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# EMMONS SELECTED AS DEAN OF COLLEGE OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND LEARNING SCIENCES

Written by Kim Delker, Marketing & Outreach Officer, Office of the Provost

In July, former Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs James Holloway appointed longtime professor Mark Emmons as dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences (CULLS).

“Mark Emmons has been a tremendously talented and knowledgeable leader at UNM for many years, and I am confident that he will lead CULLS over the next 18 months in some exciting new directions as he works with the CULLS faculty and staff on implementation of their strategic plan,” Holloway said. “His knowledge of the issues impacting academic libraries, as well as his history as a people-focused creative problem-solver, will position the college for a strong future in years to come.”

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Emmons, a professor and associate dean for administration and organizational strategy, joined UNM in July 1998. During his time at UNM, he has served in a variety of leadership roles for the college, including interim dean of the college in 2021 until the arrival of former Dean Leo Lo later that year. Previously, he was associate dean of education and engagement; associate dean of public services; acting associate dean of administrative and technical services; director of instruction and assessment; director of outreach, instruction and assessment; special assistant to the dean for data and program analysis, as well as a planning and assessment officer.

His research interests include assessment in academic libraries, the impact of academic libraries on student success, and film research resources. He has taught a variety of courses in the Organization, Information and Learning Sciences (OILS) program, including qualitative research methods and organizational leadership and performance.

In addition to his academic experience, early in his career he worked as a bilingual teacher, a librarian at Occidental College in Los Angeles, and as an assistant director and production assistant on film, television and commercial productions.

Emmons earned a bachelor’s degree in communication studies in 1983 and a master of library sciences degree in 1990, both from the University of California, Los Angeles; and a doctor of education degree in educational leadership from UNM in 2012.



**Dear Friends,**

**I am honored and excited to begin my appointment as dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences this fall. While I am new to this role, I am proud to have called the college a home for over 27 years. Stepping into this position has given me the opportunity to reflect on the remarkable strengths of our college and the many ways we serve our students, faculty, and communities.**

University Libraries will continue to prioritize student success, research excellence, and distinctive collections. By supporting student success, we empower students and faculty to excel in their studies and research. By advancing research excellence, we enable faculty and students to generate new ideas, spark innovation, and contribute solutions that make a difference in New Mexico and beyond. And by sustaining our distinctive collections, we help preserve cultural memory and history while ensuring respectful access for generations to come.

The Organization, Information, & Learning Sciences (OILS) program prepares leaders in instructional design, organizational learning, and the learning sciences. By supporting OILS, we help students and faculty connect classroom learning to real-world challenges, engaging with communities and organizations throughout New Mexico.

UNM Press will continue to prioritize publishing excellence, cultural representation, and community engagement. By supporting publishing excellence, we amplify scholarship and creative work that reach wide audiences. By promoting cultural representation, we elevate the history, voices, and traditions of the Southwest. And advancing community engagement enables the Press to build partnerships with authors, educators, and cultural institutions. Books enrich both academic and public life.

Together, we share a mission: advancing knowledge, fostering discovery, and deepening community engagement. By supporting this mission, you make a lasting difference for UNM, for New Mexico, and beyond.

**Best,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Emmons".

**Mark Emmons**  
**Dean and Professor**

## Suzanne Schadl Joins the College as the New Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections Director

Suzanne Schadl joined CULLS as the new director of the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections (CSWR) in August. A distinguished alumna of UNM, Schadl brings a wealth of experience in archives and library leadership to her new role.

Schadl has spent the past seven years serving as Chief of the Latin American, Caribbean, and European Division at the Library of Congress. In this role, she has led expansive efforts to develop and share library collections representing 83 countries and over 60 languages. As a senior leader within the General and International Collections division, she has also contributed to shaping the vision and strategy of the Library of Congress, the world's largest library and the nation's oldest federal cultural heritage institution.

Prior to her work at the Library of Congress, Schadl served as the Curator of Latin American Collections at UNM from 2008 to 2018. Before that, she was the Director of the Gerald and Betty Ford Library at the Bosque School from 2004 to 2008, Assistant Professor of History at Roanoke College from 2002 to 2004, and a Lecturer in History at the University of Texas at Austin in 1999.

Reflecting on her return to UNM, Schadl shared:

"I am excited to work with the outstanding staff and faculty at the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections, as well as with communities at UNM and across the Greater Southwest. Together, we will engage the Special Collections with emerging and established scholarship, creativity, and problem solving while centering ongoing research and creative work from and about the Greater Southwest. I believe the CSWR can be a vibrant hub for transformative community-engaged learning, teaching, and responsible stewardship aimed at ensuring greater accountability in the historical record, increased justice in archival representation, and active learning across communities."

Schadl holds a doctorate in Latin American Studies from the University of New Mexico and earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish from The Ohio State University.



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## **MAGEN BEDNAR STARTS AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF ACCESS SERVICES**

Magen Bednar started as the new director of Access Services in early August and brings with her more than a decade of experience in academic libraries and a professional background of user-centered librarianship. Bednar brings a unique and strategic perspective to her new role.

