



## Faculty Newsletter October 2022

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# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

*Dr. Samuel "Sam" Dosumu*

## **TO MY FACULTY COLLEAGUES:**

Slowly getting settled into my role and learning about our college as fast as I can. So far, it's been an exciting and informative experience. First, I'm holding Listening Sessions with our internal college community – faculty, staff and students. These sessions allow me to learn more about our college and what everyone holds dear about our campus. Students are excited to be back on campus, in person. Faculty and staff are excited to be back as well. Second, we've introduced music into our courtyard, thanks to our colleagues in IT, they helped set it up. As you walk through the courtyard, I hope you enjoy the music selection, and some morning programming, from the UNM station. Third, I've met some of our external stakeholders, the Los Lunas and Belen school districts, and the School of Dreams Academy leadership teams. We will be working closely to continue our collaboration on Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to benefit our high school students in dual credit.

We will be posting for the Workforce Training Center Manager position, someone to help build partnerships with businesses in our service area, through customized training, community education and workforce development solutions. I am proud of the facility we have and want to continue to partner and collaborate with regional businesses to meet their workforce training as well as other educational needs.

From the Higher Education Department, we received \$582,240 for our Nursing Expansion in FY24. This funding is necessary to provide our region with nurses for the workforce in order to increase the number of healthcare professionals. Secondly, we received \$50,000 for the Food Security Initiative, supporting growing fresh food in the green houses, purchase of non-perishable foods for the food shelves, and providing hot meal coupons for the campus café.

At the NMHED Capital Outlay Summer Hearing, we requested funds to renew, replace, and upgrade space dedicated to the Fine Arts, IT Classrooms, including labs, conference spaces, window additions, exterior kiln and work area, and related common area improvements in the Business and Technology Building. Project to include architectural services, construction and furniture.

# DEAN OF INSTRUCTION REPORT

*Dr. Laura Musselwhite*

Welcome to fall!

I want to recognize the people in Academic Affairs who recently received their years of service pins (after a COVID hiatus):

Justin Bendell (5 years)  
Tammi Duncan (10 years)  
Ben Flicker (5 years)  
Claudia Lopez (5 years)  
Barbara Lovato (10 years)  
Arlett Moreno (5 years)  
Joseph Poole (10 years)  
Stephen Takach (5 years)  
Elizabeth Wilkinson (10 years)

Congratulations everyone!

## Please make note of these events:

### **Thursday, October 13:**

Laerdal NM Mini Simulation User Network Conference (Nursing Department)

### **Thursday, October 20:**

Celebration of Life luncheon for Catherine Miners (SUB)

Monday, October 24 – Mole Day

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Mole Day

### **Tuesday, October 25:**

UNM-ABQ College of Education and Human Services Connecting Event for education students (courtyard)

### **Thursday, November 10:**

Veteran's Day program (flagpoles)

Another point of pride is our new campus mace. A mace is one of those very old traditions in academia, and is designed to serve as the visual sign that the faculty procession (normally at graduation) has begun. Our new mace was built of cherry wood by Rick Goshorn. I couldn't be more pleased at how it turned out! I also anticipate that we will use the new mace at Chancellor Dosumu's installation ceremony sometime later this academic year.

I regret that I cannot be at Faculty Assembly on October 7. Chancellor Dosumu, Veronica Salcido, and I are attending the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities conference in San Diego. On Sunday, Veronica and I will be giving a presentation on our PASOS Resource Center and wrap-around services for students at our campus. I appreciate that Karen Walter was willing to host her Faculty Academy session a week early to correspond with the Faculty Assembly meeting and avoid Fall Break conflicts.



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A green background with a book on the left side. The book is open, showing its pages, and is resting on a dark surface. The pages are a light cream color, and the book's spine is visible. The background is a solid, vibrant green.

# NOTES FROM THE HUMANITIES DIVISION

*Justin Bendell*

Hi all.

I'd like to share with you the latest happenings from the Humanities Division.

## New Faculty

**Tricia Hermes** teaches English 100, English 1120 & Technical Writing. Tricia writes: "After earning my BS in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, I completed the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in nonfiction writing at the School of Professional Studies at Northwestern University in 1992. Then I went on to earn my Master's in Writing, Rhetoric & Discourse from DePaul University in 2002. While teaching composition courses, I continued my work as an editor and freelance writer. My writing has appeared in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, and in Chicago and Northshore magazines. I am the mother of three adult kids, I am from Chicago and moved to Albuquerque this last August. I have worked in higher education in various capacities, from teaching freshman composition, to writing and editing online course content. My special interests are teaching, writing, history, politics, social protest and conspiracy theories. I am very excited about teaching at UNM Valencia."

