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## **CURRENT STATUS**

**New Mexico State University**, Las Cruces, N.M., Professor and Head, Department of History

## **EDUCATION**

**University of New Mexico**, Ph.D., History (1996).  
Dissertation: "Family Secrets: The Growth of Community in Los Alamos, 1943-1957."  
**University of New Mexico**, M.A., History (1992).  
**St. John's College**, Santa Fe, N.M., B.A., Philosophy (1974).

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- J. Robert Oppenheimer, the Cold War, and the Atomic Age***, (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2009).
- Senator Pete Domenici's Legacy: The Proceedings from the 2008 Pete V. Domenici Public Policy Conference***, editor, (Albuquerque: Rio Grande Press, 2009).
- "Driven by History: Pursuing the Past in Twenty-First-Century New Mexico" and "Toward Normalizing Los Alamos: Cracking the Gates" two chapters in *Telling New Mexico: A New State History*, editor, Marta Weigle (Santa Fe: Museum of New Mexico Press, 2009).
- Mesilla Valley: An Oasis in the Desert***, co-author with students from Public History Program, (Santa Fe: Sunstone Press, 2008).
- "Historic Environment Education: Bringing History to Life in the Classroom," a chapter in *Time Travels*, Agrita Ozola, editor (Tukums, Latvia: Tukuma Muzejs, 2007).
- "Time Traveling through New Mexican History," a chapter in *Holy Cow—This is Great!* Ebbe Westergren, editor (Kalmar, Sweden: Kalmar Lans Museum, 2006).
- "The Early Years of Robert Oppenheimer," a chapter in *Oppenheimer and The Manhattan Project*, Cynthia C. Kelly, editor (New Jersey: World Scientific, 2006).
- Inventing Los Alamos: The Growth of an Atomic Community***, (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2004).
- "Re-inventing Los Alamos: Code Switching and Suburbia at America's Atomic City," a chapter in *Atomic Culture: How We Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*, Scott Zeman and Michael Amundson, editors (Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2004).
- "First Person Interpretations at Living History Museums," a chapter in *The*

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*Art of Teaching Through Experience: The Use of Experienced History and Pedagogy at Foteviken Museum, Medieval Week and Jamtli Museum*, Peter Aronsson and Erika Larssen, editors (Stockholm: Kulturrådet, 2001).

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

- “**J. Robert Oppenheimer, the Cold War, and the Atomic West,**” numerous lectures presented in conjunction with the publication of the book by the same title (2009-2010).
- “**Time Traveling to Our Recent Pasts,**” presented at the Bridging Ages conference in Vaasa, Finland (September 2009).
- “**Historic Environment Education at New Mexico State University,**” presented at Kalmar University and Våxjö University, Sweden (September 2009).
- “**Creating the Atomic Bomb,**” presented at the University of Helsinki, Finland (September 2009).
- “**The Manhattan Project in New Mexico,**” led a teachers’ workshop about the atomic bomb sponsored by the Atomic Heritage Foundation, Santa Fe and Los Alamos (June 2009).
- “**Time Traveling to 1912 in New Mexico,**” presented at the Historical Society of New Mexico Conference, Santa Fe (May 2009).
- “**Living History Museums in Sweden, the United States, and South Africa,**” presented at the Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums conference in Tucson, Arizona (October 2008).
- “**Presenting Controversies in Time Travels,**” presented at the Bridging Ages conference in Worcester, South Africa (October 2008).
- “**Historic Environment Education: Making History Come Alive,**” presented at the Bridging Ages conference in Tukums, Latvia, (October 2007).
- “**Inventing Los Alamos,**” numerous lectures around the Southwest in conjunction with the release of *Inventing Los Alamos* on the social and cultural history of Los Alamos and the Atomic Age. (2004 to present).
- “**Time Traveling as a University Course,**” presented at a Historic Environment Education workshop, Öland, Sweden, (September 2006).
- “**Time Traveling to the Great Depression,**” presented at the Bridging Ages: International Seminar of Historic Environment Education and Time Travels, Rome, Italy, (June 2006).
- “**Time Traveling: A Workshop on Historic Environment Education,**” presented at the Organization of American Historians/National Council on Public History conference, Washington, D.C., (April 2006).
- “**Public History on the Border,**” presented at the Lineae Terrarum: International Borders Conference, Las Cruces. (March 2006)
- “**Time Traveling in New Mexico,**” presented at the Bridging Ages: International Symposium in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels, Vimmerby, Sweden, (November 2004).
- “**J. Robert Oppenheimer: The Early Years,**” presented at the *Oppenheimer and the Manhattan Project Symposium*, Los Alamos, N.M., (June

