

PDF option of GSHA journal continues to grow, which has resulted in lower cost of printed copies. More discussion of PDF format will be discussed at the Annual meeting in August.

In collaboration, with Ed Munoz, President of Utah Chapter, we hope to develop an oral history program, to be added to our GSHA website. We hope to begin development sometime in June; we think it will of benefit and entertain our members for years to come and place a face with our stories.

So, in closing, please visit our website, www.gshaa.org, for conference info on speakers and registration; and invite friends and family, in what we believe will a great time.

Sincerely,

Bob Craig

GSHA President



Genealogical Society of Hispanic America

Keeping Our Family History Alive Through People, Places, Stories & DNA

GSHA Virtual Conference & Annual Meeting • August 13 - 14, 2021

GET READY FOR AN AWESOME VIRTUAL CONFERENCE! August 13-14, 2021

The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America will be having their 2021 conference virtually this year. We hope you will enjoy attending this informative conference through the comfort of your own homes **for only \$45.00**. We have some great speakers; and Shayne Sotelo & the Mariachi Alegre group will entertain us!

All Conference Events based on Mountain Daylight Time

Day 1, Aug 13, 2021 - Morning

- 9:30 am - Opening Virtual Zoom Conference
- 9:45 am - 10:05 am - Entertainment, Shayne Sotelo & the Mariachi Alegre Group
- 10:10 am - 10:45 am - Bob Craig, President Welcome, Chapter Presidents, present awards

Speakers – Morning

- 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Room 1: Lee Martinez, “Big Y-DNA”

Room 2: Jose Antonio Esquibel, “Mestisaje: Seventeenth-century New Mexicans with Spanish and Indian Ancestry” - For individuals with deep family roots in New Mexico, before tracing one or more family lineages to Spain, they will very likely encounter ancestors identified as mestizo or castizo, indicating a combination of European and Indian ancestry, or as mulato, indicating a combination of Indian and African ancestry. In some cases, there are ancestors identified specifically as Indians of the Valley of Mexico, Pueblo Indians (Tewa, Tiwa, Towa, Tano, Keres, Piro, Tompiro), or Genízaros, or perhaps as Apache, Navajo, Comanche, Kiowa, or Hopi. Recent DNA evidence for men and women with deep family roots in New Mexico is shining a bright light on this combination of European and Indian ancestry. This presentation will examine the documentary evidence from archival records that reveals how common it was for Spanish families of seventeenth-century New Mexico to have Indian ancestry, including relatives among Pueblo Indians. This combination of ancestry was an influential contribution to the development of Nuevomexicano culture.

- 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Room 3: Joy Orio, “Researching Mexican Ancestry” - Discover the rich records of Mexican genealogy! Get started in researching Mexican ancestors and examine records commonly found in Mexican genealogical research. Learn research strategies and translation tips, as well as how to identify a town of origin and navigate online databases.

Room 4: Rob Martinez, “Casta/Caste and Racial Mixing and Identity in Colonial New Mexico”

- 11:00 am to 3:15 pm

Room 5 & Room 6 open for networking & chatting

Lunch Break: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Speakers - Afternoon

- 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Room 1: Debbie Gurtler - “Migration Patterns in New Spain” - Many Hispanic ancestors began their adventure in New Spain at the port of Veracruz, but where did they go from there and why. This presentation will look at some of the major migration trails north into present-day United States and some factors that might have encouraged their movement.

Room 2: Allen Steele, “The Inn at the End of the Trail” - While many people think of the Santa Fe Trail as a grand road nurtured by the American and Mexican merchants who traveled its miles in both directions, it was the Inn at the end of the trail that nurtured the merchants when they arrived, tired and dirty, at Santa Fe. Allen Steele shares his research about the old inn on the corner of San Francisco Street and the Santa Fe Trail that stood as the sole retreat in the ancient city for the thousands of sojourners who found rest and comfort under its roof during the time of the Trail. Its story is full of tragedy, pathos, revelry and true grit. After all, these were the wild west days!