**Lily Intong** (MA, UNM) teaches English 1110 at the Workforce Training Center.

**Steven Eckert** teaches ARTH 1120. Born in Baton Rouge, LA in 1988, Steven "earned his M.F.A. in painting from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2018. Currently, Eckert creates abstract paintings exploring the unconscious, automatism, and anxiety. He is an adjunct faculty member for Santa Fe Community College and UNM-Valencia."

**Kim Henkel**, a dual-credit instructor based out of Magdalena, is teaching Jewelry Making.

**Dorothy Gaylor**, who, for many years taught college-level Spanish in California, is teaching dual credit Spanish for us.

We also welcome back **Margie Zamora** who has returned to teach Introduction to Signed Language.

## NOTES FROM THE HUMANITIES DIVISION CONT.

### Department News

English news: The English department is currently hiring two tenure track faculty positions. We are also building a new AA in English.

Assoc. Professor Justin Bendell is hosting “Noir at the Bar II: Burque Edition,” on Sat. Oct 1 from 7-9 pm at Tractor Brewery-Wells Park (just north of downtown Albuquerque). This event features “short bursts of crime fiction” from ten local writers, including UNM faculty & graduates of UNM’s MFA program. For more information, contact Justin at [jbendell@unm.edu](mailto:jbendell@unm.edu)

Our annual reading event, Reading NM will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 7 pm on Zoom. If you have questions about this event, you may contact organizer Asst. Professor Ana June at [anajune@unm.edu](mailto:anajune@unm.edu)

Fine Arts news: Asst. Professor Sarah Heyward is solidifying the gallery lineup for AY 2022-23. Premiering soon is “Summer Claycation,” a show featuring ceramics work made by UNM-Valencia students. From October 6-November 4, the Fine Arts Gallery will feature the work of Nancy Corrigan in a show title “Playing with Reality.” The closing reception for both shows will be Wed., Oct. 26th from 4 to 6 pm. Stay tuned!

The final show of fall (November 21-December 9) is an open call juried exhibition for UNM-V faculty, staff, students, etc. titled “Identity Spectrum.” The exhibition seeks to explore the theme of identity through artwork at any capacity or medium. Juried by the Gender Sexuality Alliance student club. Open Call Start: October 14th // Submissions Due: Nov. 7th

The FDMA program is currently hiring a tenure track faculty position.

Spanish news: Adjunct professor Lorena Galvan spent the summer researching Open Education Resources (OERs) for Spanish to replace the expensive text that our Spanish program has been using. Her findings indicate that there are some high-quality, no-cost Spanish texts out there, and we plan to incorporate them into the Spanish curriculum starting next year.

What else? Not sure. Have a good month!

*Justin*

# bell hooks Reading Group



## Teaching to Transgress

Education as the  
Practice of Freedom



bell hooks

Karen Walter and Patricia Gillikin have organized the bell hooks reading group to talk about teaching through reading bell hooks' work and perhaps later others. This will happen every two weeks on Tuesdays 11 to 12 in the Writing Center at UNM-Valencia, and everyone on campus is welcome to join. We are currently reading *Teaching to Transgress*, and the meeting schedule for the fall 2022 semester is:

Sept. 27 (Chapter One, "Engaged Pedagogy")

Oct. 11

Oct. 25

Nov. 8

Nov. 22

Dec. 6

See link to the book *Teaching to Transgress* below.

<https://sites.utexas.edu/ljcs/files/2018/02/Teaching-to-Transcend.pdf>



# LIBRARY NEWS

*Barbara Lovato*

## Fall Library Hours

August 22, 2022 – December 17, 2022	Monday - Thursday	8:00am - 6:00pm
September 5, 2022	Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm
November 24-25, 2022	Closed (Labor Day Holiday)	
	Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)	

## Welcome Back to Campus!

The Library hosted a reception for the faculty on August 15, 2022. While we were all gathered for Convocation Week before the beginning of the semester, we took some time between meetings to enjoy each other's company in person and have some refreshment. We were pleased that over the course of the hour and a half nearly 20 faculty stopped by.

