

# The Broadsheet

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## Join us in Santa Fe for lively conference

“Telling Truths Boldly: Harnessing the Narrative Drive” is the theme for the 2018 NMPW conference, April 27-28 at The Lodge at Santa Fe.



This year, the opening night reception features “Writing Secrets from a Bestselling Author.” Vice President **Sherri Burr** will interview respected non-fiction author **Hampton Sides** to hear his tips and advice for writing a best seller. Sides is best-known for his gripping non-fiction adventure stories set in war or depicting epic expeditions of discovery and exploration. He is the author of the histories *Ghost Soldiers*, *Blood and Thunder*, *Hellhound on His Trail*, and, most recently, *In the Kingdom of Ice*, which recounts the heroic polar voyage of the U.S.S. *Jeannette* during the Gilded Age.

The banquet/keynote speaker is **Fraser**, author of *Prairie Fires: The American Ingalls Wilder*, named one of the New York Times’ the Year. Fraser, who lives in Santa Fe, is the editor America edition of Wilder’s *Little House* books and other works of nonfiction—*God’s Perfect Child: in the Christian Science Church* and *Rewilding the Dispatches from the Conservation Revolution*. She nominated for BIO International’s 2018 Plutarch National Book Critics Circle Award in biography.



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Writer and educator **Lauren Camp** will lead a hands-on writing workshop “Telling Your Truth: Memoir Writing.”

Other speakers and events include: **Simon Romero** of the New York Times; TV and radio journalist **Lorene Mills**, co-producer of the award-winning documentary “Ol’ Max Evans—the First Thousand Years”; **Cindy Nava**, executive director of Learning Alliance New Mexico and president of the American-Mexican Bi-National Dreamer Association; playwright **Karen Jones Meadows**, whose play about Harriet Tubman has been performed throughout the country; and **Sara Solovitch**, executive editor of Searchlight New Mexico.

In addition, the **Zia Award** lunch highlights New Mexico’s finest women authors. The conference concludes with the anticipated awards banquet, honoring top journalists and others in the communication fields from throughout the state.

To register for the conference or more information please go to <http://newmexicopresswomen.org/2018-new-mexico-press-women-conference/>

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## Members to elect new NMPW officers

During the upcoming business meeting, members will vote on a slate of officers to serve for the next two years. Thanks to the nominating committee for its work.



**President:** Yale and Princeton educated attorney **Sherri Burr** was a professor of law at UNM's School of Law for nearly 30 years, teaching intellectual property law, art law, entertainment law, international law and other courses. She is an award-winning author of numerous legal and business books as well as a columnist. Now retired, Burr is writing a book tentatively titled "The Free Blacks of Virginia: Personal Narrative, a Legal Construct." Burr was the 2014 NMPW Communicator of Achievement and held numerous positions in NMPW. She is currently Vice President and First Amendment Chair.

**Vice President: Damien Willis** is the PIO of the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office. Previously, he was education reporter for the Las Cruces Sun-News. His popular entertainment and pop culture column has run in the Sun-News for over 13 years. He's also the long-time program director, music director and DJ for the Hot 103 pop station. Damien has been secretary of Las Cruces Press Women for the past five years and of New Mexico Press Women for the past two years.



**Treasurer:** Non-fiction author **Loretta Hall** has written eight books, the last four of which were about outer space travel, including *The Complete Space Buff's Bucket List*. Her latest, a children's book, *Miguel and Michelle Visit Spaceport America*, was illustrated by her daughter Jennifer. She has also written numerous articles for magazines and book chapters. Loretta is currently NMPW president and previously served as treasurer and Zia Book Award chair. She was the 2016 NMPW and NFPW Communicator of Achievement.



**Secretary: Carol Kreis** has been an educator in pre-school through college settings, as well as the PR coordinator at the Rio Grande Zoo and researcher-writer of educational materials for the Newsweek Education Program. She managed the Newspapers-in-Education program for the Albuquerque Journal and the Tribune and was a founding co-director of the Rio Grande Writing Project at UNM. Carol has been NMPW treasurer and was the NMPW Communicator of Achievement in 2013.

