



LOS ALAMOS

Student Services Newsletter

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MEET YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT: ILSE MICHEL



Ilse’s heritage is Mexican, and she is the first person in her family born in the United States. She was drawn to agriculture because her family has a history in the mango exportation business. Because of international laws that require that all tequila sold in the US be made in Mexico, her company will be based there, but she intends to live in Prescott, Arizona. The climate is similar to Los Alamos, but she appreciates the distinctive culture of Northern Arizona and the proximity to Phoenix.

Ilse has lived in Boise, Salt Lake City, Los Alamos, and Tijuana. She likes the excitement of large cities, but she feels safer in smaller communities.

Ilse is passionate about self-care, regularly hitting the gym to stay active. She enjoys quality time with her friends and creating traditional meals with her family. She’s a fan of music with groups like Dayglo, Fleetwood Mac, and Gorillaz being her favorite. She has a beloved chihuahua, Tobi, and he is always by her side.

Ilse is looking for students who are interested in starting a school club where people can talk about their cultural heritage. If you are interested, introduce yourself to her and let her know when you are available.

UNM-LA thanks Ilse for her service to her community.

Ilse is a first-year student from Los Alamos. She is currently majoring in General Studies, and she intends to transfer to the University of California – Davis or Texas A and M to major in Agricultural Engineering. Her dream is to use the knowledge she gains in her studies to help her open a tequila company based in Mexico.

FOLLOW US



REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 11

The spring semester class schedule is already posted, and registration opens November 11. It is time to make an appointment to speak with your advisor! Some classes fill up in a matter of a few days, so the sooner you decide on your classes the better.

Call Student Services at 505.662.5919 to set up an in-person or online appointment.

FALL 2024 CIC COHORT



Meet our Fall 2024 CIC Cohort! This semester our students have internships with PEEC, Dark Side Technologies, Aralia's Art Oasis, Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization, Los Alamos Historical Society, JJAB, and EXIT Realty (Northern New Mexico Toy Drive).

Next semester, this could be you! Come by Student Services and speak with Internship Coordinator Brittany Carpenter, brcarpenter@unm.edu.



ADA STATEMENT

The University of New Mexico-Los Alamos is committed to the recognition and the proactive pursuit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The University makes reasonable accommodation for religious observances, national origin practices of a student and to the known physical or mental limitations of a qualified student, unless such accommodations have the end result of fundamentally altering a program or service or placing an undue hardship on the operation of the University. Qualified students with disabilities should contact Student Services for information regarding accommodations in the academic and/or employment setting. If you have a special need and require an auxiliary aide and/or service, please contact Student Services at (505) 662-5919.



TIME TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is almost over. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour Sunday night.

New Mexico has observed DST since 1918. The purpose is to provide an extra hour of daylight during active hours. We set our clocks back in November to reduce traveling in the dark to school or work in the morning.

There were two senate bills proposed in 2023 to change Daylight Saving Time in New Mexico. SB 287 would keep DST all year, while SB 191 would keep New Mexico on Mountain Standard Time. Both bills are officially "postponed indefinitely."

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL

Be sure to note these important dates below. Contact an advisor if you need assistance.

November 8: Last day to drop a full-term class without permission on LoboWeb

November 11: Registration for spring semester begins

November 28—December 1: Thanksgiving Break; campus closed

December 5: Last day to drop with permission (contact an advisor)

December 9: Last day of instruction

December 9—14: Final Exams

December 22—January 1: Winter Break; campus closed

January 20: MLK, Jr. Day; campus closed

January 16: Spring semester begins

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - ALFONSO ORTIZ



November is Native American Heritage Month, and this year UNM-Los Alamos would like to remember former professor and MacArthur fellow Alfonso Ortiz of Ohkay Owingeh. member of Ohkay Owingeh.

Ortiz was born in 1939 in Ohkay Owingeh. His father was Tewa and his mother was Spanish. Due to his mother's illness, Ortiz was raised mostly by his paternal grandparents, who taught him how to speak Tewa and to respect the traditions of his culture. As he was growing up, he was customarily woken at 4 am to help his grandfather irrigate and tend crops. He would take a break to swim with some other boys, then go back to work. Ortiz described it as a "life of hard work, discipline, activity, and lots of fun."

Ortiz moved to Albuquerque to study at UNM, where he earned a BA in sociology in 1961. He married that year and moved on to Tempe to begin graduate work at ASU. While there, Edward Dozier convinced him to finish his studies at the University of Chicago, where he earned his master's (1963) and Ph.D. (1967).

Ortiz's master's thesis earned the Roy D. Albert Prize for Outstanding Thesis, and he adapted his doctoral dissertation into a book titled *The Tewa World: Space, Time, Being and Becoming in a Pueblo Society*. The book was widely hailed in academic circles because it systematically described elements of the Tewa world view for the first time, and because it directly confronted claims made by Claude Levi-Strauss regarding "dual organizations." It is likely that no Native ethnographer has added more to the academic conversation than Ortiz.