Room 3: Henrietta Martinez Christmas, “La Familia Martinez” - The earliest family of Hernan Martin Serrano and Juana Rodriguez who came with Don Juan de Oñate in 1598 remain elusive to many of us. Traveling from Zacatecas from 1596-1598 was no easy feat as those families had to bring entire households, animals and military materials with them. The thousand-mile journey which encompassed crossing rivers, skirting mountains and deserts with little or no water would have been difficult even for those without children. After the resettlement of 1692, the Martin Serrano family became large landowners. These lands were used to maintain their families, used as dowries and accumulate wealth. The family settled is what we know as the Rio Arriba area of New Mexico, the Martin(ez)’s would settle in almost all parts of New Mexico, Colorado and west to California.

- 1:45 pm – 3:15

Room 4: Cheri Mello - “Overcoming Brickwalls with DNA” - Attendees will learn from four case studies how DNA was used to overcome a brick wall that stood since the 1950s using Y-DNA, solved the mystery of the parent of two sisters using mtDNA, another that revealed a step-grandpa was really dad using autosomal DNA, and a case of an unknown father using X-match. Also included will be an

overview of the four types of DNA used in genealogy: Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), autosomal DNA (Family Finder) and X Match; and how to decode the confusing terms of DNA.

Day 2, Aug 14, 2021- Morning

• 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Room 1: Rachel Rodriguez - “FamilySearch Tips” - Rachel Rodriguez has some tricks up her sleeve for finding your ancestors online. Today, with familysearch.org, it can feel like all we have to do is pull out our screens, type a few names into a search engine and our pedigree charts will fall into place. Yet for most of us – and most ancestral branches – a more targeted approach is required. So, get ready to fine-tune your familysearch.org searches and watch the fruits of your labors grow on your family tree.

Room 2: Ed Munoz - “How to Conduct Oral History Interviews” - In this presentation, Ed will focus on the basics of oral history interviewing which are applicable to family history interviewing in a general sense. The presentation will also highlight the work Ed is developing in collaboration with GSHA for the creation of an oral history archive featuring Inter-Mountain West Latinx Oral Histories.

• 10:00 0 11:30 am

Room 3: Gary DeLeon Gary DeLeon - “The Oñate Expedition and the Expedition Members” Many people have ancestors who were part of the 1598 Oñate expedition and want to know more about how the expedition came about, what struggles their ancestors went through on the expedition and some interesting facts about our ancestors. This presentation will address these questions. We will look at historical background of factors that went into creating the expedition, the history of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. Then we will look at the background to the expedition—why the Spanish wanted to come to New Mexico, the delays in Zacatecas and Santa Barbara. We will go through a brief description of the expedition trip. The expedition members were a diverse group and we will explore their background. Finally, we will focus on several different expedition members and their families.

Room 4: Virginia Sanchez - “The Impending Insurrection in Conejos, Colorado Territory, 1862” Colorado Territory had only been a territory for one year and yet its Anglo population in Conejos and Costilla counties feared an insurrection like that of the 1847 Taos Massacre. This presentation explains the bias and conflict surrounding the important yet unknown events that took place during Colorado’s early territorial period. These events include the Conejos Land Grant, Hispano petitions to return to New Mexico Territory, taxation and legislation, and the impact of the Civil War & Indian Wars.

• 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, **Room 5 & Room 6 open for networking and chatting.**

Lunch Break: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm

Business Meeting & Speakers - Afternoon

• 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

GSHA - Annual Business Meeting

• 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Room 1: Angel Cervantes - “Anthropological Genetic History: The Hisatsinom (Anasazi) Connection to New Mexican Families (Mt-DNA Haplogroup B)”

Ancient Pueblo peoples (Hisatsinom) were an ancient Native American culture centered on the present-day Four Corners area of the United States, comprising southern Utah, northeastern Arizona, northern New Mexico, and southwestern Colorado. They lived in a range of structures, including pit houses, pueblos, and cliff dwellings designed so that they could lift entry ladders during enemy attacks, which provided security. The connection between certain New Mexican families and the Hisatsinom will be explored. A short film that will trace the history of these people will be shown. We will also discuss which families show the markers that are most identified with this ancient civilization.

Room 2: John Schmal - “Indigenous Nueva Galicia: The Native Peoples of Jalisco and Zacatecas.”

