



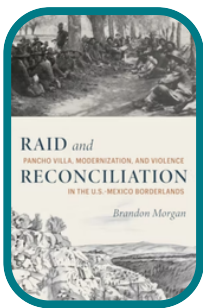
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Raid and Reconciliation: Pancho Villa, Modernization, and Violence in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands

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Join the UNM Latin American and Iberian Institute for a presentation of Dr. Brandon Morgan's book, *Raid and Reconciliation: Pancho Villa, Modernization, and Violence in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*.

Around the turn of the twentieth century, the formation of the U.S.-Mexico border through the rise of capitalism brought new forms of violence, this time codified in law, land surveys, and capitalist land and resource regimes—the markers of modernity and progress that were the hallmarks of Gilded Age America and Porfirian Mexico. Military units, settlers, and boosters dispossessed Southern Apache peoples of their homelands and attempted to erase the histories of Mexican colonists in the Lower Mimbres Valley region. As a result, people of multiple racial and national identities came together to forge new border communities.

In *Raid and Reconciliation*, Brandon Morgan examines the story of Pancho Villa's 1916 raid on Columbus, New Mexico—an event that has been referenced in various histories of the border and the Mexican Revolution but not contextualized on its own—and shows that violence was integral to the modern capitalist development that shaped the border. *Raid and Reconciliation* provides new insights into the Mexican Revolution and sheds light on the connections between violence and modernization. Lessons from this border story resonate in today's debates over migration, race, and what it means to be an American.

Dr. Brandon Morgan is Associate Dean for History, Latin American Studies, American Studies, Native American Studies, and Communication at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), where he has taught since the fall of 2009. Between 2016 and the present, he worked on building CNM's Latin American Studies associate's degree program through a partnership with UNM's Latin American and Iberian Institute. That partnership included CNM's first-ever Study Abroad program to Antigua, Guatemala in 2018, with a second program to Antigua in 2023 and another in Mexico City in 2024. His book, *Raid and Reconciliation: Pancho Villa, Modernization, and Violence in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*, was published by the University of Nebraska Press in August 2024.



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