## Banned Books Week 2022: Books Unite Us, Censorship Divides Us!

Books unite us. Sharing stories important to us means sharing a part of ourselves. Books reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Reading—especially books that extend beyond our own experiences—expands our worldview. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers.

This year's Banned Books Week theme draws attention to the benefits of unrestricted reading and the harms of censorship.

The Library celebrated this week through displays and posts on social media.

Banned Books Week was September 18 –24, 2022





## ASL Socials @ the Library

**FALL 2022**  
**Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm**  
**In the Library**

UNM-Valencia Campus Library  
 LRC Building  
 280 La Entrada Rd. Los Lunas NM 87031  
<http://valencia.unm.edu/library/>

The International Day of Sign Languages is a unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users. The 2021 theme, declared by the World Federation of the Deaf, is “We Sign For Human Rights,” highlighting how each of us – deaf and hearing people around the world – can work together hand in hand to promote the recognition of our right to use sign languages in all areas of life.

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are more than 70 million deaf people worldwide. More than 80% of them live in developing countries. Collectively, they use more than 300 different sign languages.

The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf. The International Week of the Deaf was first celebrated in September 1958 and has since evolved into a global movement of deaf unity.

The UN General Assembly has proclaimed 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages in order to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The resolution establishing the day acknowledges that early access to sign language and services in sign language, including quality education available in sign language, is vital to the growth and development of the deaf individual and critical to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals. It recognizes the importance of preserving sign languages as part of linguistic and cultural diversity. It also emphasizes the principle of “nothing about us without us” in terms of working with deaf communities. Visit <https://www.un.org/en/observances/sign-languages-day> for more information.

### ASL Socials Continue

ASL Socials in the Library will continue this term on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm. This is a terrific opportunity to practice with signers at various fluencies. Open to all levels from curious to fluent, and to all our faculty staff, student and community members. Practice voice-off and strengthen your signing skills at our weekly conversation group. You don't need to register, just show up and enjoy yourself. We're looking forward to seeing you!





# Valencia County Archive Collaborative (VCAC) Outreach Event



Kathleen Pickering, presenting the overview of VCAC initiative.



A reception in the WTC Library included home-baked snacks and special service by the Belen Harvey Girls



Archives set up displays around the room featuring special highlights from their collections.



On Monday, the 22nd of July, the first historian engagement of the VCAC was held at the UNM-Valencia Campus Workforce Training Center. The Valencia County Historical Society and Valencia County Archive Collaborative joint meeting was a fantastic kick-off to this countywide partnership. Kathleen Pickering, from Belen Public Library, introduced the Collaborative and its goals. She focused on the need for communication between researchers and archives and that we are building our collections around the needs of the researchers. In attendance were Phillip Jacobus from the Locomotive Historical Society; Richard Melzer & John Bollweg, and Kat Gullahorn from the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus; Michael Jaramillo, a board member of the VC Historical Society; Cynthia Shetter from the Los Lunas Library and Museum; Mary Hahn, Francis Zeller, Jan Smith, and Kathleen Pickering from the Belen Harvey House Museum and Library, and Caroline Browning Hess, coordinator for the VCAC. Each location presented a snapshot of their archive. The Collaborative surveyed the attendees' archival expectations and research interests. The goals of one of the researchers were to connect their students with events and provide opportunities for firsthand contact with original resources. They are interested in possibly forming internships or ongoing relationships with our local archives.

## UNM Valencia WTC Learning Resource Center

The Library at the WTC has added several hundred books to its location inside the Workforce Training Center (WTC 1104). The primary areas covered by these collections include General History, NM History and Native American History. These materials are available for check out at this location.

If you are teaching at the WTC and would like the Library to house some Reserve or supplemental materials at this location, please contact us for information and assistance.

