



Santa Fe - Where Trails & Cultures Meet

2012 GSHA Conference Speaker List

June 15- 17, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Ana Pacheco – ***The Roots of Reassurance...It's All in the Genes***, A native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Ana Pacheco was the founder and publisher of *La Herencia* magazine from 1994 – 2009. She's the daughter of Jesús Pacheco and Natalie Ortiz. Both families have been in Santa Fe since at least the 17th century

Hal Jackson – ***The Camino Real Meets the Spanish Trail and Santa Fe Trail***, is professor emeritus of Geography at Humboldt State University and is currently part of the adjunct faculty of the University of New Mexico's Geography Department. Author and trail trekker, Hal Jackson has written several articles and books on the various trails leading into and out of New Mexico.

Schelley Talalay Dashdarti – ***Sephardic Resources: Sources in Spain and Worldwide***. Based on the TV series *Who do You Think You Are?* she will cover the plethora of new websites, books, conferences, databases, journals and much more that have developed and been introduced over the past five years. As far as Spain, it covers archival resources and research projects underway now. Dardashti, a native New Yorker, based in Tel Aviv, focuses on Jewish genealogy as researcher, journalist, blogger, online instructor, and international speaker.

Linda Serna – ***Genealogy as Detective Work***, highlights the skills used by both detectives and genealogists to solve mysteries and explores how to reason through a genealogical challenge by using the tools of a detective and using indirect evidence. It includes specific examples, as well as case studies showing how to find information that at first seems elusive. Serna has been involved with genealogy in researching and writing family stories for over 30 years.

Dr. Arturo Madrid – ***In the Country of Empty Crosses: The History of an Hispano Protestant Family in Catholic New Mexico*** is being published by Trinity University Press in early April 2012. He is the Norine R. and T. Frank Murchison Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at Trinity University and the recipient of the Charles Frankel Prize in the Humanities in 1976, awarded by the National Endowment of the Humanities.

Don Usner – ***Historic Documents: The Ortega Family*** – Author and Photographer, Don Usner will discuss his family's documents. His third book, *Route 66 On Tour: Legendary Architecture from Glenrio To Gallup*, was followed closely by his collection of folk tales told by his grandmother, *Benigna's Chimayo: Cuentos from the Old Plaza*.

He has also published stories and accompanying photographs in magazines such as *El Palacio* and *New Mexico*, and his photographs have appeared in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Francois-Marie Patorni – ***The French Presence Since the 1500s***. From the Coronado expedition to trappers and traders on the Santa Fe Trail, priests to Bishop Lamy, people with a French background have been involved in New Mexico history for centuries. Francois-Marie Patorni worked in the areas of economic development and financial policy reforms for the World Bank, He is the president of the Santa Fe Watershed Association and serves on the board of the Piedmont Environmental Council.

Francisco Sisneros – ***He Desperately Wanted to be Alcalde Mayor: Eusebio Duran y Chaves in the Court of King Charles III***. Duran y Chavez travelled to Spain in hopes that he'd secure an audience with King Charles III to request the Albuquerque Alcalde position. Francisco Sisneros is a senior research associate and co-founder of the Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico. An author and historian he is well versed in the Rio Abajo region of New Mexico.

Nancy Anderson – ***When the Habits Came Marching In - The Sister of Loreto***. The Sisters of Loreto was the first experience that New Mexico had with nuns. Taking passages from the *Translation of Mother Magdalen Hayden's Early Annals* through Mother Francisca Lamy's letters in the late 1800's, she will show the changes that the Sisters brought to New Mexico. Nancy Anderson, a long-time New Mexico researcher and past President of New Mexico Genealogical Society, Nancy has done extensive research in the San Miguel del Bado, Mora, Colfax, Harding, and Union County areas along with the research that encompasses the Anderson Family.

Henrietta M. Christmas – ***Women, Wills and Their Goods***. Women in colonial New Mexico retained their identities, their names and their rights to involve themselves in land deals, purchase homes, trade for goods, and even fulfill their dying wishes. What types of genealogical materials can be found in these documents and who they associated themselves with will be discussed. Henrietta Christmas, a native New Mexican, a well-known genealogical and historical researcher for the last 30 years; she descends from eleven of the soldiers that came with Oñate in 1598.