The tribal groups inhabiting this colonial region had very disparate responses to the Spanish conquest and settlement. This presentation will discuss the original native groups, the colonial settlement, the silver industry, the Chichimeca War (1550-1590) and the process of mestizaje and assimilation that followed.

• 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Room 3: Cindy Medina - “Abraham Lincoln and Mexico” - Ms. Medina will be discussing the book by noted Ph.D. historian and professor Dr. Michael Hogan. It is one of the best books available about relations between the U.S. and Mexico before, during, and after that war. It helps us better understand our history on both sides of the border. It shines new light on reasons for the 1846 U.S. invasion, opposition by Abraham Lincoln and other politicians to the unjustified and unconstitutional decision by President Polk to unilaterally initiate the war, the importance of the ensuing war against Mexico, the resulting territorial seizures by the United States, the impact both nationally and internationally to both countries, the troubling legacy even today, and the result of silences that have been pervasive over the years regarding this conflict. It examines all aspects of this history based on actual documents in government, university, and private institutions in both the U.S. and Mexico, including citations to these documents and the complete text for many of them in the Appendix. Decisions made then continue to permeate the daily lives of citizens and residents of both countries today. Understanding this part of history helps in our genealogy research today. We can see migration patterns, why people lost their Spanish language, why people are still fighting today their rights to Spanish Land Grants.

• 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Room 5 & Room 6 open for networking and chatting.

• 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Closing Ceremony: Rob Martinez - Entertainment & History of Music; and Bob Craig - GSHA Recognitions, Announcement of 2022 Conf, etc.

NOTE: 15 minutes for Questions and Answers after each session

Getting To Know Some of Your Speakers

Professionally, **Cheri Mello** is a math teacher with degrees in psychology, sociology, human and child development, and master's in education. She became a National Board Certified Teacher, the most prestigious and highest teaching credential in the educational world.



The genealogy bug was planted in Cheri, a South Bay native, with the 5th grade history project. Her maternal grandmother gave her some material for her project. She used it later for a Girl Scout badge and pulled out the information many times and wondered about her family and how she could learn more. Some of this material is still incorporated into her current presentations.

Cheri began her active adult research over 25 years ago, after the death of her remaining grandparents. She has done research in many states, even taking trips overseas in search of her Portuguese ancestry. Thirteen years ago, she became involved in DNA, and was recruited as the Project Administrator for the Azores DNA project. She runs five DNA projects and manages mailing lists involving Portuguese-Azorean genealogy.

Cheri lectures now not only on Portuguese and DNA topics, but a host of other topics including software programs and Find-A-Grave.

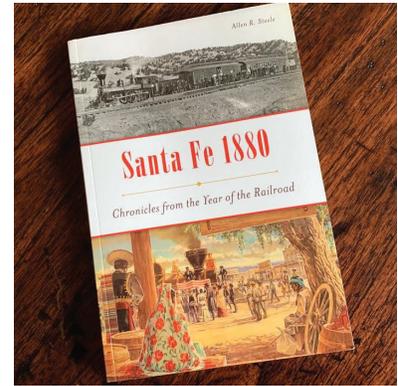
Dr. Allen Steele is a professional tour guide in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He specializes in history, Billy the Kid and Spy Tours, all of which center on the ancient city, the oldest capital in the United States.



He spent most of his life working in the media, radio and television, that took him to posts in Europe and the Pacific Rim. He spent fourteen years in Europe: Portugal, Germany and England. He lived on the island of Guam in the western Pacific for seven years and in Australia for eight years. Additionally, he taught journalism at universities in Australia and in Michigan.

He says he was always alert to uncovering stories that needed to be told and realized if he didn't tell them the world may never know about them. This led him to write *The French Pilot*, a historical fiction about his distant fifth grandfather who was a Huguenot ship's captain in France who sailed in his own small ship, first to England, then to the USA, in 1700. The book was named the "Book of the Year" by its Australian publisher.