## Valencia Campus Library Collection Development Policy

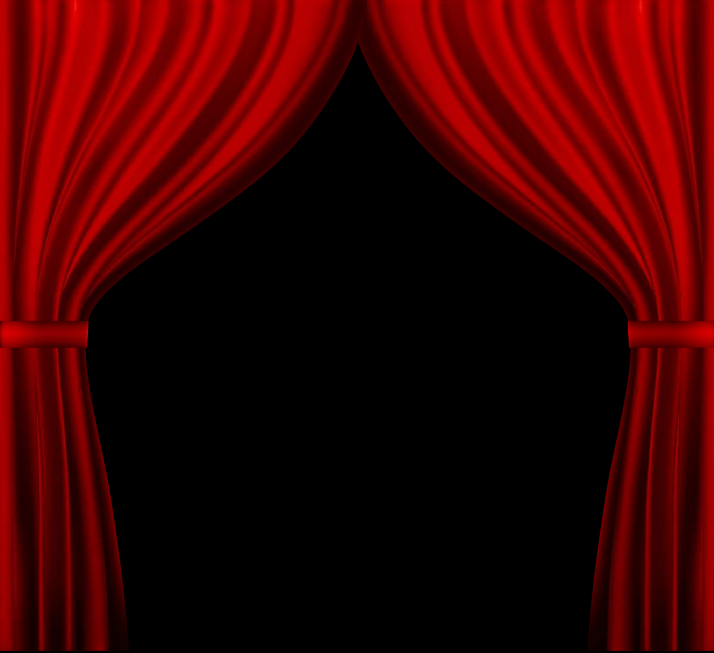
The Valencia Campus Library strives to maintain useful, balanced collections while upholding the principles of intellectual freedom and resisting all efforts to censor library resources. Our collection development policy <http://valencia.unm.edu/library/policies/collectiondevelopmentweb.pdf> states that we support the American Library Association's Bill of Rights<sup>1</sup> and Freedom to Read<sup>2</sup>. We encourage you to review these documents.

We hope that you will feel free to make purchase recommendations for resources to add to the library collection that will supplement your courses and that aren't the required textbooks for your courses. Recommendations can be sent directly to Dr. Barbara Lovato [bllovato@unm.edu](mailto:bllovato@unm.edu) for consideration.

More information can be found on the Library's website at <http://valencia.unm.edu/library/>

## Contact Us

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- Email: [unmvclib@unm.edu](mailto:unmvclib@unm.edu)
- Fax: 505.925.8994



# Marjorie-Prime

André Callot is directing a production of the play Marjorie Prime in Taos, NM, for the theatre company Taos Onstage, from October 20 to October 30. The production's website is here:

<https://www.taosonstage.com/events/2022/9/12/marjorie-prime>

André was also the recipient of the 2021-2022 Adobe Digital Literacy Award, which comes with a \$500 grant, for my work incorporating digital media production software into my courses.

Congratulations André!!



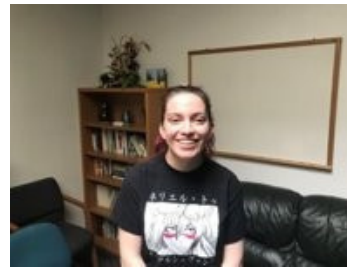


# LEARNING COMMONS:TUTORING SERVICESREPORT

*Shalaine Castillo and Patricia Gillikin*

## FAIL 2022 TUTORS

### NEW Writing Center Tutors



Stephanie Romero

Major: Biology

Campus: UNM-Albuquerque

*“My goal is not to tell you how to write but to help you find out how you want to write and to be confident in it.”*



Major (eventual): Secondary Education

Campus: UNM-Valencia

Languages: Spanish and English

*“My goal as a writing tutor is to help and be there for other students. Writing is not an easy process and I believe everyone should have the opportunity to receive help.”*



# Returning Writing Center Tutors



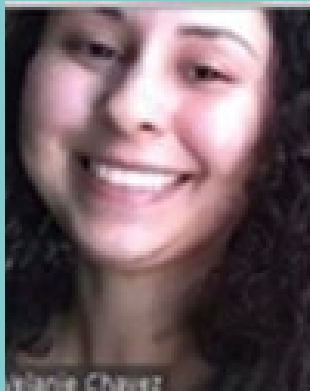
Galilea Mendiola

Major: Dental Hygiene

Campus: UNM-Albuquerque

Languages: Spanish and English

“My goal as a Writing Consultant is to encourage growth and help students feel comfortable and happy with their writing.”



Velanie Chavez

Major: Psychology

Campus: UNM-Albuquerque

“My overall goal as a Writing Consultant is to be a comfort for those in need of a helping hand.”

# Current STEM Tutors



Gage Zacharzuk

Major: B.S., Physics

College: UNM-Albuquerque

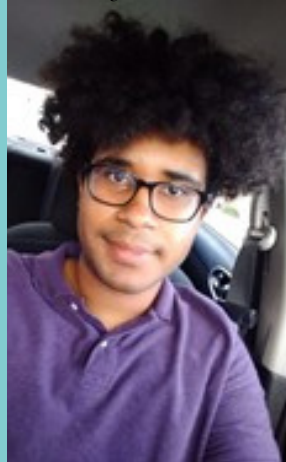
Available to tutor:

Chemistry

All levels of math

Physics

“My goal is to become a better communicator for STEM and help invest back in the community that helped me learn and get to where I am.”



