Dean’s Message

It was wonderful to see so many alumni and friends at the Zimmerman Library 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Zimmerman Library holds a special place in the hearts of the UNM community as evidenced by the large turnout at the Homecoming Week events and the substantial number of contributions that have already been given to the Zimmerman Library Historic Preservation Fund. I hope you will consider giving to this essential resource for the upkeep of Zimmerman Library.

The film premiere and panel discussion was the highlight of the evening. Panelists Andrew Connors, Chris Wilson, Nancy Meem Wirth and Van H. Gilbert paid heartfelt tribute to the role Zimmerman Library plays in the life of the campus.

This event was one of the high points in my career at UNM. As you may already know, I will be leaving the College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences in early October to take the position of Vice Provost for University Libraries at the University of Connecticut. I am excited to have the opportunity to work on new challenges and to be closer to family.

I have been at UNM for over six wonderful years and feel a great sense of accomplishment when I review the many initiatives that have been successfully implemented by the dedicated faculty and staff during my tenure as dean.

There is an excellent leadership team in place with Mike Kelly as Interim Dean to see the college through this transition. The search for a new dean will be underway soon but in the meantime I know that Mike and our new Director of Development, Kristine Purrington, will be happy to hear from you and answer any questions you have.

This is not truly a farewell as I expect to visit New Mexico often and will hope to see many of you then!
Russ Davidson, former Curator of Latin American & Iberian Collections in the University Libraries, who earlier this year created the Howard L. Karno Endowment for Latin American Pictorial Collections, has established a second library endowment, this one in honor of UNM’s seventh president, James F. Zimmerman.

The James F. Zimmerman Endowment has been established through Russ’ initial gift of $25,000, to which he has pledged an additional $225,000. The endowment will provide funds for the acquisition of specialized research materials from and about Latin America and, secondarily, will support programs, publications, and events that bring the University Libraries’ acclaimed Latin American holdings to the attention of students and scholars locally, nationally and internationally.

Why Latin America? And why James F. Zimmerman? As Russ tells it, these two questions are not only inseparable from each other, but also could not be easier to answer. “Zimmerman was an inspirational leader who thought strategically and looked far ahead, but he also had the tactical shrewdness and the political skills to put his vision into practice. The Latin American interest had been part of UNM since the early 1900s, but President Zimmerman really fleshed it out, gave it focus and resources.” Zimmerman zeroed in on building the Latin American program. He recruited outstanding faculty – scholars and teachers like France Scholes and Joaquin Ortega – created and expanded departments, established the School of Inter-American Affairs, aggressively pursued government and private foundation support across the country, cultivated the support of local business and political leaders and empowered faculty and librarians to acquire large collections of Latin Americana. “The result,” Russ said, “was that by the time his presidency ended with his untimely death in 1944, UNM had leapt to the forefront of Latin American programs nationally, and that’s where we’ve been ever since.”

Russ went on to say, “In this year of the 75th anniversary of the iconic building that bears his name, what better way to honor James Zimmerman than through a library endowment, and what better focus to give it than Latin American studies?”

We invite you to support the James F. Zimmerman Endowment for Latin American Materials and Programs. Please contact Kristine Purrington, at (505) 277-5632 or kpurrington@unm.edu.

The inauguration of President James F. Zimmerman at the Estufa in 1927. The Estufa is still located at the corner of University Blvd. and Martin Luther King Dr.
The Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections has received the congressional papers of former New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman.

Senator Bingaman served in the U.S. Senate from 1984 to 2013. He served on the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, the Joint Economic Committee and chaired the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

His collection will give scholars the opportunity to understand the nation’s political history during his years in the Senate and how Senator Bingaman’s background and beliefs shaped his work within the system. They will also give valuable insight into the way he advanced the interests of New Mexicans on the important issues of energy, immigration and natural resources.

Bingaman’s papers consist of 1,100 boxes and a number of digital files. His memorabilia was donated to Western New Mexico University (WNMU). This is the first time University Libraries has received congressional files in digital form which presents a unique challenge. The files will be processed and made available online.

