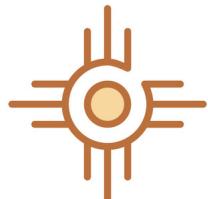




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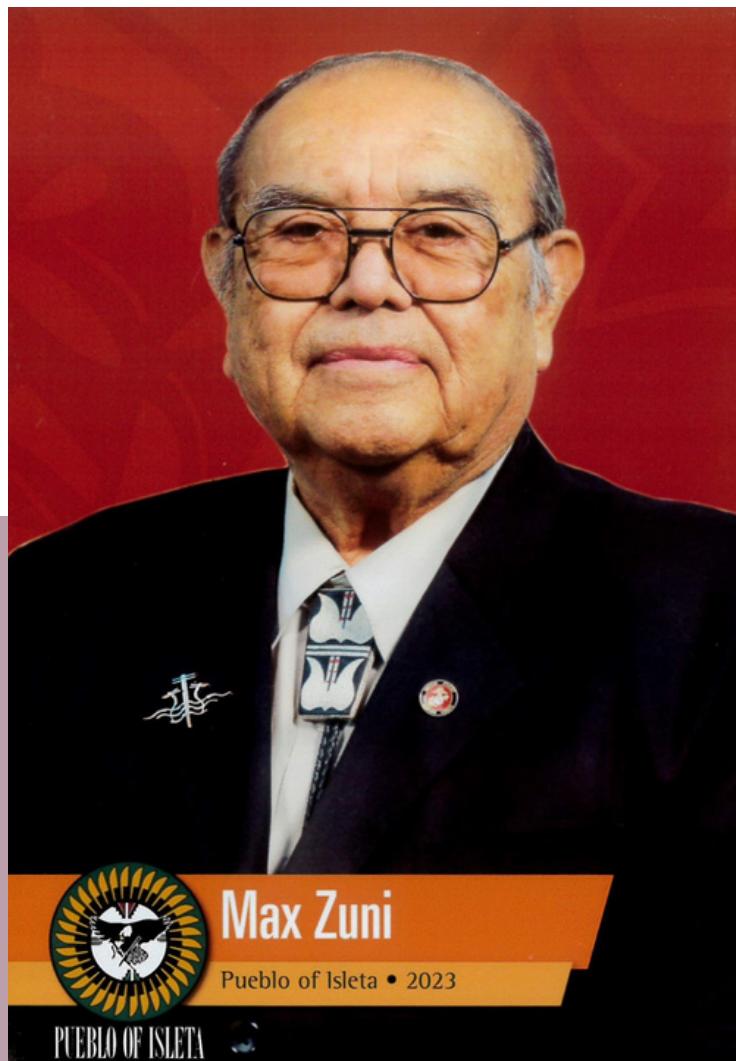
February 8 - 9, 2024

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WELCOME TO THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA

We are honored to gather the New Mexico social sector at the Pueblo of Isleta. We express our deep gratitude to Governor Zuni and the Tribal Members of the Pueblo of Isleta for hosting Groundworks New Mexico's Annual Social Sector Conference.

The Pueblo of Isleta is one of the larger 19 Pueblos within New Mexico and was established in the 1300s. Isleta Pueblo covers an area of more than 329 square miles, surrounded by the Manzano Mountains to the east and to the desert mesa lands of the Rio Puerco on the west. The name Isleta comes from the Spanish language which means "Little Island."



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Groundworks New Mexico acknowledges that Native/Indigenous Peoples and Tribal nations have stewarded, through time immemorial, the lands on which we operate. We acknowledge the destruction brought by colonialism that continues today. We commit ourselves to learning from, and consulting with, the Native and Indigenous Peoples across New Mexico, the nineteen Pueblos, three Apache tribes, and the Navajo Nation as we work to connect, strengthen, and advocate for our social sector.

We acknowledge and express our deep gratitude to Governor Zuni and the Tribal Members of the Pueblo of Isleta, and the many Native and Indigenous Peoples who are participating in this week's convening, collaborated in its planning, and honor us as speakers.



GREETINGS!

We are thrilled to gather New Mexico's social sector once again at our Second Annual Social Sector Conference, themed "Connecting Community, Creating Impact." Over the next two days, we have designed a unique opportunity for you to forge meaningful connections with your peers, representing diverse facets of our social sector from across the state and beyond.

By convening collaborative learning sessions and facilitated dialogues, we aim to weave a tighter fabric of connection, support, knowledge, and innovation within our social sector ecosystem. Together, we can cultivate an environment where each organization and individual can flourish, ultimately amplifying our collective impact to effect positive change and enhance the well-being of all who live in New Mexico, the nineteen Pueblos, three Apache tribes, and the Navajo Nation.

We are deeply grateful to all of the participants of the 2024 Annual Social Sector Conference for their invaluable contributions to the sector, and in helping us unite our community, propelling us towards a future where collective impact transforms lives.

In gratitude,

A professional headshot of Kristi E. Dorr. She is a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a white collared shirt and a necklace. She is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera.

Kristi E. Dorr

Kristi E. Dorr

Executive Director, Groundworks New Mexico



ABOUT GROUNDWORKS

We are a membership organization that unites New Mexico's social sector, fosters collaboration, enhances nonprofit capacity, and improves systems to magnify our collective impact.

OUR VISION

We envision a vibrant, effective, and equity-driven social sector that promotes the well-being of New Mexico's people and communities.

OUR MISSION

To connect, strengthen, and advocate for New Mexico's social sector while unleashing its full potential.

