

# Noticias de Nuestras Raíces



From the GSHA Editor

We are super excited to get the news out about our upcoming GSHA Conference. If you have not already registered, please visit <https://www.gshaa.org>. This helps us plan on how many will be in attendance. We have some very informative topics with great speakers. The speaker's bios are included and check back for those bios that are missing; they'll be updated soon.

We are happy to announce that we will have returning for entertainment "Shayne Sotelo & the Mariachi Alegre Group!" Although last year was virtual, I found myself dancing in my living room as the music filled my home. It was wonderful and I am excited to hear them again.

There will be time to chat and network and make new friends.

Last year I attended the DNA class and learned some great tips that I have used all year. The instructor cleared up some confusion I had on X-DNA, and it made a great difference in my research. I know this year will also give me some great instruction I can use going forward – and I know you will find it useful too!

A new feature this year is giving YOU the opportunity to promote your business by placing an ad to showcase during the conference: **Vendor Information – Only \$40.00**

- Your ad will be on a PowerPoint show and should last for about 1 minute
- It will run on a loop with other vendors between speakers and during lunch
- Send a 1-minute-long PowerPoint presentation, or
- Send 4 to 5 images (1080x1920 ppi) for a PowerPoint Presentation to be made for you
- Send to [gsha.vp@gshaa.org](mailto:gsha.vp@gshaa.org)
- Contact [gsha.vp@gshaa.org](mailto:gsha.vp@gshaa.org) for more info

Do you have anything you would like to see in the next newsletter?

Submit to Tina Sansone at [gsha.newsletter@gshaa.org](mailto:gsha.newsletter@gshaa.org).

I look forward to hearing from you!

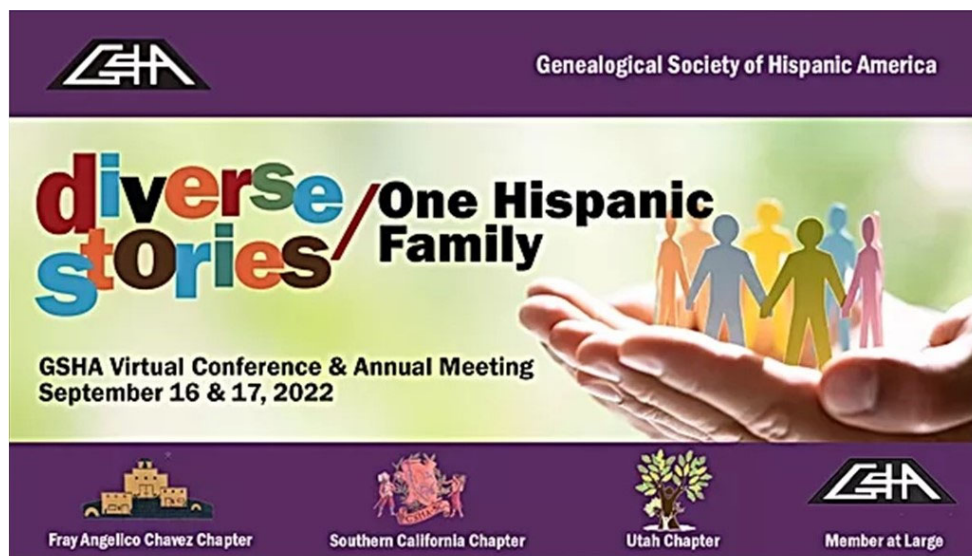
Tina Sansone, Editor

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# GET READY FOR AN AWESOME VIRTUAL CONFERENCE!

September 16 & 17, 2022



[Register for the 2022 GSHA Conference Here](#)

The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America will be having their 2022 conference virtually this year. We hope you will enjoy attending this informative conference through the comfort of your own home! We have some great speakers; and Shayne Sotelo & the Mariachi Alegre group will entertain us!

## About the Event

**Early Bird Special, before Aug 31:  
GSHA member - \$45, Public - \$65**

**After Aug 31:  
GSHA members - \$55, Public - \$75**

**All Conference events is on Mountain Daylight Time**

**Most speakers will be recorded for later viewing by  
conference attendees only.**

# **Day 1**

## **Friday, Sep 16, 2022**

**8:00 am - Log on and Chat with other attendees**

**8:30 am – Bob Craig**

Your Master of Ceremonies opens the GSHA Virtual Conference

**8:45 am - 9:05 am - Entertainment, Shayne Sotelo & the Mariachi Alegre Group**

**9:10 am - 9:45 am - Bob Craig, President**

Welcome and introduction of chapter presidents and present awards

### **Morning Speakers**

**10:00 am - 11:00 am: José Antonio Esquibel**

**"The Formative Era of Nuevomejicano Culture, 1693-1720"**

1693-1700 was a period of great migration of Spanish citizens into Northern New Mexico. With this migration, there were people who came from a broad array of geographic locations, especially from numerous towns of Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Galicia, and Nueva España, as well as Spain and France.