Bednar's work in libraries has long centered on student success, user-focused services, and equity-driven organizational practices. Since joining the University of Oklahoma Libraries in 2015 as the Student Success & Engagement Librarian, Bednar has held a variety of impactful roles. Her responsibilities included liaising with the Honors College and key student support offices, fostering partnerships across campus, and dismantling organizational silos to create a more collaborative, service-oriented environment. Her leadership was integral in launching animated tutorial videos based on ACRL's Framework for Information Literacy and in steering space revitalization efforts that prioritized student comfort and engagement.

"Magen Bednar brings a wealth of experience and a thoughtful, student-centered approach to access services," said Amy Jackson, University Libraries associate dean. "Her record of building inclusive, collaborative teams and developing responsive service models aligns beautifully with our priorities at UNM Libraries. We are excited to welcome her and look forward to the impact her leadership will have across the organization."

Bednar has completed several prestigious leadership development programs, including the Association of Research Libraries' Library Management Skills Institute and the Oklahoma Library Association's Gold Leadership Institute, further preparing her for strategic leadership in access services.

She holds a B.S. in Fashion Merchandising from Texas Christian University and earned her Master of Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.) from the University of Oklahoma.

## **New Employees**

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We are excited to welcome so many new employees to the college this year!

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**Jennifer Lee**  
Library Operations Manager

**Jillian Rapp**  
CULLS Business Manager

**Brandon Gonzales**  
Library Information Specialist 2

\*listed by hire date.

# NEWLY DONATED HISTORICAL MATERIALS HIGHLIGHT TWO UNM LEADERS

Written by Anna Padilla

Senior Public Relations Specialist, University Communication and Marketing

The names Rev. Charles Becknell, Sr., Ph.D., and Harold Bailey, Ph.D., have echoed through the University of New Mexico's history. Now, they each represent the title of a collection available to researchers at the Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections.

The items were donated in 2022 and were so substantial that the Center for Regional Studies was able to provide funding assistantships for two graduate students to catalog the historical materials. Hakim Bellamy and Carlyn Pinkins worked for two years processing the items and learning about both men.

"It has been the honor of a lifetime to have the opportunity to dive into the details of Dr. Harold Bailey's rich and accomplished life," Bellamy said. "If ever asked what kind of life Dr. Bailey lived, I would say 'a life of service.' He didn't just talk about it, he lived it. The proof was in countless hours of dedication to and showing up for the community at every stop of his life along the way."

"A few of the things I learned while having the pleasure (and the honor) of archiving Dr. Becknell's collection is that he's a direct descendant of Capt. William Becknell, the founder of the Santa Fe Trail," Pinkins said. "I also learned that he was one of the first black Cabinet members for the State of New Mexico as the Secretary of Criminal Justice and Planning. He cares about making things better for people in whatever he does."

Becknell is the founder of the Africana Studies Department at UNM. He also served as president of the New Mexico Black Leadership Conference, New Mexico Black Political Action Committee, and the Albuquerque Black Coalition. Governor Jerry Apodaca appointed Becknell as Secretary of Criminal Justice Planning.

He founded the New Mexico Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 2009 and was appointed to its national board in 2010. He served as president of the New Mexico chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference until January 2023. Becknell founded Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico in 2009 and served as its pastor until 2015.

He's also a poet and author. Some of his works include *No Challenge, No Change: Growing Up Black in New Mexico*; *Black Culture in America: An Educator's Perspective*; *Expressions: A Collection of Poems*; and *Voices from the African American Village*.

The Rev. Charles Becknell collection contains documents, newspaper clippings, publications, photographs, and other materials relating to aspects of the reverend's life. Newspaper clippings compose much of the collection, including articles written by and about Becknell, many of which address topics regarding race and society nationally and locally, and national political issues.



Above: Harold Bailey, Ph.D.



Right: Rev. Charles Becknell, Sr., Ph.D.

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Hakim Bellamy, CSWR Graduate Fellow

There are also documents and clippings from Becknell's time serving in the New Mexico State Cabinet under both Governors Jerry Apodaca and Bruce King. The rest of the collection contains items pertaining to Becknell's life as a pastor, educator, and entrepreneur and his family history.

Bailey received his B.S. degree in health and physical education, his M.A. degree in special education, and his Ph.D. degree in American studies all at UNM. He joined the university's Afro-American Studies Program staff and eventually served as director. He advocated for students during the 1974 University of New Mexico Athletic Boycott demanding equitable treatment and recruitment of scholar athletes regardless of race. In 1976, he was appointed chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at the University of New Mexico.

Bailey served as a homebound teacher, a special education teacher, a community liaison, and a certified diversity trainer in Albuquerque Public Schools. In 2000, Bailey began his first term as president of

the Albuquerque branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He served in that role until being appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson to Executive Director of the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs.

The Harold Bailey Collection touts a variety of items such as personal papers, photos, VHS and digital video, policy papers, lawsuit documentation, annual reports, conference programs, awards, recognitions and speeches from Bailey's public career as an advocate, academic and gubernatorial appointee in New Mexico.

