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TUESDAY AUGUST 6 &  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 2024

University of New Mexico Student Union Building  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Carmelita Jaramillo - Master of Ceremonies

## GUEST OF HONOR & KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARK FREELAND



Mark is not your traditional student; he is a former Tribal Leader for the Navajo Nation. He is a father, grandfather, a political crusader, and a Lobo. He served as a member of the 24th Navajo Nation, working on important policy matters that impacted the Navajo People. His work took him to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, to Santa Fe to Phoenix and to Salt Lake City. One of the largest work experiences Mark takes away was to be a part of the finalization of the Utah Navajo water rights settlement where he worked in a bi-partisan matter with US Senators Mitt Romney from Utah and Tom Udall from New Mexico.

Mark is a post-traditional student, coming back to UNM to finish his degree that he began in the 1990's. Since then, Mark had the opportunity to discover what he is the most passionate about, his people, and he has figured out a path at the University of New Mexico to earn a degree that will serve to benefit all those around him. His degree in Liberal Arts focuses on Political Science and Mass Communication. Part of his degree program is learning the process of writing and publishing a book, and Mark has chosen to write about his experiences fighting for the lives of his people during the COVID-19 pandemic. His manuscript/autobiography will be valuable to all those trying to help their communities, and, more importantly, will shed some light on the trials and tribulations experienced by the Native American population in the United States.

Mark Freeland has a very high level of engagement as a leader within his community in the Navajo Nation. Mark was elected in 2017 to serve as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate. Mark was elected to represent 8 different communities, a population of approximately 8,000 individuals. Mark was elected as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate for the 2018-2022 term, and as one could imagine, Mark had no idea what he was in store for with the COVID-19 pandemic. Mark repeatedly proved that he was a leader before, during, and in the aftermath of COVID-19. Mark was a crusader and true hero, risking his own life to provide services to people without food, running water, electricity, and bathrooms. Mark worked with many different people and organizations around the Albuquerque area to bring life-giving supplies to his people.

Mark also served on the resource and development committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council. Mark worked on policy to develop and change laws that directly impacted the Navajo community. He sponsored the legislation for The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) bill, which had the largest financial impact on the Navajo Nation to date, amounting to 1.3 billion dollars. The ARPA bill was used to help mitigate COVID-19 relief. Mark helped devise and execute a plan to use the money to address the lack of infrastructure, including electricity and bathrooms with running water for every individual in the Navajo Nation. Mark is passionate about providing necessary and much-needed infrastructure to his people, and he continues to serve on two Navajo Nation-owned enterprise boards, the Navajo Nation Tribal Utility Authority and Dine Development Corporation.

ALL OF THIS, ON TOP OF BEING A DEAN'S LIST SCHOLAR IN HIS LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO. AFTER GRADUATION MARK IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY IN GRADUATE SCHOOL. MARK PLANS TO CONTINUE WORKING IN POLICY, AS A LEADER, MAKING CHANGES IN HIS AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED BRING OUR COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS TOGETHER!

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cash Clifton – Director of Academic Communities  
Dr. Jake Greenberg – University College Lead Researcher  
Dr. Kenneth Oravetz – University College Lecturer III  
Jamie Trujillo – Director of NMAEA  
Lauren Tarson – The NROC Project  
Phung “Betty” Tran – University College Lecturer II  
Tina Hite – Director of PROPELNM

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Kenwyn Cradock  
Ana Lombard  
Kenneth Oravetz  
Mark Freeland  
Aaliyah Zern  
Felana Chee  
Solomon Gbara  
Maryjo Armas  
Audrey Lee  
Tessa Parraz  
Tina Hite & Cash Clifton  
Kenneth Oravetz

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Thanks to University College Dean, David Weiss, for their  
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## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### SESSION 3: 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

Title	Presenters	Location
The Urgency of Change: How using EdReady to drive Student Progression has led to Increased Retention and Student Success	Susan Huneycutt	SUB Ballroom
Dive into Free Content: Tour Top OER Sites	Jennifer Jordan	SUB Fiesta A & B
Realistic Advising Practices for Supporting Student Accountability, Self-Reflection, and Imparting Critical Learning Skills for Students on Probation	Marisa Pickett	SUB Luminaria
An Introduction to EdReady as a College Preparation Tool	Emily Glikas Cash Clifton	SUB Mirage- Thunderbird
Foundational Math Success at the University of New Mexico	Jake Greenberg	SUB Trail/Spirit