Members of all these groups established families in NM for which there are numerous descendants living today, not only in New Mexico but also across the United States and in other countries. As part of the presentation, I will describe the history of the migration, I will share lists of family names from all groups, as well as a list of geographic origins. My presentation will also examine considerations about how this period served as the foundation of the development of Nuevomejicano culture through the 1700s and into the 1800s.

**11:15 am – 12:15 pm: Ada Nelson**

**"Digging for Diamonds in Your Neighbor's Backyard"**

Many of us are unaware of "genealogy gems" buried in our attic, basement, or closet, but what about in our neighbor's backyard? In this presentation, I will explore the collections of the GSHA headquarters, the GSHA Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter and the GSHA Southern California Chapter and show you how to dig up your own diamonds in the rough. I will show you how to take advantage of public services and membership benefits to access these records remotely and analyze their content to discover their true value. I will also show you how to polish the gems in the Hispanic Heritage Project (HHP) founded by Carlos Yturralde, a long-time associate of GSHA.

**12:30 pm - 1:30 pm: Lunch**

## **Afternoon Speakers**

**1:45 - 2:45 pm: Gloria Mora**  
**"Positive Cultural identity"**

It is assumed that students of another language and culture will readily transition or assimilate in the classroom by learning English and forgetting about their home language and culture. But what actually takes place?

**3:00 - 4:00: Carlos Yturralde - "panes.info" - Description: the Hispanic Heritage Project story**

**4:15 - 5:15: Jorge Rodriguez** - Title and description coming soon...

## **Day 2** **Saturday, Sep 17, 2022**

**8:45 - 8:55: President Bob Craig**

## **Morning Speakers**

**9:00 - 10:00: Rick Hendricks**  
**"Not those Chavezes"**

This genealogical case study is a microcosm of Spain in the New World and very representative of the families of northern New Mexico. It is very much a reflection of the immigrant experience and therefore common to most Americans. Here one will find descent from a peninsular Spaniard, a distant connection to Moorish Spain, and a mid-nineteenth-century arrival from Mexico. Native peoples are also represented in this complex family history from the Chama drainage.

**10:15 - 11:15: Daniel Horowitz, My Heritage**  
**"My Heritage Research for Hispanics"**

**11:30 - 12:30: Alex King**  
**"A Simple Primer on Early Californio Families"**

Historical background about Hispanics settling in Alta California during the Spanish and Mexican periods, including the basics about when they arrived and where they settled. Also, what records still exist, finding aids and resources available for research today.

**12:20 - 1:30: Lunch**

## **Afternoon Speakers**

**1:30 - 2:30: GSHA Annual Business Meeting**

**2:45 - 3:45: Debbie Gurtler**  
**"Leave No Stone Unturned: Getting the Most out of FamilySearch.org"**

FamilySearch adds millions of new records every week. Are you finding everything you should? This presentation will highlight a variety of ways to search the vast collections of FamilySearch and demonstrate some innovations designed to help everyone to be more successful in their family history research.

**4:00 - 5:00: Dr. Armando Solorzano**  
**"History of Hispanics in Utah"**

**5:15 - 5:45: Closing Ceremonies**

- 50/50 winner
- Entertainment
- GSHA recognitions
- Announcement: 2023 Conference site.

**Don't forget to [purchase](https://www.gshaa.org/square) your Raffle Tickets!**

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The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA) publishes Nuestras Raíces (Our Roots), a journal for our members as a benefit of membership. Nuestras Raíces provides in-depth informative articles related to Hispano genealogy, history, culture, and traditions.

Mona Hernandez (Southern California) has accepted this most important job as editor and would appreciate your stories/articles for publication. She can be reached at [gsha.editor@gshaa.org](mailto:gsha.editor@gshaa.org).



## 2022 Conference Speaker Bios



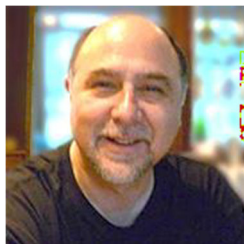
**Shayne Sotelo and Mariachi Alegre**

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.