2004)

- “**Teaching Time Traveling**,” a workshop presented at the National Council on Public History/American Society of Environmental History conference, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, (April 2004).
- “**Public History and the Globalization of Culture: A Report from Sweden**,” presented at the Organization of American Historians/National Council on Public History joint conference, Washington, D.C., (April 2002).
- “**Beyond Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: The Counter Culture’s Impact on America**,” presented at *The Legacy of the Sixties* conference, Växjö University, Sweden, (April 2001).
- “**Historic Environment Education: Making History Come Alive**,” presented at the Bridging Ages conference in Tukums, Latvia, (October 2007).

### **GRANTS and CONTRACTS**

- “**Bridging Ages: International Seminar in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels**,” (2006)—received \$1,900 grant to participate in this seminar in Rome in June 2006.
- “**The History of the Mesilla Valley**,” (2006)—hired by the El Paso Community Foundation to write a short history of the Mesilla Valley for distribution to the area’s schools.
- “**A Report on the Use of Crosses in the Symbols of the City of Las Cruces**,” (2006) – hired by Federal Court Judge Robert Brack as a “706” expert to research and write about the use of crosses in the city logo of Las Cruces.
- “**Taylor Family Oral History**,” (2004-2005)—received \$5,200 contract from New Mexico State Monuments to conduct oral histories of J. Paul and Mary Taylor and their six children in preparation of their family home becoming a state monument.
- “**El Camino Real Time Traveling**,” (2004)—received \$2,000 grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council to videotape our Time Traveling events at El Camino Real International Heritage Center for future programming use.
- “**Chasing Oppie**,” (2004)-- received \$2,000 grant from the American Institute of Physics to research the life of Robert Oppenheimer at their College Park, Maryland archives and library.
- “**Researching Oppie**,” (2003)-- received \$1,900 grant from the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University to research the Oppenheimer collection of papers at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
- Surveying the Historic Buildings of Downtown Las Cruces** (August 2002- July 2003)-- received \$2,000 contract to survey downtown Las Cruces from the N.M. Historic Preservation Division.
- Time Traveling through New Mexican History** (August 2002 to present)-- received a \$9,000 grant from the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance and a \$4,000 grant from the Southwest Border and Cultures Institute to conduct living history educational programs through first person interpretations at local museums. We recreated living during the Spanish Colonial period.
- Administrative History of Capulin Volcano National Monument**, (2001-2003) administrated a \$23,000 contract for a graduate student in the Public History Program to write a history of Capulin Volcano N.M. for the National Park Service.
- Border Cultural Resources Survey** (1997-1998)-- received a \$10,000 contract from

the National Park Service to conduct a survey of the historic district of Las Trampas, N.M.

**Preserving Community/Cuentos del Varrio** (1997)-- received a \$10,000 grant from the N. M. Juvenile Justice Division to teach teens-at-risk and their teachers in the Gadsden School District oral history so that the teens could interview the elders of their communities about their heritage and language.

### **SELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND PROJECTS**

**Governor Richardson's Veterans' Museum Task Force**, member (2008)

**Domenici Legacy Project**, co-chair of Program Committee for August 2008 & 2009 Conference and member of Executive Committee, (2007- present)

**Bridging Ages: An International Organization for Time Travels and Historic Environment Education**, Vice-President (2006- present)

**Board of Advisors for the Barela/Reynolds/Taylor Museum** (2006-present) – chair of the advisory board for the historic hacienda museum on the plaza of Mesilla, New Mexico operated by N.M. State Monuments.