OUR CORE VALUES

Racial Equity, Collaboration, Community, and Impact



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CONFERENCE AGENDA



Thursday, February 8, 2024
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Morning Session

8:00 am - Atrium

Registration and Check In

Early Registration
Wednesday, February 7, 5pm - 7pm - Atrium

8:30 am - 9:45 am - Grand Ballroom A

Welcome Breakfast: Sponsored by W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Groundworks New Mexico Presents 2024 - 2025 Priorities

9:45 am - 11:00 am - Grand Ballroom A

From Poverty Alleviation to Asset Building, From Programs to Permanent Change: An Asset Builders Approach to the Social Sector

Panelists: Beverly Aranda, Lauren Hornett, Delma Madrigal

Moderator: Gabrielle Uballez

11:10 am - 12:00 pm - Rio Grand Room

Networking in Community and Building Impact

Facilitated by Eileen Everett & Vicki Pozzebon, Prospera Partners

12:10 pm - 1:30 pm - Grand Ballroom A

Lunch Keynote: Sponsored by Nusenda Credit Union

The Grant Plant's Federal Funding Research Followed by a Conversation on the Opportunities and Challenges of Federal Funding

Panelists: Leigh Caswell, Stacey Frymier, Laurel Meister-Schmuck, Allan Oliver, Aly Sanchez, Patrick Schaefer

Moderator: Angelo Gonzales

CONFERENCE AGENDA



Thursday, February 8, 2024
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Afternoon Session

**Take a moment for yourself in
our Wellness Room. Available
8:00 - 4:00pm - Mesa Room**

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Grand Ballroom A

Creating an Ecosystem of Trust in New Mexico's Social Sector

Panelists: Sylvan Argo, Kristi Dorr, Khia Griffis, Loe Marcoline

Moderator: Danielle LaJoie

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Snack Break: Atrium

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm - Grand Ballroom A

The Challenges and Opportunities for Local News in New Mexico

Panelists: Jarel LaPan Hill, Denise Nava, Sara Solovitch

Moderator: Rashad Mahmood

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Yoga Class with Calle: Wellness Room (Mesa)

Vendor & Sponsor Networking: Atrium

5:30 pm

Dinner on your Own

CONFERENCE AGENDA



Friday, February 9, 2024
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Morning Session

Take a moment for yourself in our Wellness Room. Available 8:00 - 4:00pm - Mesa Room

8:30 am - 9:30 am - Grand Ballroom A
Breakfast: Peer Communities

9:30 am - 9:40 am **Break**

9:40 am - 10:40 am

The Power of Funder Collaboration (Rio Grand Room)
Panelists: Nina Carranco, Leslie Garcia, Patrick McCarthy, JoAnn Melchor, Dave Nezzie, Allan Oliver, Jenny Parks, Brittany Rodriguez, Michael Weinberg

Centering Wellness at Work (Manzano Room)

Facilitators: Sarah Ghiorse, Danielle Griego, Madalena Salazar, Lyn Wilson, Sachi Watase

10:45 am - 11:45 am

New Mexico Federal Grants and Matching Funds (Rio Grand Room)
Presenter: Patrick Shaeffer, NM Dept. of Finance & Administration

Storytelling Simplified: A Practical Workshop for Nonprofits (Manzano Room)
Presenter: Jane Bernard, award-winning documentary, editorial and commercial photographer

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Grand Ballroom A

Lunch Keynote: Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury

CONFERENCE AGENDA



Friday, February 9, 2024
1:40 - 4:00 PM
Afternoon Session

**Take a moment for yourself in
our Wellness Room. Available
8:00 - 4:00 PM - Mesa Room**

1:40 pm - 2:40 pm

Fostering Gender and Racial Justice and Healing in Philanthropy (Rio Grand Room)
Panelists: Michelle Gutierrez, Elsa Lopez, Carla Romero
Moderator: Ernesto Torres

Amplifying Your Story For Impact (Manzano Room)
Presenters: Lynn Johnson, Allison Kenny, Danielle Robertson

2:40 pm - 3:00 pm **Snack Break:** Atrium

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Grand Ballroom A

Growing Community and Building Impact Beyond the Conference
An interactive discussion facilitated by Eileen Everett & Vicki Pozzebon,
Prospera Partners

4:00 pm - 4:10 pm - Grand Ballroom A

Closing Remarks



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Wellness Room

Thursday, February 8 & Friday, February 9

All Day, 8:00 am - 4 pm

Mesa Room

We're excited to offer a tranquil haven, a space for rest and rejuvenation. The wellness room is equipped with mindfulness resources like coloring pages, yoga mats, meditation cushions, and essential oils to provide a sanctuary for individuals seeking a moment of self-care. We hope you'll take time to enjoy this thoughtful space designed to nurture your holistic well-being.

Join Calle Poindexter for a Yoga class on Thursday at 4:30pm. Calle has been learning from and practicing yoga for over 20 years. A 200 - RYT level teacher and certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, she enjoys sharing the beauty of yoga (and when at the barn, horses) with her clients in group and private sessions with her "Ashva Yoga" program - a curriculum curated to apply tools needed to cope with the stresses of everyday life and find enjoyment in the "now" of each moment through the practice of self-study, acceptance, and celebration of all that makes us unique.



Welcome Breakfast: Sponsored by W.K. Kellogg Foundation Groundworks New Mexico Presents 2024 - 2025 Priorities

Thursday, February 8

8:30 am - 9:45 am

Grand Ballroom A

Opening Prayer: Governor Max Zuni (Pueblo of Isleta)

Presenters: Kristi Dorr (Groundworks New Mexico), Angelo Gonzales (Chair, Groundworks New Mexico), Sara Keller (Past Chair, Groundworks New Mexico), JoAnn Melchor Vice Chair, Groundworks New Mexico)

The 2024 Annual Social Sector Conference kicks off with a plenary Welcome Breakfast. We are deeply privileged to have Governor Max Zuni of the Pueblo of Isleta honor us by giving the Opening Prayer. The Opening Prayer will be followed by attendee introductions, laying the groundwork for meaningful engagement throughout the Conference. Lastly, we will be unveiling our organizational priorities for serving the social sector in the coming year, including a very special announcement! The Groundworks New Mexico staff and Board of Directors look forward to welcoming you to the annual, statewide convening of the social sector where we will engage in dynamic shared learning, core capacity building, and facilitated dialogue designed to foster connection and lead us to deeper collective impact.