**José 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.

**Debbie Gurtler, AG®** 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 archives in Spain, Virginia, and North Carolina. She is employed



by FamilySearch where she manages the Latin America/Southern European and German/Slavic teams 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 Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), Texas State Genealogical Society, New Mexico Genealogical Society, the Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami, and the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA) in the United States. She is the President of the Utah Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Debbie holds four AG® credentials. For Spain, the United States Mid-South region, Portugal, and Mexico.



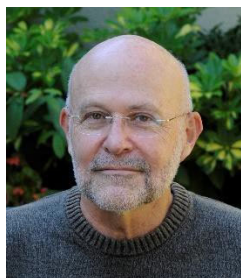
**Gloria Mora** is from La Puente, New Mexico and lives in Pueblo, Colorado. She attended Tierra Amarilla High School in New Mexico for two years, then graduated from Central High School in Pueblo, Colorado. She earned Bachelors of Arts Degree in Physical Education, Spanish, School and Community at Adams State University and her Master's

Degree in Psychology and Counseling at Adams State University.

Gloria Mora taught for more than 30 years, starting teaching physical education at St. Mary's Catholic School, then at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in the regular classroom, the bilingual education classroom, the migrant education, and foreign language in the elementary school. She also taught the Spanish Conversation Class 101 to medical and criminal Justice students at Pueblo Community College. She was a counselor for six years, in grades K-12 in the U.S. and the middle school counselor with the Department Defense Schools at the U.S. Air Force Base in Misawa, Japan.

Gloria's goal is to write about her ancestral heritage. She was born in the placita of La Puente, in northern New Mexico.

Colonial Spanish is her first language. She writes of her personal cultural experiences growing up with her parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, extended family and all the people in the placita in colonial Spanish. Most of her stories are about her childhood, so her stories are written for children.



**Alexander King** is an eighth generation *Californio* and an accomplished historical and genealogical researcher of over three decades, with a particular interest in New Mexican immigration to California before 1850.

He was an early and now honorary member of the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America, Southern California Chapter (GSHA-SC); a former board member of the Old Spanish Trail Association; and earlier, a board member of the Los Californianos heritage association.



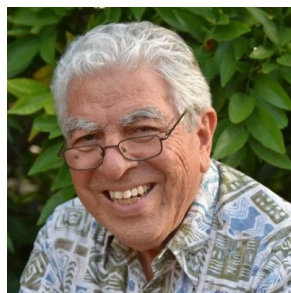
**Rick Hendricks** is the New Mexico state records administrator. He is a former New Mexico state historian and an editor of the Vargas Project at the University of New Mexico. He has written extensively on the history of the American Southwest and Mexico. His most recent

book, *Pueblo Indian Sovereignty: Land and Water in New Mexico and Texas*, was coauthored with Malcolm Ebright. Forthcoming from the University of New Mexico Press, also with Ebright, is a study of the life and times of Pablo Abeita of Isleta Pueblo.

**Ada Nelson.** After retiring from an engineering career, Ada became a full-time genealogist specializing in Latin American research. A former family history consultant at the Family History Library, she is currently Vice-President of the Hispanic Heritage Project and a frequent presenter at genealogy conferences.



A native of Panama, she is the founder and co-administrator of the Panama DNA Group, as well as a professional translator. Ada's multiethnic background has guided her research into the Iberian, Basque, Chinese, French, Sephardic, Indigenous, and African experience in Latin America. She enjoys empowering fellow Hispanics to search for their roots and discover their heritage.



**Carlos Yturralde** is founder and President of Hispanic Heritage Project (HHP), a past board member of SHAAR and of the GSHA-Southern California Chapter. For the last 25 years, he has been negotiating with Mexican government and church

leaders to digitize their colonial archives to make them accessible to the public on the website [panes.info](http://panes.info).



Armando Solorzano works with the University of Utah. His specialties are Family & Consumer Studies and Ethnic Studies. Academic background: Ph.D. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

Sociology. 1990; M.A. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. Sociology. 1986 ; M.A. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. Philosophy. 1985; M.A. Clark University, Worcester, MA. Liberal Arts. 1978 and B.A. Universidad de Guadalajara, México. 1976. More can be found on him and his works at [https://faculty.utah.edu/u0027876-ARMANDO\\_SOLORZANO/research/index.html](https://faculty.utah.edu/u0027876-ARMANDO_SOLORZANO/research/index.html).



**Daniel Horowitz** is a Genealogy Expert at MyHeritage, providing key contributions liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers and media, as well as lecturing, and attending

conferences around the world. Dedicated to Genealogy since 1986, he was the teacher and the study guide editor of the family history project “Searching for My Roots” in Venezuela for 15 years. Daniel is involved in several crowdsource digitization and transcription projects and holds a board level position at the Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA).