Senator Bingaman’s papers join a number of other collections of political figures important to New Mexico both locally and nationally. The collections range from the papers of Michael Steck who in 1863 served as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for New Mexico Territory to the papers of Senator Dennis Chávez who was the first native-born Hispanic elected to the U.S. Senate.

October is American Archives Month!

Researching the Southwest: Recent Works Using the Collections of the Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections

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Join us as we welcome Kristine Purrington as the new director of development.

A native of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Kristine previously served as executive director of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony (AYS) Program for 16 years. During that time, she led the AYS Program through a period of consistent growth from an annual budget of $75,000 to its present net assets of $1.6 million. Under her leadership, the organization increased the number of students it serves annually from 320 to nearly 600 students in 13 ensembles. Kristine also was instrumental in the successful capital campaign that led to the purchase and renovation of the program’s new—and first permanent—facility.

Kristine and her husband, Chris, have a daughter, Julia, who is senior at Bosque School. Julia plans to attend UNM in the fall of 2014, which makes her mom, an alumna of UNM (1990 Arts & Sciences), very proud. You may reach Kristine at kpurrington@unm.edu or (505) 277-5632.

University Libraries, the center of the bustling University of New Mexico campus, is quickly evolving. It has a new name, College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences (UL&LS) and an expanded mission.

“UL&LS celebrated the acquisition of our three millionth volume this spring, but we are no longer defined by printed pages,” said Dean Martha Bedard. “We house recordings of folk music, architectural drawings, filmed documentaries, digitized newspapers and electronic books. The library is a repository of human knowledge in many forms and we offer our students the opportunity to learn in many different ways.”

UL&LS now houses one of the largest graduate programs at UNM. The Organization, Information & Learning Sciences (OI&LS) program offers courses to students often already employed in the workforce. Much of the coursework is done online and ranges from data management to measuring performance in the workplace. Library courses in information management, metadata and others are part of the program and help students understand how successfully managing “big data” can increase their effectiveness in the workplace.

UL&LS is the only university library in the country with this unusual combination of missions, and the opportunity for graduate students to incorporate their research in organizational learning and data management into the workplace is unique. Find out more at oils.unm.edu.
In the 1905, artist Karl Moon moved from his home in Ohio to start a studio in Albuquerque to begin photographic “art studies” of the Native Americans of the Southwest.

Although he only stayed in Albuquerque for about five years he produced a body of work that is viewed today as both beautiful and historically important. The current owner has generously allowed the Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections (CSWR) to digitize over 200 Karl Moon glass plate negatives. These glass plates, some of which are believed to be one-of-a-kind, were found in Moon’s studio when it was sold in the 1920’s to Albuquerque photographer, Alabama Milner. Milner’s great niece Margaret Herter is the current owner of the glass plates.

Over the next year the CSWR will be adding the images to the New Mexico Digital Collections at econtent.unm.edu and hopes to acquire the original glass plates eventually.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help the CSWR acquire this collection, please contact Kristine Purrington, Development Director of the College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences at (505) 277-5632.
Zimmerman@75
The Campus Heart

Zimmerman Library has been in continuous use since opening in 1938. Over the years changes and renovations while often necessary for safety and security have resulted in the loss of some of the historic aspects of building. The historic preservation fund is intended to provide a lasting source of funding for maintaining this treasure on the campus.

Campus maintenance budgets are stretched to the limit just keeping up with critical repairs. The preservation fund is intended to supplement regular funding so we can take a step further in preserving this iconic campus building.

From replacing historic forged iron hardware and repairing original WPA tin chandeliers to planning for better environmental controls in the tower we hope the fund will keep this building in shape for another 75 years and beyond!

We invite you to invest in the future of Zimmerman Library and the Historic Preservation Fund. For more information, please contact Kristine Purrington at (505) 277-5632 or kpurrington@unm.edu.

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Thank you!
On the cover: Students pose in the Castetter Succulent Garden on the west side of Zimmerman Library in the 1940’s.

On the back: A photograph from the 1880s of the bridge across the Rio Grande at Old Town, Albuquerque, NM. From the Cobb Memorial Collection.

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