From Poverty-alleviation to Asset-building, from Programs to Permanent Change: An Asset Builders Approach to the Social Sector

An Asset Builders Approach to the Social Sector

Thursday, February 8

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Grand Ballroom A

Panelists: Beverly Aranda (City of Albuquerque North Domingo Baca Department of Senior Affairs), Lauren Hornett (Wells Fargo), Delma Madrigal (Prosperity Works New Mexico),

Moderator: Gabrielle Uballez (Asset Funders Network)

We know the stat, according to the 2023 Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count Databook, New Mexico ranks last nationally for childhood well-being. Last year, 24 percent of children were living in poverty and 35 percent of children had parents who lacked secure employment. Despite this, we also know that New Mexico leads the way in creating programs that enhance essential social safety nets and through systemic changes that not only fight poverty, but make family economic stability possible.

This panel, sponsored by the New Mexico Asset Funders Network seeks to dismantle systemic barriers people face when trying to find economic security and strive to find effective, integrated, and sustainable systemic solutions that enable families to move through safety nets into financial security and opportunity. During this panel we will discuss the important distinctions between poverty alleviation and wealth-building as ultimate goals of our work, highlight how direct services and systems change are compliments, and explore how nonprofits, funders, financial institutions, and policy makers can work together to achieve lasting change toward making economic stability possible for all New Mexicans.

Networking in Community and Building Impact

Thursday, February 8

11:10 am - 12:00 pm

Rio Grand Room

Facilitators: Vicki Pozzebon and Eileen Everett (Prospera Partners)

Join us for community-centered networking and a facilitated conversation focused on our two conference themes: Connecting Community and Creating Impact. We'll kick off the session with participatory networking and then move through a collective dialogue to define both community and impact.

This session will be facilitated by the team at Prospera Partners, who bring years of experience in designing, facilitating, and evaluating community-centered engagement and strategizing, and authentically inclusive Communities of Practice.

Lunch Keynote: The Grant Plant's Federal Funding Research Followed by a Conversation on the Opportunities and Challenges of Federal Funding

Thursday, February 8

12:10 pm - 1:30 pm

Grand Ballroom A

Panelists: Leigh Caswell (Presbyterian Healthcare Services), Stacey Frymier (Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc.), Laurel Meister-Schmuck (The Grant Plant), Allan Oliver (Thornburg Foundation), Aly Sanchez (The Grant Plant), Patrick Schaefer (NM Dept of Finance & Administration)

Moderator: Angelo Gonzales (AJG Consulting/Community-School Solutions)

The Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure, Investment & Jobs Act, Chips & Science Act, and Justice40 initiative bring historic funding levels and opportunities. Many of these federal programs have limited timeframes and are one-time investments. A group of 13 funders came together to commission the Grant Plant to conduct research in key priority areas including: broadband, early child education and development, employment equity, food and agriculture, health equity, homeless services, housing, K-12 education, and water. The research also looked at opportunities for public/private partnership, identify the highest leverage points for building capacity in the sector, and to determine what role philanthropy can play in assisting non-profits and rural, local and tribal governments in receiving federal funding.

The panel following of grantees and funders will discuss recent efforts to support non-profits and tribal governments pursuit of federal funding. The panel will include the Pursuing Federal Funds program, which established pooled funds for non-profits to hire grant-writers, which led to awards of more than \$37M in federal funds. The panel will also include the impact of the Native American Recovery Fund's effort to support collaborative efforts among native led organizations and tribal governments to identify and garner federal funding.

Creating an Ecosystem of Trust in New Mexico's Social Sector

Thursday, February 8

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Grand Ballroom A

Panelists: Sylvan Argo (LANL Foundation), Kristi Dorr (Groundworks New Mexico),

Khia Griffis (ABQ Community Foundation), Loe Marcoline (Anchorum St. Vincent)

Moderator: Danielle LaJoie (Trust Based Philanthropy Project)

Trust-based philanthropy has been gaining momentum as an approach that alleviates power imbalances toward a more just and equitable nonprofit sector. While it is most associated with unrestricted grants and streamlined applications and reports, it is much greater than the sum of these practices. Fundamentally, trust-based philanthropy flips the script on the compliance-oriented culture of traditional philanthropy so that nonprofits have the agency and opportunity to achieve their goals.

But what does it actually look like to embody trust-based values in our work? What is the process of building trust and mutual accountability in a sector that has perpetuated harm? And how can we work together to create a culture of trust across our social sector ecosystem in New Mexico?

Join us for an engaging plenary panel discussion as we explore these questions together, hear from leaders who are operationalizing trust-based values and practices in different ways, and leave you with a renewed sense of understanding of the potential of trust-based philanthropy for our sector.

The Challenges and Opportunities for Local News in New Mexico

Thursday, February 8

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Grand Ballroom A

Panelists: Jarel LaPan Hill (Thornburg Foundation), Denise Nava (ABQ Community Foundation), Sara Solovitch (Searchlight New Mexico)

Moderator: Rashad Mahmood (New Mexico Local News Fund)

There is a crisis in local news in New Mexico and throughout the country, with more "news deserts" and towns with ghost newspapers with no employees living in the community. But there are also bright spots, with a growing number of nonprofit news outlets, more collaboration among newsrooms and growing philanthropic and government support. The panel discussion will include background information on the crisis, along with updates on efforts by local funders to align with the \$500 million Press Forward initiative.

Centering Wellness at Work

Friday, February 9
9:40 am - 10:40 am
Manzano Room

Panelists: Sarah Ghiorse (NewMexicoWomen.Org), Danielle Griego (Albuquerque Community Foundation), Madalena Salazar (Working Classroom), Sachi Watase (NM Asian Family Center), Lyn Wilson (Together 4 Brothers)

How can funders collaborate to make the lives of their grantees easier? What is the continuum of that collaboration looks like? What are some of the barriers that tend to get in the way of effective collaboration? What are specific strategies for overcoming those barriers? In this Session, we'll explore these questions through several live case studies, including the S3 Housing Initiative in Santa Fe, a statewide K-12 Principal Residency Community of Practice, the Land of Enchantment Fund, and the Water Task Force.

Members of the Wellness at Work collaborative will share specific approaches, focusing on both internal policies and unconventional practices, to center heart and wellness in our organizations. The agenda will include sharing by the presenters and then allow for smaller group discussions in a workshop format to offer a space to reflect together on the ideas presented, challenges and concerns, and best practices brought forward by those present. We wish to normalize and celebrate approaches that center rest, joy, and authenticity in the workplace.

