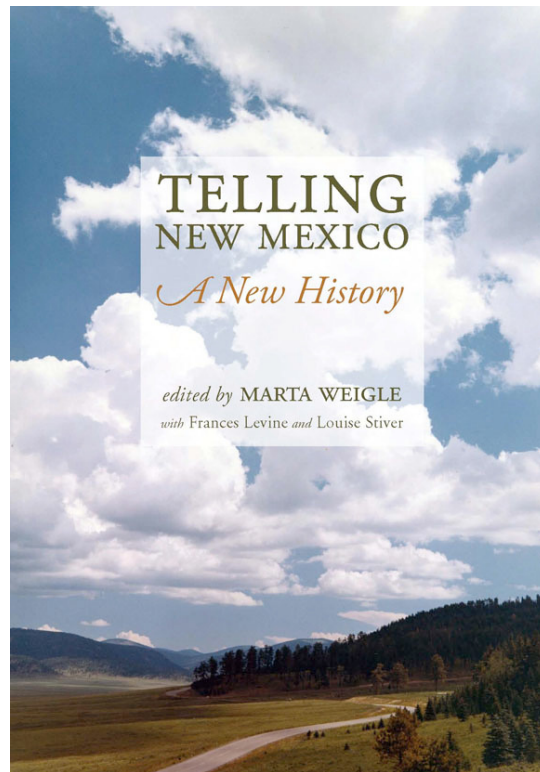


# NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM

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## PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS

**Announcing the Telling New Mexico Inaugural Lecture Series**  
*A cultural convergence celebrating a tapestry of history*



Santa Fe (Nov. 2, 2009) – The New Mexico History Museum today unveiled a new subscription lecture series to accompany the book, *Telling New Mexico: A New History*. Speakers for the five-part **Telling New Mexico Inaugural Lecture Series** will cover a range of topics – from the earliest Spanish colonists to Blackdom to Japanese internment camps to Navajo women.

The series will be held in the New Mexico History Museum Auditorium. Each lecture costs \$10; a subscription to all five lectures costs \$40. For \$100, participants will be named “event sponsors” and receive a paperback version of *Telling New Mexico: A New History*, autographed by the volume editors.

To purchase tickets online (until 4 pm the Friday before each lecture), visit the Museum of New Mexico Foundation’s website at <http://www.museumfoundation.org/tellingnm>. Tickets can also be purchased at the Museum Shops in the Palace and the New Mexico History Museum.

The series kicks off at 1 pm, Sunday, Nov. 22, with a special reception honoring Marianne O'Shaughnessy and her late husband, Michael O'Shaughnessy, who provided funding for the series, and Marta Weigle, editor of *Telling New Mexico*. The reception will be in the John Gaw Meem Community Room (enter through the New Mexico History Museum's Washington Avenue entrance).

The Telling New Mexico Inaugural Lecture Series takes places on these Sundays at 2 p.m.:

**Nov. 22:** Following the opening reception, **Dr. Thomas Chávez**, former director of the Palace of the Governors and the National Hispanic Cultural Center, on his current book project, a history of the Palace of the Governors.

**Jan. 31: Thomas Lark**, curator of Expo New Mexico's African-American Performing Arts Center on the history of African-Americans in New Mexico; and the Rev. **Landjur Abukusumo**, president of the Blackdom Memorial Foundation, on the pioneers of the Blackdom community in Roswell. Special treat: The Afro-Gospel Praise Experience will perform a mixture of Afro-Latin rhythms and traditional gospel.

**March 28: Gail Y. Okawa**, professor of English at Youngstown State University in Ohio, on "Exile from Paradise, Internment in New Mexico: My Grandfather's Journey."

**May 2:** UNM History Professor **Ferenc Szasz** on New Mexico's role in developing the atomic bomb.

**Aug. 22:** Diné author **Jennifer Nez Denetdale** on the stories of Navajo women, from her current book project.

*The New Mexico History Museum is the newest addition to a campus that includes the Palace of the Governors, the oldest continuously occupied public building in the United States; Fray Angélico Chávez History Library; Palace of the Governors Photo Archives; the Press at the Palace of the Governors; and the Native American Artisans Program. The New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, 113 Lincoln Ave., is a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs. For more information, visit [www.nmhistorymuseum.org](http://www.nmhistorymuseum.org).*

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