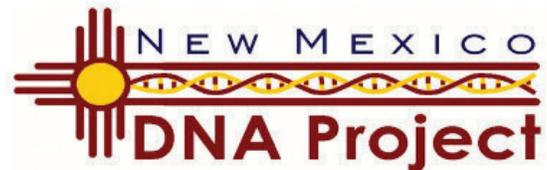
He says, “the more I learned about the history of Santa Fe, all indications were that there was a transformative year in the American period. It was 1880 when the railroad arrived.” He decided there was a story that needed to be told about that year so he wrote a book, *Santa Fe 1880*. It was published by The History Press in 2019 and it takes the reader on a month by month journey through that historic year.



He has just completed another historical book about a certain aspect of the Old Santa Fe Trail, from its start in 1821 to its end in 1880 and beyond. It is expected to be released early next year. He says, “This book has been a challenge because it is such a big story made up of many small stories that have never been brought together before.” And the best way to appreciate history is through its incredible stories.”

Angel R. Cervantes is part of the New Mexico DNA Project.

Project Background: The New Mexico DNA Project will cover the colonial expeditions of New Mexico by the Spanish in 1598 and 1693, by the Mexicans in 1821, and by the Americans in 1848. The New Mexico DNA Project will encompass not only Hispanics, but also Anglo-Americans who have come to New Mexico.



In the years just after the Conquest of the New World, the Native-American population was decimated by disease and war, leaving a relatively small gene pool of Native-American, Spanish, French, and English ancestors.



DNA studies on Hispanics show a higher European admixture.

*Anthropologist Andrew Merriwether and colleagues conducted a study on Hispanics living in Colorado. Using classic genetic markers they estimated an admixture of 67% European and 33% Native-American.

He further tested their mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) which is a test to find the origins of your great, great...grandmother, going back 10's of thousands of years. This one ancestor which is your families "Eve" so to speak, showed up as Native-American 85% of the time and European in origin 15% of the time. Thus showing that the majority of unions in this admixture were of European males and Native-American females.

Project Goals: To find our ancient origins, whatever they may be. To discover previously unknown living relatives. To determine migration patterns of different families. To see if similar

sounding surnames are related. To discover how closely related all of us really are. To share this information with others so that we can learn more about where we came from.

How to join this DNA project: Family Tree DNA offers a discount on their 12 marker test (\$59 +P/H, the price of several genealogy books) and their 37 marker test (\$119 +P/H) or the 111 marker test (\$249 +P/H) to those participating in a DNA Project. Since women do not have Y-chromosome DNA they would need the assistance of a brother, Uncle or other male relative with the family surname.

In order to join the "New Mexico DNA Project" and get this discount just go to this link: https://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.aspx?code=B54098&special=True&projecttype=DG or contact Angel R. Cervantes at angelrcervantes@gmail.com

Just decide on the 12 marker test or the 37, 67, or 111 Y-dna marker test. The 37 or 111 marker tests are more economical in the long run. All tests show the group discount of \$59 for the 12 marker test, \$119 for the 37 marker test, \$199 for the 67 marker test, and \$249 for the 111 marker test. The test results take about 4 to 6 weeks from the time FamilyTreeDNA gets your sample. To see project results go to this website:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/NewMexicoDNA>

Disclaimer: Only Family Tree DNA benefits monetarily from those who sign up to the New Mexico DNA Project

Debbie Gutler graduated with honors from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's degree in Family History. She worked as an intern at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. She has also made research trips to Spain, Virginia, and North Carolina.

She is employed by FamilySearch where she is currently the manager of the Latin America/Southern Europe and German/Slavic teams and Training Coordinator at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

She is fluent in Spanish. She can also read genealogical documents in Portuguese, Italian, and French. She is a member of several genealogical societies including HISPAGEN and Antzinako in Spain, the National

Genealogical Society (NGS), the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami, and the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA) in the United States.