Daniel Baca

Major: B.S., Computer Science

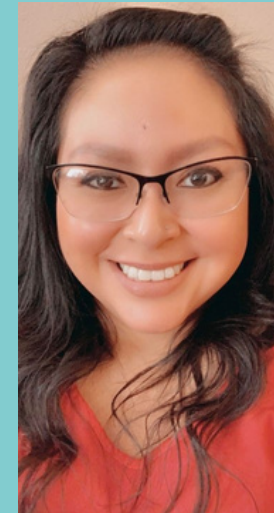
College: UNM-Albuquerque

Available to tutor:

Computer Science

All levels of math

“My goal in serving students is to give back to the community that gave so much to me while I was attending UNM-Valencia.”



Shalaine Castillo, Education Specialist

Major: M.S., Statistics

College: UNM-Main

Degrees: B.S. Applied Mathematics, minor Statistics, UNM-Main

A.A. Liberal Arts, UNM-Gallup

Available to tutor:

All levels of math

Statistics

Excel, Word, PowerPoint usage

Currently tutoring MATH CONCEPTS in:

Economics

Natural Science

“As a former STEM branch student and current STEM student, I understand the struggles our students may face in pursuing higher education. My goal in serving students is to empower them and show them that they can do anything, and that help will always be available to them at UNM-Valencia.”

## Tutor Education

Tutor Education is specialized training for Tutors as outlined by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) curriculum. These tutor education sessions are weekly and cofacilitated by Shalaine Castillo and Patricia Gillikin, with some special guests presenting on various topics.

### August 26: Asking Questions

Reflections from tutors:

*I learned, or more so, thought about how important it is to focus on having the student be the one processing, and solving the problem writing it out, instead of being the tutor and just having them fill in conclusions of already developed premises.*

*One thing I learned today that I will apply to my tutoring is asking the tutee more questions, such as the schedule by which they plan to complete their assignment and asking for background information or if they have worked on the topic before/have knowledge on it or are exploring it for the first time. One of my favorite powerful questions is how the tutee feels about the assignment as any stage of the assignment.*

### September 2: Challenging Tutoring Situations

September 9: Locating and Evaluating Resources presented by Kat Gullahorn

Reflections from tutors:

*I will apply the idea of breaking up large concepts across multiple tutoring sessions as I believe this will help the students to gain a stronger grasp of the material and ensure they gain at least some amount of real value from the sessions.*

*Something I learned today that I will apply to future tutoring sessions is communicating to the student that we understand and empathize with their issues, as well as sharing if we have also struggled with similar issues in the past, can make them feel more comfortable with us and with tutoring in general. Often, struggles that appear during tutoring sessions can be resolved with understanding and empathy, as well as communication between the tutor and tutee. Some situations can't be avoided and that's okay and centering our conversations around amending some situations (such as a student being overwhelmed) can be more beneficial than attempting to avoid the situation altogether. Finding resources that will assist the tutee with/while the tutee is there will also assist them with their future assignments.*

### September 16: Tutor Orientation Part One

Reflections from tutors:

*There's no such thing as a perfect session and that for a lot of sessions, people just want to make sure people know what they're saying and want reassurance.*

*What I want a new tutor to hear: you have strengths you don't even realize that are going to serve you well--especially communication skills.*

### September 23: Tutor Orientation Part Two

September 30: Conceptual Learning

October 7: Wellness, Self-Advocacy, and Saying No

October 14: No Tutor Education – Fall Break

October 21: Time Management and Breaking Up Assignments presented by Cheryl Bryan

October 28: Self-Efficacy presented by Karen Walter

## We're Looking for New Tutors!

### Writing Center

The Writing Center seeks to hire new Writing Consultants—kind, reliable, compassionate students who are savvy about writing. Multilingual a definite plus! If you have students with these qualities, send their names to Patricia at [gillikin@unm.edu](mailto:gillikin@unm.edu) and she will invite them to apply.