The Power of Funder Collaboration

Friday, February 9
9:40 am - 10:40 am
Rio Grand Room

Facilitators: Nina Carranco (Water Foundation), Patrick McCarthy (Thornburg Foundation), JoAnn Melchor (New Mexico Foundation), Dave Nezzie (Thornburg Foundation), Allan Oliver (Thornburg Foundation), Jenny Parks (Anchorum Health Foundation), Brittany Rodriguez (New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness), Michael Weinberg (Thornburg Foundation)

Storytelling Simplified: A Practical Workshop for Nonprofits

**Friday, February 9
10:45 am - 11:45 am
Manzano Room**

Presenter: Jane Bernard
(Photographer)

New Mexico's needs are many, but available resources are often scarce and limited to the general fund and other state revenues. Federal awards therefore offer state and local government greater ability to mitigate ongoing challenges and even leverage timely opportunities.

Nevertheless, the state's capacity to acquire and manage federal awards is limited, and this session provides not only an overview of the fundamental considerations in acquiring and managing such awards, but also specific New Mexico legal, administrative, and economic conditions that affect this capacity.

Discover the impact of compelling narratives in raising awareness, driving engagement, and securing funding for your organization. Learn practical, everyday tools, strategies, and techniques to integrate storytelling seamlessly into your processes. Come away empowered to capture and craft impactful images and stories throughout the year and build an asset library for all your communication needs.

Strengthening New Mexico: Navigating the Perils and Promise of Federal Awards

**Friday, February 9
10:45 am - 11:45 am
Rio Grand Room**

Presenter: Patrick Schaefer
(New Mexico Department of
Finance & Administration)

Keynote Luncheon: Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury

**Friday, February 9
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Grand Ballroom A**

Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury



Born and raised in New Mexico, Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury leads with determination and compassion. She has dedicated her career to finding solutions to water issues, poverty, and climate change — representing New Mexico in the Legislature and now in Congress. She is a champion of efforts to address hunger, food, and water insecurity, conservation and climate change, and economic development and recovery. Rep. Stansbury worked in communities across the state as a STEM educator, researcher on land and water issues, and served as a staffer in the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the White House Office of Management and Budget. As the Congresswoman from New Mexico's First Congressional District, she is working hard to lift up the voices of our communities and tackle our biggest challenges— from economic development, to food and water security, to climate change.

Congresswoman Stansbury serves New Mexicans on the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

Amplifying Your Story For Impact

**Friday, February 9
1:40 pm - 2:40 pm
Manzano Room**

Presenters: Lynn Johnson (Hella Social Impact and High Desert Playback), Allison Kenny (High Desert Playback), Danielle Robertson (High Desert Playback)

In a climate where disinformation has become the norm and attacks on our democracy have increased, it is paramount that philanthropy understands the ways in which dynamics of race and gender feed into this national discourse. In this session, members of a statewide community of practice for funders will share their experience exploring the intersection of racial and gender justice in the context of philanthropy and the ways they are bringing healing practices to JDEI and anti-racism work in an effort move toward courageous collective action. Join us for this critical conversation!

You are doing incredible work in your community. But how do you talk about it? How do you communicate your values and impact in ways that engage multi-stakeholder support?

This highly interactive session integrates theater, storytelling, and marketing communications to help you tell your story at scale.

Fostering Gender and Racial Justice and Healing in Philanthropy

**Friday, February 9
10:45 am - 11:45 am
Rio Grand Room**

Panelists: Michelle Gutierrez (W.K. Kellogg Foundation), Elsa Lopez (NewMexicoWomen.Org), Carla Romero (McCune Charitable Foundation)
Moderator: Ernesto Torres (McCune Foundation)

Growing Community and Building Impact Beyond the Conference

Friday, February 9
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Grand Ballroom A

Facilitators: Vicki Pozzebon and Eileen Everett (Prospera Partners)

Join us for a facilitated conversation centered on our two conference themes: Connecting Community and Creating Impact. Through a collective dialogue, we will be exploring how to define both community and impact, discuss ways to authentically engage with communities, and delve into new ways of measuring and evaluating impact.

This session will be facilitated by Prospera Partners, who bring years of experience in designing, facilitating, and evaluating community-centered engagement and strategizing, and authentically inclusive Communities of Practice.

OUR SPEAKERS



Beverly Aranda

Beverly Aranda is a proud Native New Mexican born and raised on the west side of Albuquerque. She works at the City of Albuquerque North Domingo Baca Department of Senior Affairs where she assists her community to live a healthy active life and be a listening ear for those in need. Her greatest accomplishment is raising her two children and recently added a new title to her resume, Grandma!

Sylvan Argo

Sylvan joined the LANL Foundation in 2019 as Grants Manager to oversee the expansion of the funding program and build community connection. She brings more than 25 years of experience researching, creating, piloting, implementing, and evaluating programs in government, nonprofit, and school settings, both nationally and internationally, with focus on youth, environment, governmental and community relations, public and behavioral health, and education. Sylvan is a dedicated advocate for social equity, and believes community transformation happens in the synergy of people, relationship, shared learning, creative vision, and intentional action.



Jane Bernard

Jane Bernard is an award-winning documentary, editorial, and commercial photographer whose work has been published worldwide. She has been coaching artists and nonprofits in visual storytelling, guiding them in defining and refining their unique narratives for over ten years. Established in 2001, Jane Bernard Photography includes a commercial client list that includes Toyota, Showtime, the Oxygen Network, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Inspire Brands. Nonprofit clients include Big Brothers Big Sisters, The LANL Foundation, The Austrian Relief Committee, The Trust for Public Land, Espanola Humane, and Assistance Dogs of the West.

OUR SPEAKERS

Nina Carranco



Nina Carranco is a program officer at the Water Foundation, where she advances grantmaking and water policy reform, with a focus on the Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico. She came to the Water Foundation from The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico, where she led state and federal policy work on climate, forests, land, and water as Director of External Affairs. Nina built public administration and policy development expertise through multiple roles in state government. Most recently, Nina worked in the State Budget Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, which leads the executive budget process in New Mexico and administers the state budget following enactment.