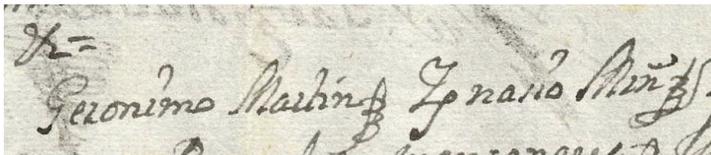
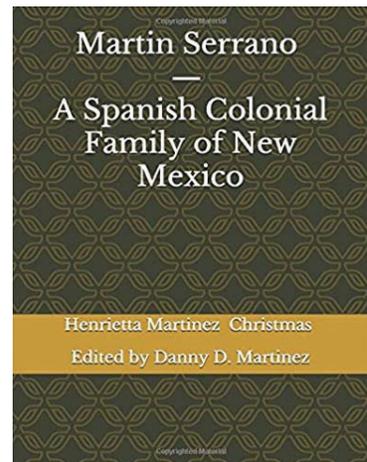


Debbie serves as a treasurer on the board for the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists and chapter president of the Utah chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Debbie holds four AG® credentials. One is for the United States Mid-South region where she has done extensive research in North Carolina and Virginia. Another is for Spain where she has done research in various parts of the country. The third is for Mexico. The fourth is for Portugal.

She has taught at numerous conferences including RootsTech, RootsTech London, the National Genealogy Society (NGS), and the Brigham Young University Conference on Genealogy and Family History. She has also presented at numerous local and regional conferences and served as co-course coordinator for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). Follow her on Twitter #genealogynerd.

Henrietta Martinez Christmas, is a long-time member and the current President of New Mexico Genealogical Society. A native New Mexican, a well-known genealogical and historical researcher; she descends from eleven of the soldiers that came with Oñate in 1598. She has written several books which related to New Mexico's small town and history and over 150 articles about New Mexico's Colonial Families. She has worked with the History Museum of New Mexico, The Albuquerque Museum, The El Camino Real Heritage site in preparing exhibits and researching historical data. She is a frequent contributor to author's book in terms of researching biographies of individuals. She works with a group that honors historic women in New Mexico for their NM Historic Marker Program. Honored by the DAR for historic preservations, she has extracted and transcribed over 50 books which consist of hundreds of thousands of records. Her talk will be on the Martin(ez) family of New Mexico.



Houston native **Joy Oria** has been a librarian at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research since 2015. She received a B.A. in Music from the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston and has worked as a park ranger and zoo keeper. Among her favorite animals she's cared for are Jambi the babirusa and Spicoli the mona monkey. She completed the

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy course Advanced Hispanic Research in 2020 and has been researching for over ten years. She is currently working on transcribing padrones for the Sahuayo area of Michóacan, Mexico. At the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston, Texas, she coordinates the library's programming and outreach, as well as assist family history researchers and present programs. One of her most enjoyable job duties is discovering Hispanic genealogy books to add to the library's collection. She will be speaking at the We are Cousins virtual genealogy conference in September 2021 on Spanish colonial censuses (<https://wacconference.com/>). She is super excited to be speaking at the upcoming GSHA conference and connect with other Hispanic genealogy researchers.



My librarian's tip to genealogy researchers is: "Don't hesitate to reach out and contact libraries beyond your area. Most libraries will provide look-ups and copies for free or a small fee, and you don't have to have a library card or be a local resident. Use worldcat.org, the world's largest library catalog, to identify books of interest and to find a copy in a library."

Anthony Lee Martinez grew up in a Mormon family in the Espanola Valley of Northern New Mexico. He was immersed in genealogy and family history from a young age, scouring remote burial sites throughout the mountain villages in the area. Lee's parents serviced for a time as the local LDS Family History Center librarians located in Espanola, back in the day when microfiche was a primary research resource. Now with over 40 years of family history research under his belt, Dr. Martinez directly manages 25 Y-DNA accounts, representing 14 surnames, and consults with the New Mexico Genealogical Society DNA team on Y-DNA projects.



State Historian **Rob Martínez** is a native New Mexican born and raised in Albuquerque. A graduate of the University of New Mexico with a B.B.A. in International Business Management, Rob then went on to pursue his interest in New Mexican culture and history at U.N.M., earning an M.A. in Latin American history, with an emphasis on church, cultural, and social practices of the Spanish Colonial period in New Mexico. This included studying witch beliefs in New Mexico and the Inquisition. Rob worked for 14 years as a research historian for the Sephardic Legacy Project, scouring civil and church archives analyzing documents for a research and publishing project about the CryptoJewish phenomenon in New Mexico and the Caribbean. Rob has performed musically throughout New Mexico, and on multiple occasions has presented music and New



Mexican culture at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in Washington, D.C., the NEA's National Heritage Fellowship Awards, and also at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Gary De Leon grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and first came to Texas in 1986. He is a social studies teacher at Canutillo High School, and has 35 years teaching experience. He made a promise to his grandmother to write a family history book, and he started researching in 2012. He is a historian, genealogical researcher, author of a book, and internet influencer. He wrote family history e-book "History of the De Leon Family" four years ago. He also runs a Facebook page "Descendants of the Oñate Expedition" which has over 1700 members. He has made several presentations for different genealogical groups this past year.