**WE'RE HIRING  
for FALL 2022!**

**Learning Commons STEM Tutor  
(req17943)**

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Applicants must be UNM-Valencia or UNM-Main Campus students
- Completion of English 1110 or 1110X & 1110Y and Math 1215 or 1215Y & 1215Z with a grade of "B" or better
- Tutors must have a cumulative GPA 3.0 or better at the time of hire and must be maintained
- Tutors must have a grade of "B" or better in courses tutored

**Optional:**

- Résumé
- Cover Letter
- Letter(s) of reference from instructor of classes interested in tutoring

**Scan the QR code below to apply!**

The Learning Commons is seeking to hire new STEM Tutors!

If you have any students who you think will make wonderful Tutors, please send their names and email addresses (if you can) to Shalaine Castillo, [sbucko7@unm.edu](mailto:sbucko7@unm.edu). Students can apply online by scanning the QR code in the flyer below, or they can search for the job posting Learning Commons STEM Tutor at <https://unmjjobs.unm.edu> under Student Jobs.

## Fall 2022 Tutoring Hours

The Learning Center is open for use Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.  
The STEM Center is currently closed due to new carpet installation.

<b>Monday:</b>	1pm – 5pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10am – 1pm 3pm – 5pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1pm – 7pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	10am – 1pm 2pm – 7pm
<b>Friday:</b>	10am – 1pm 2pm – 3pm (Zoom only)

## Writing Center Schedule—In Person

Monday: 3pm - 5pm at the Valencia Campus

Tuesday: 3pm - 7pm at the Valencia Campus

Wednesday: 3pm – 6pm at the Valencia Campus

Thursday: 10am -12pm at the Valencia Campus (find tutor in Learning Center)

12pm - 4pm at the Workforce Training Center

Friday: 1pm - 3:30pm

## Writing Center Schedule—Online

You can make Zoom appointments for the following times, and tutors will also respond to drafts you email at the following times.

Monday: 3pm – 5pm

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm & 3pm – 8pm

Wednesday: 9am – 11am & 3pm – 6pm & 7pm – 8pm

Thursday: 10am – 4pm

Friday: 1pm – 3:30pm

Saturday: 11am – 1pm

## For Questions, Contact:

Shalaine Castillo, Education Specialist, Learning Commons, [sbucko7@unm.edu](mailto:sbucko7@unm.edu)

Patricia Gillikin, Writing Center Director, Writing Center, [gillikin@unm.edu](mailto:gillikin@unm.edu)

For the most up-to-date information, you can refer to our webpage multiple ways:

<https://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/learning-commons/index.html>

Going to the main UNM-Valencia webpage <https://valencia.unm.edu> → Campus Resources →

Learning Commons: Tutoring Services under Academic Support Services

Scanning the QR code to the right

## Using Zoom

As a UNM-Valencia student, you already have a UNM Zoom account.

Instructions to sign into Zoom and start your Zoom appointment:

1. Go to <https://unm.zoom.us>
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Sign In”
3. Log in like you’re signing into your UNM email
4. After logging in successfully (you should be seeing your Zoom profile), leave the internet browser open
5. Go to your email in another window or tab
  - a. If you Accepted the meeting, go to your calendar and click on your Zoom meeting link
  - b. If you didn’t Accept the meeting, the Zoom meeting link may still be in your inbox. Search for the email with your Zoom meeting link and click on the link

If you are not a UNM-Valencia student and you would like to request a Zoom appointment, please email Shalaine Castillo, [sbucko7@unm.edu](mailto:sbucko7@unm.edu) or email the Learning Commons, [tutor@unm.edu](mailto:tutor@unm.edu) for more information.







### Resources Available—Learning Center

We welcome you to hold some (or all) of your office hours in the Learning Center. It's a great way to interact with students! The Faculty Alcove is a space located next to the printer and it has 2 desks with desktop computers that are available for your use. We also have 8 whiteboard tables and 3 mobile whiteboards. We provide dry erase markers and microfiber cloths!

We have an up-to-date computer lab known as the Math Center. The Math Center is housed inside the Learning Center, and it has 19 desktop computers with 3 rounds tables that can hold an additional 12 people. You are welcome to reserve the Math Center to host classes, meetings, etc. To reserve the Math Center, please email Shalaine Castillo, [sbucko7@unm.edu](mailto:sbucko7@unm.edu) or the Learning Commons, [tutor@unm.edu](mailto:tutor@unm.edu) to prevent possible double-booking.