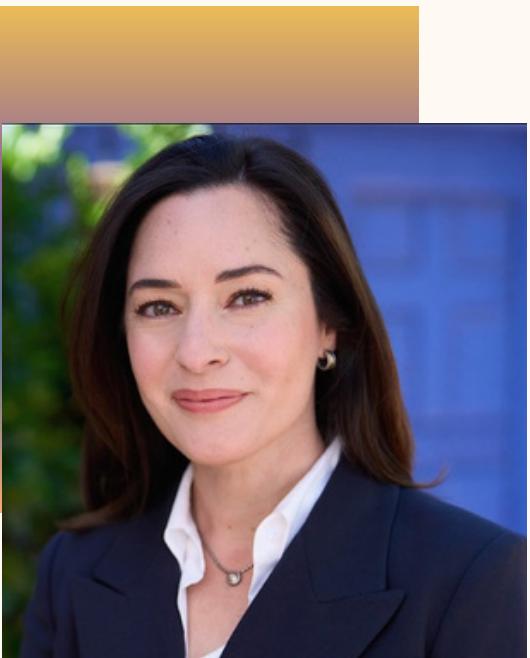
Leigh Caswell

Leigh Caswell serves as Vice President of Community and Health Equity with Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS) where she directs initiatives, strategy, and operations that support the community health priorities and health equity strategy of the largest non-profit, integrated health system in New Mexico. This work includes systems change initiatives, building programs, convening cross sector partnerships and leveraging grant and private funds for greater collective impact on barriers to health in communities across the state. Leigh and the community health program were awarded the Spirit of New Mexico Award; she was recognized as an Albuquerque Business First Woman of Influence and 40 under 40; she is also a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leader, and an American Hospital Association Next Generation Leadership Fellow.



OUR SPEAKERS

Kristi Dorr



Kristi Dorr is the executive director of Groundworks New Mexico, a membership organization that unites New Mexico's social sector, fosters collaboration, enhances nonprofit capacity, and improves systems to magnify our collective impact. Kristi is a licensed attorney and published author with over twenty years of experience in nonprofit management and environmental law. Leveraging her diverse leadership experience, Kristi oversees execution of Groundworks' vision and mission with a keen focus on the core values of racial equity, collaboration, community, and impact. Kristi's informal education includes living and working abroad (Scotland, France, and Belgium) and volunteering with refugee and children's organizations.

Eileen Everett



Eileen Everett brings two decades of experience in the social sector, a unique skill set working across multiple sectors, and education background to her consulting and facilitation work. As the Chief Transformation Officer for Prospera Partners, she handles business development and systems change consulting and facilitation for the company. Prior to joining Prospera Partners, Eileen served as Executive Director at Environmental Education of New Mexico where she built one of the largest capacity outdoor learning networks in the country serving over 150 organizations that support 285,000 New Mexican youth annually.

OUR SPEAKERS



Stacey Frymier

Stacey Frymier serves as the Executive Team Lead and Director of Community Youth and Caregiver Programs for Las Cumbres Community Services (LCCS). She has worked with LCCS since 2006, initially providing infant mental health and behavioral health services for children and families in northern New Mexico. In addition to executive leadership, Stacey currently oversees the agency's program areas related to Immigrant and Refugee services, Behavioral Health, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Fatherhood, and Community-Based Prevention/Intervention/and Reunification navigation services.

Sarah Ghiorse

Sarah Ghiorse is the Executive Director of NewMexicoWomen.Org (NMW.O), a statewide women's fund focused on gender justice and healing. She believes that lasting systems change takes place at the intersection of personal and social transformation and that our workplace cultures can serve as testing grounds for the futures we are trying to create. Work environments that encourage deep imagination, radical trust and innovative thinking contribute to the health and well-being of our teams and communities, while paving the path to long term social change.



Angelo Gonzales



Angelo Gonzales, Ph.D., has spent much of his career working at the intersection of education, government, and non-profit organizations, bringing data, research, and community voice to bear on many of New Mexico's most pressing social and educational opportunities. Currently, he serves as Executive Director of the Southwest Institute For Transformational Community Schools, also known as SWIFT Community Schools. In this role, he works to build systems of support and enabling policies that allow community schools to realize their full potential as a school transformation strategy.

OUR SPEAKERS



Danielle Griego

In the winter of 2021, Danielle Griego joined the Albuquerque Community Foundation as a full-time staff member after completing a spring communications internship with the Foundation, receiving her master's degree in Museum Studies from the University of New Mexico, and working at a local arts nonprofit.

Khia Griffis

Khia joined the Albuquerque Community Foundation team in June 2019 as Community Impact Director after completing her graduate internship at Con Alma Health Foundation, where she was drawn to the world of grantmaking. Khia earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UNM and her Master of Social Work from NMHU. Philanthropy & Strategic Grantmaking at Albuquerque Community Foundation have been a welcome application of her passion for improving the lives of others.



Michelle Gutiérrez

Michelle Gutiérrez is a program officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. In this role, she works in the foundation's priority place of New Mexico to support thriving children, working families and equitable communities. Gutiérrez is well versed in the field of philanthropy and non-profit leadership, programming and governance. She's managed multi-million dollar budgets working with cross-national stakeholders, serving in communities of color, notably at the Notah Begay III Foundation in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, Con Alma Health Foundation in Santa Fe, and Volontariato Internazionale Dello Sviluppo in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



OUR SPEAKERS

Lauren Hornett



In her role as Lead Specialist on the Philanthropy & Community Impact team, Lauren is responsible for representing Wells Fargo in community and economic development activities, establishing and maintaining relationships with community organizations, creating processes that help increase business opportunities in low-to-moderate communities and serving as the primary contact for all community relations matters across the states of Idaho and New Mexico. Before joining the Wells Fargo team in 2019, Lauren spent her career working in the nonprofit industry. Her professional career has also included work in historic preservation and higher education finance and philanthropy.

