

LAII Lecture Series: Nación Genízara Ethnogenesis, Place, and Identity in New Mexico

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Join the LAII for a presentation with R. Moises Gonzales, Associate Professor of Urban Design in Community and Regional Planning at the School of Architecture and Planning at the UNM, and Enrique R. Lamadrid, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Spanish from UNM, who taught folklore, literature, and cultural history there since 1985.

Nación Genízara is the first book solely dedicated to the detribalized Native experience in New Mexico, a story of conquest, trans-culturation survival, and resilience. Topics as diverse as Genizaro ethnogenesis, slavery, early settlements, expressive culture, poetics, religion, gender, family history, and mestizo genetics are addressed.

R. Moises Gonzales is a genízaro heir of both the Cañón de Carnué Land Grant and the San Antonio de Las Huertas land grant by way of Bernadina India, a well-known genízara servant in the house of Antonio Gurulé of Los Ranchos de Alburquerque. He is danzante of the Matachín and Comanche traditions of the Sandía mountain communities. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Carnué Land Grant and has written various academic articles on the history and culture of genízaro settlements.



Enrique R. Lamadrid's research interests include traditional culture and bioregionalism, ethnopoetics, and folklore. His book Hermanitos Comanchitos (Albuquerque: UNM Press 2003) won the Chicago Folklore prize, and he now edits the Querencias Series of UNM Press. Querencia is a popular term in the Spanish-speaking world used to express love of place and people. This series promotes a transnational, humanistic, and creative vision of the US-Mexico borderlands, based on all aspects of expressive culture, both material and intangible.

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