Jose Antonio Esquibel is a genealogical researcher, historian, and author of articles related to Spanish colonial genealogy and history, with particular regard to seventeenth century New Mexico. He has contributed to four anthologies on New Mexico history, served as a research consultant for the Vargas Project and El Camino Real Project, and is co-author with France V. Scholes, Eleanor B. Adams, and Marc Simmons of the book Juan Domínguez de Mendoza:



Soldier and Frontiersman of the Spanish Southwest, 1629- 1693 (UNM Press, 2012). In 2009, Juan Carlos II, King of Spain, admitted José Antonio to the knightly Orden de Isabel la Católica for his dedication to uncovering and preserving the history of Spain and Spanish heritage in New Mexico. He is a former Vice President of the Historical Society of New Mexico and maintains the Beyond Origins of NM Families web site.

Cindy Medina is a History Activist/Genealogist and Publicist. Her time is spent in active binational work in both the U.S. and Mexico. She is an Active RootsTech/FamilySearch Ambassador, Publicist for the book "Abraham Lincoln and Mexico" on the Mexican-American War, U.S. Representative for the Francisco Villa Foundation, Publicist for the Pancho Villa Stash House in El Paso and has several history groups on Social Media that cover it all from Colonial New Spain History to our Cultural Pride. She makes sure she is not idle, not sitting behind a computer but actually working and facilitating our binational ties.



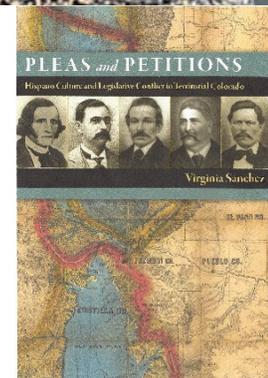
Dr. Ed A. Muñoz is an Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies in the School for Cultural and Social Transformation. In general, his research expertise deals with the Latinx experience in the Midwestern and InterRocky Mountain regions of the United States. With regards to his criminal justice research agenda, he examines how racialization processes impact criminal justice outcomes for racial/ethnic minority populations. He is currently examining the effectiveness of Salt Lake Peer Court on youth recidivism. A longer term project is a sociohistorical analysis on the construction of Latinidad in the Inter-Rocky Mountain and Great Plains regions dating from the 16th century and into the 21st century.



John P. Schmal is an historian, genealogist, and lecturer. After graduating from a Los Angeles high school, John attended Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles and St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where he studied Geography, History and Earth Sciences and received two BA degrees. John specializes in the genealogical research and Indigenous history of several Mexican states, especially Chihuahua, Aguascalientes, Zacatecas, Jalisco and Guanajuato. In the last year, he has specialized in tracing the lineages of the California Mission Indians. He is a recipient of the 2018 Conference of California Historical Societies Award of Merit in the Scholarship Award. He was recognized for his "proliferate historic studies in the area of Mexican, Mexican-American and indigenous research." He is a lifetime honorary member of GSHA-SC and a board member of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR). John manages IndigenousMexico.org, a one-stop resource for historical and census information about the Indigenous people of Mexico, including presentations and historical articles about 31 of Mexico's 32 states.



