

Telling the Untold Story

March 10-11, 2023 New Mexico Press Women Conference

[Register at www.newmexicopresswomen.org]

Conference Hotel: Isleta Resort & Hotel, NM

[Register for \$149 per night (plus tax) at 877-747-5382 or 505-848-1999]

Friday, March 10, 2023

11:30 – 1:30 NMPW Board meeting @ Isleta

NMPW Member lunch on your own

2:00 – 3:00 Guardianship Panel on Zoom with Brett Darken, Diane Dimond Rio Hamilton, Leonie Rosenstiel, and moderated by Sherri Burr

Long before the Britney Spears case hit the headlines, there was the New Mexico Guardianship Black Hole. Back in 2016, The Albuquerque Journal ran a series exposing abuses in adult guardianship, which does not just apply to the rich and famous. The Albuquerque Journal series helped expose problems and push toward some solutions. Here from journalists and individuals who experienced guardianship traumas.

3:30 - 4:30 Maxwell Museum Tour

5:00 - 7:00 Reception at Isleta Spa Pool (Invitation issued to the President of the Navajo Nation)

Saturday, March 11, 2023

8:00 – 8:45 Annual Meeting w/ continental Breakfast (President Sherri Burr)

9:00 – 9:45 Indian Boarding Schools with Rosalee Lucero (Isleta Pueblo) and Judy Avila (co-author of *Code Talker*) (Moderated by Sherri Burr)

The legacy of Indian boarding school system dates to the mid-nineteenth century when federal Indian Agents forcibly abducted children as young as four from their homes and enrolled them in church- and government-run boarding schools, often far-removed from their tribes and families. The tragedy that ensued has been dramatically braided into “1923,” a television show in the Yellowstone Universe of television shows.

10:00-11:00 Panel on Missing Indigenous Women with Irene Blea (author of *Daughters of the West Mesa*), Bella Davis (*New Mexico In depth*), FBI Special Agent in Charge (New Mexico) Raul Bujanda, and FBI Intelligence Analyst Don Metzmeier (Moderated by Loretta Hall)

Although the problem of missing and murdered Indigenous women is a national problem, it is worse in New Mexico than any other state. In late 2019, a task force

was formed within the NM Indian Affairs Department to “to determine the scope of the problem, identify barriers and create partnerships to improve processes for reporting and investigating cases.” In May 2022, the task force issued its Response Plan. This panel will discuss the background of the problem and what the task force’s recommendations are.

11:15–12:00 Voter Intimidation discussion with Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and the director of the Bureau of Elections for Bernalillo County Jaime Diaz (Moderated by Karen Wentworth)

12:00 – 1:15 Zia Award and Scholarship Luncheon (Moderated by Pat Hodapp and Brandon Larrañaga)

2:00 – 3:30 Options

_____ “Finding the Untold Story” Workshop with Bridget Grumet, the *Austin American-Statesman*’s Metro Columnist

As Metro columnist for the Austin-American Statesman, Bridget Grumet is expected to uncover meaningful untold stories. That could mean delving deeper into the background and implications of a story already in the public eye, or uncovering an issue or event that has hovered below the media’s radar. Attend this workshop and learn from her experience.

_____ Tour of the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History

A nuclear bomb was once dropped at the tail end of Kirtland Air Force Base near Isleta, but did not explode. The tour will provide a detail exploration of the history of nuclear science.

5:30 – 8:00 Reception and Dinner (Moderated by Sherri Burr, Carolyn Carlson, and Adam Biederwolf)