Collection highlights include the University of New Mexico Athletic Boycott, the inception of the Afro-Studies Program at UNM, the establishment of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance in New Mexico, and a chronicling of the Albuquerque Chapter of the NAACP.

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# AN ECONOMIST'S GREATEST INVESTMENT: COMMUNITY



When Charles Lehman reflects on his time at The University of New Mexico, he remembers more than textbooks and lectures. He remembers opportunities that opened doors, professors who challenged his thinking, and a campus that shaped his professional and personal journey.

A proud graduate in Economics and Mathematics, Lehman built a distinguished career that included serving as an economist at the New Mexico Department of Labor. Throughout his career, he carried with him the analytical foundation and spirit of inquiry he developed at UNM.

Today, Lehman is giving back to the place that gave him so much. His generosity has been both steady and strategic: investing in collaborative projects between the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and University Libraries, and funding subscriptions and research tools that economic students rely on. By ensuring that these resources are housed in the University Libraries, he has also made them available to students across disciplines. For Lehman, impact is multiplied when learning crosses boundaries.

"I've been fortunate in my life and career," he says. "UNM enriched my life in countless ways and prepared me for a career which was interesting, satisfying and contributed to New Mexico. Supporting students today is a way of honoring that gift and making sure others can benefit in the same way."

Lehman's story reflects a belief that resonates across the UNM community: that giving back is not just about supporting a department or a program, but about creating access, connection, and opportunity for all students. His investments are helping shape a new generation of economists and future leaders — all supported by the shared resources of the library.

Through his philanthropy, like many supporters at UNM, Charles Lehman is extending the same opportunities he once received, ensuring that our university continues to be a place where ideas are exchanged, disciplines intersect, and lives are transformed.

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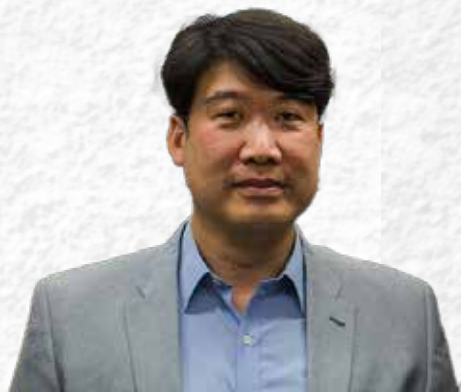
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## ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PIL KANG APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE OILS PROGRAM

Associate Professor Sung “Pil” Kang has been appointed as the new director of the Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences (OILS) program earlier this semester.

Kang earned his doctorate in Instructional Systems Technology (IST) with a minor in Management from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University Bloomington. Prior to joining academia, he collaborated with global companies, Fortune 500 organizations, higher education institutions, and inter-governmental organizations, including Bank of America, McDonald’s, and Merrill Lynch, gaining extensive experience in instructional design and performance improvement.

Since joining UNM, Kang has developed a robust research portfolio spanning Human Resource Development (HRD), adult education, instructional design, and organizational behaviors. His interdisciplinary work examines organizational citizenship behavior (OCB), social capital, and change processes in higher education, with a particular emphasis on how trust and prosocial actions shape collaboration and adaptability in learning and organizational contexts.

“I am delighted to welcome Associate Professor Sung ‘Pil’ Kang as director of the OILS program. Having worked with Pil for many years as a colleague, mentor, and supervisor, I know his leadership will strengthen OILS and benefit our students,” said Mark Emmons, dean of College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences.

He has served as principal investigator and co-principal investigator on multiple National Science Foundation (NSF) projects, advancing understanding of faculty change, collaborative learning, and student citizenship behaviors in STEM education. Currently, he is leading initiatives to design applied, internship-based graduate education experiences and to explore OCB as a framework for enhancing collaboration and equity in engineering classrooms.

“I envision OILS as a place where we can grow by pursuing what we truly value, which I believe is an essential preparation for the future,” said Kang.

As director of the OILS program, Kang draws on his extensive knowledge and experience to strengthen the program’s mission of preparing students for success across the broad and interdisciplinary fields encompassed by OILS.

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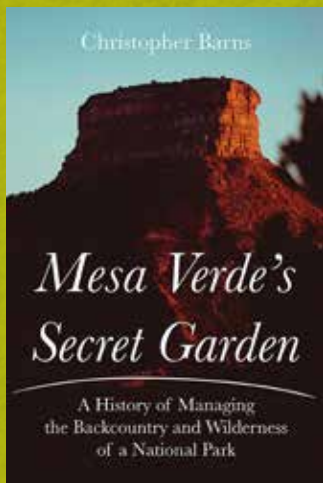
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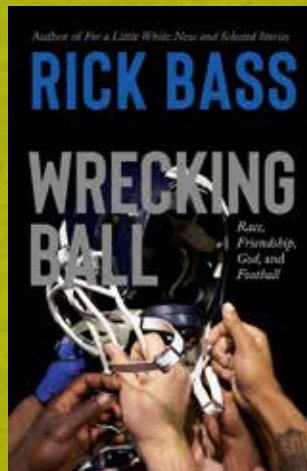
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