Virginia Sánchez is an author, historian, and genealogist who lives in Denver. Her research about southern Colorado Territory has resulted in two published books and several articles. She has presented her research to the Western History Association, the New Mexico Historical Society, and at the museums of El Pueblo and Fort Garland. Her co-authored article, "Displaced in Place: Nuevomexicanos on the Northern Side of the Colorado-New Mexico Border, 1850-1875," received the Gilberto Espinosa Prize for the best article appearing in Volume 93 (2018) of the New Mexico Historical Review. Regarding her book *Pleas and Petitions: Hispano Culture and Legislative Conflict in Territorial Colorado* - In 1861, 7,000 Hispanos woke one



morning to discover they and the land they settled were now in Colorado Territory. This book explains how New Mexico lost the Costilla and Conejos areas and how it tried to reclaim its people and the land. It also talks about the struggles these Hispanos experienced due language, power, and law. This book also honors the Hispanos elected to the territorial assembly and the roadblocks and barriers they faced.

Rachel Rodriguez has been involved in family research since 2002. She was born in Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico. She met her husband and married in Mexico City. In 2012, Rachel and her husband received an assignment from the LDS church as Area Family History advisers for the Spanish speaking LDS units in Southern California.



Shayne Sotelo and Mariachi Alegre is a unique collection of professionals who blend their skills to create quality Latin music. Shayne Sotelo, their dynamic group leader, is an Artist in Residence who performed annually as a vocal soloist with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. A vibrant violinist trained classically as well as in Bluegrass and Western Swing, Shayne has also performed extensively abroad including at the notable inauguration of the Himeji Cultural Arts Center in Himeji, Japan. As a versatile multitalented group, they have opened for names such as The Texas Tornados, Lola Beltran, Marco Antonio Solis, and Juan Gabriel.



Genealogy Tips

Did you know that FamilySearch has [research outlines](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Research_Outlines#Latin_America) for these Latin American countries? (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Research_Outlines#Latin_America)

Argentina	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Panama	Venezuela
Bolivia	Cuba	Honduras	Paraguay	El Salvador
Brazil	Dominican Republic	Latin America	Peru	
Chile	Ecuador	Mexico	Puerto Rico	
Colombia		Nicaragua	Uruguay	

FamilyTree Magazine (online) has a great article on “12 Hispanic and Latino Genealogy Websites and Resources” - <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage/central-south-american/hispanic-latino-genealogy-websites/>



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Genealogical Society of Hispanic America-So. Cal. Chapter Presents:

"Searching the Early California Population Project (ECP) Database"

Wednesday, June 25, 2021 • 6:30 pm PDT

RSVP to gshasocal@gmail.com for Zoom link.

John P. Schmal will provide a lecture/Q&A about using the Huntington Library's ECPP Database. His presentation will discuss and show examples of baptism and marriage documents of California Mission Indians and of Mexican soldiers. Then he will discuss the ECPP database, with suggestions on how to use it. To the beginner, this database - with dozens of search fields -- seems challenging and confusing, but John will describe how to use it effectively, and after that will do selected searches suggested by the attendees.

Holdings of the ECPP Database: The ECPP database was developed by the Huntington Library to provide public access to all the information contained in the California mission registers. The database encompasses records from 21 of the California missions, in addition to the Los Angeles Plaza Church and the Santa Barbara Presidio, and reflects information culled from 101,000 baptisms, 27,000 marriages and 71,000 burials performed in California between 1769 and 1850.

John P. Schmal is an historian, genealogist, and lecturer. After graduating from a Los Angeles high school, John attended Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles and St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where he studied Geography, History and Earth Sciences and received two BA degrees. John specializes in the genealogical research and Indigenous history of several Mexican states, especially Chihuahua, Aguascalientes, Zacatecas, Jalisco and Guanajuato. In the last year, he has specialized in tracing the lineages of the California Mission Indians. He is a recipient of the **2018 Conference of California Historical Societies Award of Merit** in the Scholarship Award. He was recognized for his "proliferate historic studies in the area of Mexican, Mexican-American and indigenous research."

He is a lifetime honorary member of GSHA-SC and a board member of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR). John manages IndigenousMexico.org, a one-stop resource for historical and census information about the Indigenous people of Mexico, including presentations and historical articles about 31 of Mexico's 32 states.

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General Meeting: Saturday, August 7, 2021 • 11 a.m. PDT

General Public Invited • Non-members must RSVP by emailing gshasocal@gmail.com



CUBAN GENEALOGY



How to research your Cuban roots using online resources, DNA testing, and social media. How to develop the most effective strategy for doing challenging research in Cuba using parish records, cemetery records and other online sources. We will also discuss the future of offline sources coming online soon.