### SESSION 4: 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Title	Presenters	Location
The Transformative Power of Undergraduate Research Experiences with Quality Faculty Mentoring	Jennifer Payne	SUB Fiesta A & B
Sharing, Collaborating, and Community-Building: An Overview of the NMOER Consortium	Jennifer Jordan	SUB Luminaria
Teamwork: Advising for Study Abroad Success	Sara Gutierrez	SUB Mirage- Thunderbird
Empowering English Language Learners to Become Leaders in Their Schools and Communities	Jose Enriquez	SUB Ballroom
Foundational Math Faculty Breakout	Jake Greenberg Betty Tran	UAEC 263
Critical Text Analysis Faculty Breakout	Kenneth Oravetz	UAEC B90
Fyex 1110 Faculty Breakout	Cash Clifton	UAEC 140B

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## TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024 SCHEDULE

<b>8:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
<b>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Welcome General Session</b> 9:30 AM - Welcome from UNM President Garnett Stokes 9:40 AM - Welcome from New Mexico Higher Education Adult Education Director Amber Gallup 9:50 AM - Welcome from NROC
<b>10:15 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 AM - 11:20 AM</b> <i>SUB 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</i>	<b>Breakout Sessions 1</b>
<b>11:30 AM - 12:20 PM</b> <i>SUB 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</i>	<b>Breakout Sessions 2</b>
<b>12:30 PM - 1:45 PM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>LUNCH</b> 1:00 PM - “NROC in New Mexico” by Tina Hite, PROPELNM Director, & Cash Clifton, Academic Communities Director 1:25 PM - “The Greenberg Research Group and Student Success” by Dr. Jake Greenberg, Lecturer III & University College Lead Researcher
<b>1:45 PM - 3:00 PM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Table talks</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Conference Day Ends</b>

Dinner is on your own Tuesday Night.

optional – at 5:30 PM, a group of us will be meeting for dinner and hearing the “time travelers” play at county line bbq.

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## TUESDAY AUGUST 6 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### SESSION 1: 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

Title	Presenters	Location
CRT in Advising Praxis	Joanna Camacho Escobar	SUB Fiesta A & B
Texas College Bridge: Improving College Readiness, Equity, and Postsecondary Success	Timi Creekmore	SUB Ballroom
Trauma-Informed Curriculum: 101	Maryjo Armas	SUB Luminaria
Using EdReady for Integrated Education and Training	Tina Hite	SUB Mirage-Thunderbird
Working With Our Students who Have Special Needs	Michael Hecht	SUB Trail/Spirit

### SESSION 2: 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Title	Presenters	Location
Academic Communities Roundtable	David Weiss Cash Clifton Jacob Greenberg Betty Tran	SUB Fiesta A & B
The Lobo's Journey: Exploring the Path to Success	Tricia Hermes	SUB Luminaria
Mastering Critical Conversations: Fostering Hope and Motivation Through Effective Communication	Shannon Saavedra	SUB Mirage-Thunderbird
EdReady 101	Jason Gipson-Nahman	SUB Trail/Spirit
A Cure for the Mundane: Success in Introductory Undergraduate Courses Through Student Research	Cait Lippitt	SUB ballroom

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## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 2024 SCHEDULE

<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>9:30 AM - 10:20 AM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Welcome &amp; Poster Presentations</b> 9:30 AM – Welcome from University College Dean, David Weis 9:35 AM – Welcome from NMAEA Director, Jamie Trujillo
<b>10:30 AM - 11:20 AM</b> <i>SUB 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</i>	<b>Breakout Sessions 3</b>
<b>11:30 AM - 12:20 PM</b> <i>SUB 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</i>	<b>Breakout Sessions 4</b>
<b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Lunch</b> 12:45 PM - Flamenco Performance 1:00 PM – Mark Freeland, Guest of Honor, Keynote Address ( <i>introduction by Dr. Jake Greenberg</i> ) 1:20 - An Excerpt from “The Boy Who Can’t Feel Pain” by Mario Montoya, Academic Communities faculty member
<b>1:30 PM – 2:00 PM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Tech slam</b>
<b>2:00 PM – 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:15 PM - 3:30 PM</b> <i>SUB Ballroom B &amp; C</i>	<b>Round Table Discussions &amp; Group Wrap Up</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Raffle Drawing &amp; Conference Conclusion</b>