**Centennial of N. M. Statehood Task Force** (2005-2010) – served on this statewide committee to plan for the centennial celebration of New Mexico's statehood.

**Regional History Consultant for "A Prairie Home Companion,"** (2008).

**National Council on Public History** (2005-2008) – served on the board of directors for this international organization. Also have served as the chair of the Local Arrangements and a member of the Program Committee for the upcoming annual conference in Santa Fe in April 2007.

**Bridging Ages: An International Network in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels** (2004-present)—serve as the Vice-President of this international organization based in Sweden that promotes living history in museums and schools.

**New Mexico History Museum** (2004- 2009)—served as a southern New Mexican consultant to the New Mexico History Museum, a new facility in Santa Fe to exhibit the history of the state.

**New Mexico History Task Force**, (2003-2004)-- served on this legislatively mandated committee to plan how to get more resources into the hands of New Mexico history teachers.

**National Council on Public History Program Committee**, (2002-2004)-- co-chair of program committee for 2004 annual conference in Victoria, B.C.

**New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee**, (1999-2003 and 2005-present) appointed by Gov. Johnson in 1999 and by Gov. Richardson in 2005 to serve on this policy making board for New Mexico Historic Preservation Division.

**Southern New Mexico History Day competition**, (1999-present)—judge for and advisor to History Day activities in southern New Mexico.

**New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance**, (1997-2001)-- vice president of the statewide organization committed to historic, cultural, and language preservation of the diverse communities of New Mexico.

**Re-surveying the Mesquite Historic District**, (2000)-- oversaw a project for the N.M. Historic Preservation Division to document 89 historic structures in the Mesquite district.

- Curriculum Retreat for Public History Educators**, (Spring 2000)-- organized and moderated a one day retreat for directors and other public history educators of university programs in conjunction with the National Council on Public History annual conference in St. Louis.
- New Mexico's Most Endangered Places List**, (1998- 2001) -- organized this project to identify and publicize the most endangered historic places in New Mexico in conjunction with the N. M. Heritage Preservation Alliance.
- "Architectural Styles of Mesilla"** (1999)-- helped the town of Mesilla, N.M. in preserving its historic district. Assisted in the TICAL VI Lime Plastering Workshop to help preserve adobe structures.
- "Impact Los Alamos,"** oral history project that interviewed northern New Mexicans about Los Alamos, University of New Mexico Oral History Project (UNM-OHP), (1993-1994).

## **AWARDS**

- Best New Mexico Anthology for 2009**, (Fall 2009)—awarded by the New Mexico Book Coop for publication of *Senator Pete Domenici's Legacy*.
- Dorothy Woodward Award for Advancement of Education**, (Spring 2009)—awarded by the Historical Society of New Mexico to a New Mexico history educator.
- Hall of Fame Award**, (Spring 2008)— awarded by the Doña Ana County Historical Society for preserving the history and heritage of the Mesilla Valley and surrounding areas.
- Elizabeth Mason Project Award**, (Spring 2006) – awarded by the Oral History Association for conducting "Oral Histories of the Taylor Family and Residence" for New Mexico State Monuments. This project was a series of oral histories of Rep. Paul and Mary Taylor and their six children as they prepare to donate their hacienda on the plaza of Mesilla, N.M. for a state museum.
- Outstanding Achievement Award**, (Spring 2006)—awarded by the School of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State to its distinguished professors.
- Fray Dominguez Award**, (2005) – awarded by the Historical Society of New Mexico for publication of *Inventing Los Alamos*.
- Darnell Award**, (Fall 2004)—awarded to the professor at New Mexico State who has demonstrated broad-based and superior accomplishments in teaching, research, and service to the university, the profession, and the community.
- Commendation Award from American Association for State and Local History**, (Fall 2004)—awarded for the Living History course and publication of "Time Traveling through New Mexico's Past: the Spanish Colonial Period."
- Heritage Preservation Award**, (Spring 2004)—awarded by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division to the outstanding public historian in the state.
- Fulbright Fellowship** (January 2001-May 2001)—awarded a Senior Fulbright Fellowship to assist Växjö University at Växjö, Sweden in developing their Public History and American Studies programs.