**Jorge Rodriguez** is a graduate of Utah Valley University with a BFA in Visual Arts and Communication. He has turned his passion for the Latino community into Park City, Utah’s only radio show in Spanish, Cada Domingo, on a public radio station, KPCW. (Park City is a

wealthy ski community with a large population of Latino workers, mostly of Mexican origin.) His show is one of the few radio shows in Spanish in Utah that delves deeply into cultural and social, and political issues affecting the Latino community. Jorge has been a critical player in joining community organizations in Park City to promote the appreciation of Latino cultures and the contributions of Latinos to the area. Through my work with Artes de México en Utah, a non-profit organization, I have had an opportunity to aid with the efforts of bringing community organizations to Utah and promote the appreciation of Latino Cultures and highlight the contributions of influential Latinos in the state.





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Income Statement Year to Date							
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America							
April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022							
<b>Beg. Bal.</b>		<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
Checking Conference 6768		\$ 5,535.01	\$ 3,402.54				
Checking Business 1848		\$ 3,701.47	\$ 6,253.68				
Savings 4597		\$ 12,593.58	\$ 12,593.88				
Credit Card 2547		\$ -	\$ -				
Total		\$ 21,830.06	\$ 22,250.10				
<b>Revenue:</b>							
Membership		\$ 3,923.52	\$ 420.19	\$ 4,343.71	\$ 8,250.00	\$ (3,906.29)	
Conference		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (5,500.00)	
Conference Donations		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
50/50 Raffle		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ (450.00)	
Journal Sales		\$ 69.25	\$ 106.75	\$ 176.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (124.00)	
Donation		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (200.00)	
PayPal Giving Fund		\$ 18.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	
Interest		\$ 0.30	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.64	\$ -	\$ 0.64	
Advertising in Journal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
Misc.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)	
Total Revenue		\$ 4,111.07	\$ 554.28	\$ 4,665.35	\$ 14,890.00	\$ (10,224.65)	
<b>Expenses:</b>							
Journal Editor		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ (800.00)	
Journal Printing		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ (800.00)	
Journal Processing/Mailing		\$ 438.76	\$ -	\$ 438.76	\$ 300.00	\$ 138.76	
Journal remailing		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)	
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Conference Speakers		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,075.00	\$ (2,075.00)	
Conference/Wix/Zoom		\$ 57.49	\$ -	\$ 57.49	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (942.51)	
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E-voting Fees		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218.00	\$ (218.00)	
40% Return to Chapters		\$ 760.78	\$ -	\$ 760.78	\$ 3,300.00	\$ (2,539.22)	
Honorary Memberships		\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	
Returned Membership		\$ -	\$ 51.04	\$ 51.04	\$ 50.00	\$ 1.04	
Storage		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Postage		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
Insurance		\$ 233.10	\$ 233.10	\$ 466.20	\$ 800.00	\$ (333.80)	
Licenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ (60.00)	
Membership to Others/NMGS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ (30.00)	
Office Supplies		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
PO Box Rental		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92.00	\$ (92.00)	
Website/Zoom		\$ 48.36	\$ 48.36	\$ 96.72	\$ -	\$ 96.72	
Accounting		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
City Sales Tax		\$ 20.07	\$ -	\$ 20.07	\$ 80.00	\$ (59.93)	
50/50 Raffle Split		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ (225.00)	
Total Expenses		\$ 3,691.03	\$ 362.50	\$ 4,053.53	\$ 10,035.00	\$ (5,981.47)	
<b>Net Income:</b>		\$ 420.04	\$ 191.78	\$ 611.82	\$ 4,855.00	\$ (4,243.18)	
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Checking Business 1848		\$ 6,253.68	\$ 6,445.12				
Savings 4597		\$ 12,593.88	\$ 14,796.76				
Credit Card 2547		\$ -	\$ -				
Total		\$ 22,250.10	\$ 22,441.88				



## **GSHA Leadership**

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

### **2022 GSHA Executive Committee**

- Bob Craig - President
- Tom J Martinez - Vice-president
- Jean Cantu - Secretary
- Albert Garcia - Treasurer
- Albert Garcia - Member-at-Large representative
- Bob Craig - FACC (Pueblo) chapter representative [tentative]
- John Martinez - Utah chapter representative
- Patsy Vasquez - SC (California) chapter representative

### **GSHA Committee Chairs**

- Journal (Nuestras Raices): Mona Hernandez, Editor
- Newsletter (Noticias de Nuestras Raices): Tina Sansone, Editor
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- Webmaster: David Torres
- Rules Committee: Jeanette Martinez

**Bob Craig, President**

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