## Big Brother, newsprint tariffs and border searches

**Bloomberg Law** reported that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) plans to compile a list of professional journalists and "top media influencers" (presumably bloggers and podcasters) and monitor what they write or broadcast.

DHS would track more than 290,000 global news sources. The contractor will have 24/7 access to a database to "identify any and all media coverage related to the Department of Homeland Security or a particular event."

**Freedom House**, which has monitored the status of the press for nearly 40 years, recently said that global media freedom has reached its lowest level in the past 13 years.

The U.S. Commerce Department has announced two preliminary determinations on investigations, the results of which will impose an import tariff on Canadian newsprint companies.

The impact could be damaging and far-reaching for newspapers, with a tariff up to 32 percent.

**STOPP** (Stop Tariffs on Printers & Publishers) is a coalition to fight proposed countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties on imports of Canadian uncoated groundwood papers including newsprint and other papers. The coalition effort is being spearheaded by the News Media Alliance and the National Newspaper Association, among many others. See [www.stopnewsprinttariffs.org](http://www.stopnewsprinttariffs.org)



Are you a journalist whose device was searched at the US border? Were you stopped for extra screening? The North America program at the **Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)** and **Reporters Without Borders (RSF** -- <https://rsf.org/en>) on behalf of the ACOS Alliance (<https://www.acosalliance.org>), have been working to understand the scope of the problems facing journalists entering and exiting the US border. They are also coordinating with a coalition of groups to address these issues and refer individual journalists to advisories and assistance where needed. These organizations are looking for cases they can track. Contact Alex Ellerbeck at CPJ ([aellerbeck@cpj.org](mailto:aellerbeck@cpj.org)) or Margaux Ewen at RSF ([mewen@rsf.org](mailto:mewen@rsf.org)) to report incidents (reports can remain anonymous) or seek advice.

## Member notes

**Anne Hillerman's** newest novel, *Cave of Bones*, has just come out, and Anne is busy speaking and signing all over the country. The fourth book in the mystery series begun by her father, Tony Hillerman in 1970, *Cave* continues the adventures of Navajo detectives Joe Leaphorn, Jim Chee and Bernadette Manuelito. Anne is a past president of NMPW and is helping organize the state conference.

**Carolyn Edwards** writes from Angel Fire to say she attended the 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion at the University of Tulsa, which rolled out four days of activities and presented attendees with a memory book. "I'm just glad I could attend, and I didn't have to wear either orthopedic oxfords or thick glasses or walk with a cane," she writes. Carolyn has also attended her 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion and celebrated her 50-year membership in Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

**Karen Wentworth**, former president of the Albuquerque chapter, was appointed co-president of the League of Women Voters with Leah Ingraham to complete the term until 2019.

**NMPW Secretary Damien Willis** recently submitted his 700th column and has never missed a deadline in over 13 years as a columnist. And in the Las Cruces Sun-News' annual contest, Damien was named the city's favorite columnist.

Five NMPW members have been accepted among 50 exhibitors at the **2018 Albuquerque Museum Author Festival** on Nov. 2 and 3. They are **Joanne Bodin, Sherri Burr, Loretta Hall, Anne Hillerman, and Sherry Robinson.**

The event includes a writing contest for New Mexico residents. Fiction and narrative non-fiction works must be unpublished and must not have been submitted to an earlier Albuquerque Museum Author Festival contest. Submit a piece you are currently working on or polish a finished piece by June 30 to [abqauthorfest@gmail.com](mailto:abqauthorfest@gmail.com).

See <https://albuquerquemuseum.org/author-festival-2018/>

**Jessica Savage** received an award for five years of service to NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences from her boss, Beth Pollack.

Three members gave recent talks through the **New Mexico Humanities Council** Chautauqua and Speakers Program: **Sherri Burr**, "Race and Racism in the New Millennium," Placitas; **Dede Feldman**, "Boots, Suits and Citizens: New Mexico's Unique Legislative Culture," Farmington; and **Sherry Robinson**, "The Mystery Apaches," Roswell.

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