Lynn Johnson

Lynn Johnson is CEO of Hella Social Impact, a women of color-owned consultancy that helps organizations show up for racial justice. She is a member of the Dismantle Collective, a Black-led, multigenerational, Queer People of Color-centered social enterprise that is developing land and spaces—both physical and virtual—focused on collective liberation. She and her wife Allison Kenny are co-founders of High Desert Playback, an Albuquerque-based multi-racial theater company that “plays back” the real-life stories of its audience members. A highly sought-after speaker and facilitator, the focus of all of Lynn’s work is to bring folks together in ways that inspire, educate, and activate them to create more equitable and inclusive communities.

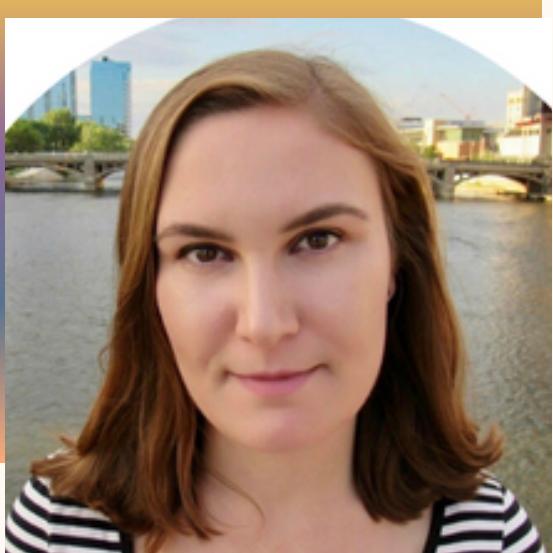


Allison Kenney

Allison Kenney is Co-Founder + Artistic Director at High Desert Playback. A playbacker since 2007, Allison has performed with Living Arts Playback Theatre, San Francisco Playback, and Oakland Freedom Theater—where she was also a co-founder. She is currently on the leadership team of LAPlayback Theatre Company. Allison has studied playback theater in Los Angeles, India, Mexico, and with the Centre for Playback Theater in New York. She is a certified playback theater instructor and on the path to become an accredited trainer. Allison is a certified coach, writer, entrepreneur, and therapeutic parent by adoption. Allison identifies as white, cis-gendered, fat, queer and neurodivergent.



OUR SPEAKERS



Danielle LaJoie

Danielle joined the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project as Senior Manager of Partnerships and Programming in 2023. Prior to this role Danielle served as the Manager of Strategic Programs and Partnerships at Groundworks New Mexico, where she steered collaborative philanthropy initiatives, cultivated organizational partners, and provided programming for grantmaker members. She brings nearly a decade of experience working with grantmakers and philanthropy serving organizations to reimagine and reshape the sector.having developed and implemented programs for regional and national philanthropic infrastructure organizations including the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, the Council of Michigan Foundations, and the National Center for Family Philanthropy.

Jarel LaPan Hill

Jarel LaPan Hill is the Good Government Reform Policy Officer at the Thornburg Foundation. She most recently worked for the City of Santa Fe, including two years as City Manager. Jarel served in the Obama Administration for two terms as Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. At HHS she developed a keen understanding of the nature of internal organizational management especially as it relates to developing programs and initiatives.



Elsa Lopez

Elsa Lopez is originally from a small farming community in Chihuahua, Mexico and has lived in New Mexico for 26 years. She has spent over 20 years spearheading racial and economic justice campaigns in New Mexico and nationally to build power and advocate for immigrants and low wage workers. Her commitment to racial and economic justice is rooted in her own experience as an immigrant student. She continues to be inspired by the tenacity, resiliency, and courage of community members who dare to reimagine and create a more just and equitable future for our familias.



OUR SPEAKERS

Delma Madrigal

Delma Madrigal is the Economic Equity Director at Prosperity Works where leads the strategy planning team for building the Bank On New Mexico Coalition. Prior to joining Prosperity Works she launched the City of Albuquerque's Bank On Burque Coalition and provided lead support for connecting young city employees to safe and appropriate checking accounts and meaningful financial education. Her experience also includes projects for supporting individuals with navigating "cliff effects" and exploring resources to pursue financial and educational goals. She is passionate about utilizing and adapting project management methods and tools within non-traditional spaces and non-profit work.



Rashad Mahmood

Rashad Mahmood works to support local journalism in New Mexico as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Local News Fund. His focus is on local news equity, ensuring that people and communities all over the state have access to the news and information they need. Before coming to New Mexico a decade ago, he worked in international development in Washington DC, Egypt and Iraq. He has worked in print, online and radio journalism.



Loe Marcoline

Loe Marcoline is Director of Community Impact at Anchorage Health Foundation. Her experience spans focus areas including public health, emergency preparedness, human services, and environmental protection. Most recently, she's worked in the philanthropic sector. The common thread in her varied career is a focus on community. She cites a deep commitment to advancing community-driven strategies as the driving force in her role as director of community impact.

OUR SPEAKERS



Patrick McCarthy

Patrick McCarthy is the Water Policy Officer at the Thornburg Foundation. Trained as a scientist, he has worked for the last twenty years at the intersection of ecological science, water governance, and community capacity-building. Before joining the Thornburg Foundation, Patrick worked with water managers and community leaders across the U.S. Southwest and in southern Africa on evidence-based solutions for water resources policy, planning, and management. In his work with grantees and partners, Patrick aspires to help create a New Mexico in which healthy watersheds provide clean, abundant, and equitable water to communities and ecosystems.

Laurel Meister-Schmuck

As Senior Resource Development Officer for The Grant Plant, Laurel crafts competitive funding proposals, manages client portfolios, and helps grow local grant seeking capacity. Previously, she served as the Development Manager for Explora Children's Museum, helping secure important grant funding and individual donations. She is a member of the current Leadership Albuquerque class. Laurel is a graduate of Pivotal New Mexico's grant writing Talent Academy and served as a 2016 Fulbright Teaching Assistant in Weimar, Germany.



JoAnn Melchor

JoAnn Melchor is the President and CEO of New Mexico Foundation. She is from Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico. JoAnn has extensive experience working with youth, parents and communities throughout New Mexico, the U.S., and Latin America. JoAnn has worked with several non-profit organizations including Futures for Children, American Indian Graduate Center, Southwest Youth Services, and the Keres Children's Learning Center (KCLC). JoAnn is a lifelong volunteer and advocate for programs and initiatives that promote the well-being of children and positive development of communities.