Brian Tosko Bello is the Director of Digital Cuba, a nonprofit startup to preserve Cuban culture and heritage through digitization projects. He has conducted workshops and seminars to create awareness of the need to preserve historical records.

He is a creative collaborative that lives in Washington, D.C. As Brian writes: "If I were to sum up my career experience, I would say that at my core, I am a storyteller. Telling stories with financial data sets, genealogy records or ways to stay on a low carb diet!"

Digital Cuba launched the Cuban Genealogy Podcast in August 2018 to create awareness of the need to preserve all historical documents with genealogical significance. Digital Cuba: <http://digitalcuba.org>

GSHA-SC Fundraiser Raffle Win a One-Year Ancestry World Explorer Subscription worth \$239 at our August meeting. To enter, go to our website and donate either \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 2 tickets, \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 12 tickets and \$20 for 24 tickets. The drawing will be held either on or just after our meeting on Aug 7. Winners do not need to be present. To access the PayPal page, go to <https://www.gsha-sc.org>, click on the Donation Request tab and follow the drop down menu to Raffle. Please note in comment section that the donation is for the Ancestry.com raffle tickets. On sale: June 1.

Remember, by entering this raffle, you are helping our organization with your donation. GSHA-SC is a 501c(3) non-profit California corporation #33-05894533, maintained purely by volunteers.



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2021 General Meetings: 1st Saturday in February, May, August, and December. GSHA SC's general meeting programs are generously supported by Educator Paul J. Gomez. For more info: cath.romero@sbcglobal.net



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Income Statement Year to Date					
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America					
Jan. 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021					
Beg. Bal.		1st Qtr	YTD	Budget	Difference
Checking Conference 6768		\$1,120.00			
Checking Business 1848		\$894.27			
Savings 4597		\$12,592.35			
Credit Card 2547		\$0.00			
Total		\$14,606.62			
Revenue:					
Membership		\$4,936.95	\$4,936.95	\$8,695.00	-\$3,758.05
Journal Sales		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
Donation		\$120.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$20.00
Misc.		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Interest		\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$0.30
Advertising in Journal		\$60.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Trf From Acct 1848		\$692.93	\$692.93	\$0.00	\$692.93
Total Revenue		\$5,810.18	\$5,810.18	\$9,200.00	-\$3,389.82
Expenses:					
Journal Editor		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Printing		\$410.26	\$410.26	\$1,832.00	-\$1,421.74
Journal Processing/Mailing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,464.00	-\$1,464.00
Journal remailing		\$11.65	\$11.65	\$100.00	-\$88.35

Misc. Printing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
E-voting Fees		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$218.00	-\$218.00
Honorary Memberships		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
Storage		\$135.00	\$135.00	\$140.00	-\$5.00
Postage		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Insurance		\$233.10	\$233.10	\$975.00	-\$741.90
Licenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	-\$60.00
40% Return to Chapters		\$944.14	\$944.14	\$3,585.00	-\$2,640.86
Returned Membership		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Membership to Others/NMGS		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	-\$5.00
Office Supplies		\$13.38	\$13.38	\$50.00	-\$36.62
PO Box Rental		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.00	-\$92.00
Website/Zoom		\$218.79	\$218.79	\$325.00	-\$106.21
Accounting		\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
City Sales Tax		\$12.23	\$12.23	\$15.00	-\$2.77
Trf. Credit Card 2547		\$692.93	\$692.93	\$0.00	\$692.93
Total Expenses		\$2,711.48	\$2,711.48	\$10,666.00	-\$7,954.52
Net Income:		\$3,098.70	\$3,098.70	-\$1,466.00	\$4,564.70
Ending Bal.					
Checking Conference 6768		\$1,120.00			
Checking Business 1848		\$3,992.67			
Savings 4597		\$12,592.65			
Credit Card 2547		0			
Total		\$17,705.32			



GSHA LEADERSHIP

GSHA is a volunteer-run organization. The Board of Directors is responsible for governance and management of society operations.

2021-2022 GSHA Executive Committee

- Bob Craig - President
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- Patsy Vasquez - SC (California) Chapter Representative

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