### Resources Available—Writing Center

Faculty are invited to bring their classes to the Writing Center for orientations to our services or even to hold class or do a workshop with our Consultants, schedules permitting. Faculty are also welcome to hold office hours in the Writing Center.

### Scheduling Appointments

To schedule an appointment, please go to <https://esurvey.unm.edu/opinio/s?s=146475> and complete the Tutoring Appointment Request form. You can also schedule an appointment with us over the phone at the Learning Center, 505.925.8907 or emailing the Learning Commons, [tutor@unm.edu](mailto:tutor@unm.edu).



Greetings Faculty. The Next Steps: Adult Education Center hopes everyone is having a wonderful semester start. As this semester rolls on, we are happy to report that we have grown our classes at the WTC from one to now three classes! The rest of our classes are continuing strong. Something that we have started to notice is that many of the students that continue with us are doing so remotely. The students find the flexibility refreshing. We have added new technology that further blends the online and in-person space creating a cohesive learning environment.

Recently Airnov Healthcare Packaging contacted the campus. The result of that contact has led to the Next Steps program teaching a class at Airnov, an amazing opportunity for many of their employees. In addition, we have started contacting past students that started our program but for various reasons had to stop out. These calls have led to several of those students reenrolling. We are in the process of planning our December Lightspeed class (December 5-16). We look forward to incorporating our new and returning students into this course.

Lastly, many have had the opportunity to meet our new program manager Susan YaSenka. It can be stressful and even worrisome when faced with change. This change has been amazing, and we look forward to her leadership. Her desire to work with all the Next Steps staff to forge a united path has reinvigorated our passion.

Grades K-12  
Welcome!

# FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Drop-In Tutoring  
Provided by  
Certified Teachers & UNM Instructors  
Every Friday  
3:30-5:00pm

La Merced Moose Lodge  
Family Center  
306 Rio Communities Blvd  
Rio Communities, NM 87002

Contact Cindi at  
505-304-4860  
or  
cyndia@unm.edu  
for more info

All Subjects  
Including:  
Math, Language  
Arts, Science, and  
Social Studies

Beginning  
Oct. 7, 2022

For anyone who is  
interested in  
volunteering to help tutor  
who lives in the Rio  
Communities area!! For  
any additional questions,  
contact Cynthia (Cindi)  
Goodman  
([cyndia@unm.edu](mailto:cyndia@unm.edu))



# FACULTY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Cheryl Bryan*

Welcome to Fall 2022 semester! It's great to see many of your faces on campus!

In our April 2022 Faculty Assembly Meeting (FA), faculty voted for the following Faculty Executive Committee Members (FEC) and our Faculty Senate Representatives:

**President:** Cheryl Bryan

**President Elect & Treasurer:** Ana June

**Secretary:** Ian Burch

**Members At-large:** Tammi Duncan, Precious Andrew, and Andre Callot

**Faculty Senate Representatives:** Barbara Lovato and Justin Bendell

We had our first FEC meeting in September, where we reviewed the faculty surveys from last year to plan our initiatives for this 2022-23 academic year. An important issue noted was the difficulty for faculty and students to access the Internet on campus, whether it was the Secure or Guest Network. Before we meet with various people on campus about this issue, we ask that you send me ([cbryan@unm.edu](mailto:cbryan@unm.edu)) the types of issues, specifically, that you and your students have when trying to access the Internet on campus. It would be helpful to let me know about those issues ASAP, so we have full information when meeting with the IT Department (hopefully sometime in October).

A big THANK YOU! goes out to Laura Musselwhite for creating a more inclusive atmosphere for faculty on campus. This was on full display at Convocation. It was reassuring, invigorating, and inspiring to hear about all the great things faculty have done or are involved in on campus in an all-campus forum.

You may have noticed our new Chancellor, Dr. Sam Dosumu, out and about on campus. Please take a minute to say "hi" when you see him. So far, he's been responsive to faculty needs, and I appreciate how visible and accessible he is on campus! He is leading the Strategic Planning initiative for our campus and will call on faculty to become involved. Please attend our October FA meeting to learn more about the Strategic Plan and the part you can play in planning the future of UNM Valencia Campus.

It was wonderful to see so many faces, in-person, at our September FA meeting! It was like old times, complete with coffee, tea, nectarines, and Oreos! Please join us at our next FA meeting, October 7, 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Please note that the FA meeting is one week earlier this month than usual due to Fall Break including the second Friday of the month this year.

Happy Fall Semester,

*Cheryl*

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