OUR SPEAKERS



Denise Nava

Native New Mexican and homegrown from the small town of Silver City, Denise Nava currently works for Albuquerque Community Foundation as Marketing & Development Director. Denise brings her years of expertise in donor engagement, fundraising, marketing strategies and outreach and digital marketing to the organization. Currently, she is collaborating with her colleagues in leading the Foundation's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives to challenge the historically inequitable values that philanthropy follows. She has played an integral role in updating the organization's values, vision and mission – something that had remained the same since the Foundation's inception.

Dave Nezzie

Dave Nezzie is the Land and Agriculture Policy Officer at the Thornburg Foundation. Dave is a tribal member from the Navajo Nation. He previously served as a field representative for the Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich where he engaged with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as organizations, community leaders, and sovereign tribal governments. Dave is a candidate in the LL.M. Program in Agriculture & Food Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law.



Allan Oliver

Allan Oliver is the Executive Director of the Thornburg Foundation. He oversees the Foundation's Strategic Initiatives in early childhood education, good government reforms and food and agriculture, as well as Community Funding grants for human services and civil rights, opportunities for children and youth, environmental protection and public policy. Allan served as Cabinet Secretary-Designate and Deputy Secretary for the New Mexico Economic Development Department; as Director of Cabinet Affairs; and established the Partnership for Responsible Business and the New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce.



OUR SPEAKERS



Jenny Parks

As the Senior Vice President of Strategic Philanthropy at Anchorum Health Foundation, Jenny Parks directs their philanthropic energies, focus, and investments to their areas of focus in prevention, access, and opportunities. Having led the LANL Foundation for nearly 10 years, Jenny Parks brings a deep understanding of the communities Anchorum serves and is passionate about their mission to build healthy communities.

Vicki Pozzebon

Vicki Pozzebon is the principal consultant and founder of Prospera Partners. Vicki designs and facilitates retreats, workshops, and communities of practice that inspire community leaders and social entrepreneurs for transformational action. Before founding Prospera Partners in 2012, Vicki served as the executive director of the Santa Fe Independent Business Alliance. Vicki's honors include being named Young Careerist, a 40 under Forty Business Executive designation by New Mexico Business Weekly, and serving on Santa Fe's City Business and Quality of Life Committee, the City of Albuquerque's Living Cities Leadership Team, and Santa Fe's Catalyzing Jobs Committee.



Brittany Rodriguez

Brittany Rodriguez is the Youth Navigator/Outreach Specialist, at the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness.

OUR SPEAKERS



Carla Romero

Carla Romero is the Executive Director at McCune Charitable Foundation where she has worked in different roles since 2012.

Carla has worked in the non-profit sector for close to 30 years. She is interested in fostering a collaborative and equitable culture for her lean team and the communities they serve. Before coming to McCune, Carla worked with underrepresented groups of students and professionals in several capacities including as Director of Programs at the Computing Research Association, Director of the Academic Center for Engineers and Scientists at The University of Texas at El Paso, and Associate Director of the NASA Training Project at The University of New Mexico.

Madalena Salazar

Madalena Salazar is Executive Director at Working Classroom. She is focused on issues of cultural equity with extensive experience as a nonprofit administrator, DEI consultant, educator/facilitator, organizer, and cultural producer. Prior to Working Classroom, Madalena was the Social Responsibility and Inclusion Programs Manager for WESTAF (the Western States Arts Federation) and also spent three years as the manager of the IMTour and TourWest programs.



OUR SPEAKERS



Aly Sanchez

Aly Sanchez is the Director of Strategy and Organizational Development for The Grant Plant with more than two decades of grant writing experience including planning, request preparation, and reporting for complex private, state, and federal awards. In addition to direct proposal preparation, she specializes in proposal strategy development, project design, and staff and organizational development for The Grant Plant. Aly also leads the company's capacity-building services, in which she develops learning materials, workshops, and trainings.

Patrick Schaefer

Patrick Schaefer is Chief Legal Counsel & Bureau Chief, Federal Grants Management Bureau. Patrick's practice has specialized in financial transactions and the oversight of financial institutions, with a particular focus on regional and binational markets in New Mexico. Prior to joining NM Department of Finance & Administration, he served as General Counsel to the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. He was the founding Executive Director of the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, a pioneering and innovative research platform located at the University of Texas at El Paso.



Danielle Simone



Danielle Simone is a Founding Company Member + Community Programs Director at High Desert Playback. An actor in the Albuquerque community for 20 years, Danielle has performed with many theater companies in the city over the last two decades. She is currently a Resident Company Member and Marketing Director of Duke City Repertory Theatre. She also performs improvisational comedy as a member of The Show at the Box Performance Space in Downtown Albuquerque. Danielle recently worked as North Fourth Art Center's Theater Program Manager before their doors closed in January 2024 and looks forward to new and challenging artistic opportunities.

OUR SPEAKERS

Sara Solovitch



Sara Solovitch guides and edits the work of Searchlight New Mexico. She supervised its launch in January 2018 with the Child Well-Being Project, an investigation into the plight of children and families in New Mexico. Before coming to Searchlight, she published investigative and long-form stories in Esquire, Wired, Politico and The Washington Post. As a staff reporter at the Philadelphia Inquirer, she covered education, courts and special projects. A former health columnist for the San Jose Mercury News, Sara also has traveled throughout New Mexico and Alaska while reporting for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on health care in underserved areas. Her book "Playing Scared: A History and Memoir of Stage Fright" was published by Bloomsbury in 2015.

Ernesto Torres

Ernesto has worked extensively with international artists, individuals, and groups from diverse backgrounds and across a range of artistic media. His experience with non-profits, economic development, education, arts and community, and rural development is aligned with the Foundation's mission and work. A member of the McCune team since late 2015, Ernesto Torres is the go-to person for all aspects of the Foundation's grantmaking.



Gabrielle Uballez



Gabrielle Uballez serves as the Southwest Program Officer for Asset Funders Network (AFN). She is a nonprofit leader with over a decade of experience in organizational leadership, partnership development, and program design. In her role, Gabrielle manages the New Mexico region and develops national content, including as a lead for the Realizing Economic Justice initiative. Her previous work includes Executive Director of Working Classroom, Special Projects Associate at the Studio Museum in Harlem, Board member of ACLU of New Mexico and national ACLU as the New Mexico Affiliate representative, and in 2018, Mayor Timothy Keller appointed her to the City of Albuquerque Urban Enhancement Trust Fund committee where she was elected chairperson.

OUR SPEAKERS



Sachi Watase

Sachi Watase is Executive Director of the New Mexico Asian Family Center, which provides culturally sensitive programs and services creating a Pan-Asian community that advocates for and supports itself. While at Pitzer College in California she co-founded organizations that coordinated services and programming for survivors of sexual assault and that worked with people of mixed racial, ethnic, and cultural heritage. After serving as an English teacher at Trà Vinh University in Vietnam, Sachi was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and served as an English teacher in Sindhupalchok, Nepal. Sachi, As the daughter of a Japanese immigrant, so she understands on a personal level the importance of providing resources for this community in New Mexico.

Michael Weinberg

Michael Weinberg is the Education Policy Officer at the Thornburg Foundation. Previously, Michael was the program evaluation manager for New Mexico's Legislative Finance Committee where he identified opportunities to improve outcomes across the birth to college continuum. Michael spent the first fourteen years of his career in the education trenches, as a teacher, literacy coach, and principal of a PreK-8 school. What excites Michael most about his current role is the ability to combine his experiences in policy-making with his passion for improving the lives of children.

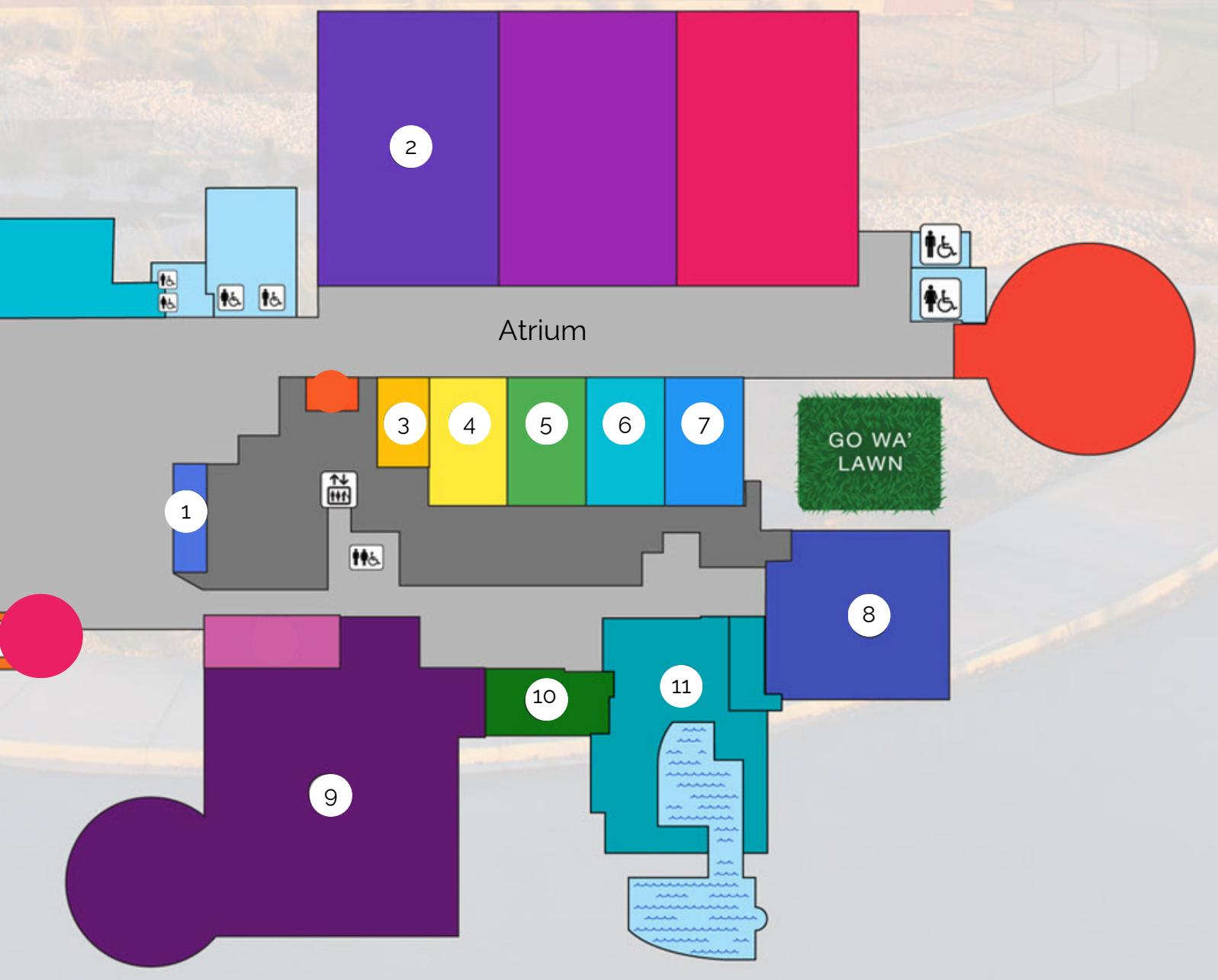


Lyn Wilson

Lyn is a member of the Navajo Nation, originally from Teec Nos Pos Arizona. Her clans are Red House, born for Near the Water's Edge. Her maternal grandfather's clan is the One Who Walks Around and her paternal grandfather's clan is Salt. She has 25 years of experience in organizing and advocacy working with urban, youth, rural and tribal communities.



MAP OF CONFERENCE CENTER



1. Hotel Front Desk
2. Grand Ballroom A
3. Boardroom
4. Rio Grand Meeting Room
5. Bosque Meeting Room
6. Manzano Meeting Room
7. Sunrise Meeting Room
8. Mesa Room
9. Spa
10. Fitness
11. Pool

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