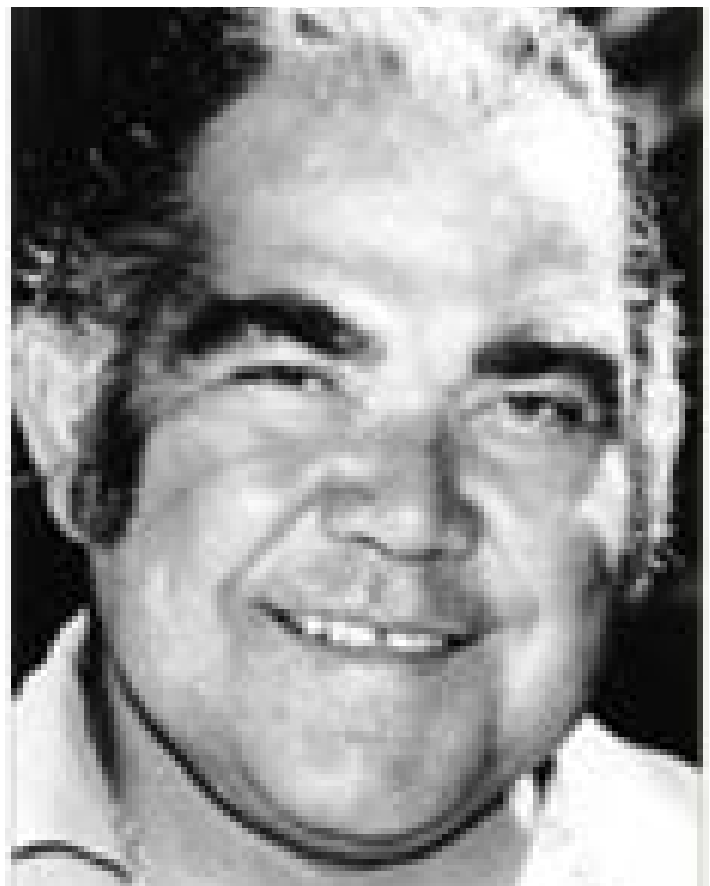
Although Ortiz is widely admired among many people of the Northern Pueblos today, his book originally generated controversy at Ohkay Owingeh, where many criticized

writing the Tewa language and his revealing of certain rituals and concepts that had been regarded as secret. Ortiz defended himself by saying that he did not reveal anything new; he only described concepts that had been previously published in a more systematic matter.

Ortiz went on to teach at Princeton, then eventually returned to UNM. In Albuquerque, he attracted a number of Native American students and mentored them in the study of cultures. He developed a reputation for being approachable and engaging.

Ortiz's passion for his people fueled his activism. He became the president of the Association of American Indian Affairs, Inc., a position he held for 15 years. He helped reclaim the sacred Blue Lake for Taos Pueblo, promoted the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act, and promoted Native rights in many other cases.

Ortiz died at the age of 57. The University of New Mexico has named the Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies in his honor. [Click here](#) to find out more about the work of this institution, including lectures coming up this month and early next year.



STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services is a central hub of information for prospective, current, and former students to find assistance and answers to questions about admissions, financial aid, registration, academic advising, career services, and other resources on campus.



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Admissions

The Office of Admissions can help if you have questions or are ready to apply to UNM-Los Alamos. The Office of Admissions can provide application instructions for degree-seeking, non-degree, dual credit/concurrent, international, senior, or transfer students. Complete details can be found on the Admissions page: losalamos.unm.edu/admissions.

Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid provides information on financial resources available to degree-seeking students. These resources may include scholarships, grants, and loans from the federal or state government, independent organizations, and/or UNM-LA itself. UNM-LA determines financial aid eligibility from the FAFSA, so please take time to file this document online every year. Don't assume you are ineligible—there are many opportunities to pursue.

Enrollment Services

The Office of Enrollment Services at UNM-LA processes high school and other college transcripts of current and former students. The registrar can also answer questions about dual credit and concurrent enrollment, VA benefits, and graduation requirements.

Academic Advising & Student Success

Academic advisors can provide guidance through the admission process, degree and course selection, and registration. Advisors also assist with changing a major, following up instructors' early alerts, filing graduation petitions, and planning for baccalaureate work. Advisors can also help resolve registration errors. Degree-seeking students must meet with an advisor before registering for each semester to check that their chosen classes will continue to make progress toward their degrees and to have their advising hold lifted. The Director of Student Affairs coordinates ADA accommodation services for students, and oversees academic advisement, student retention, and success initiatives.

Career Services

Student Services offers career services to assist students with self-exploration, selecting a major, and opportunities for gaining experience in their chosen fields. Career services also include resume reviews, internship connections, job fairs, quantifying or translating skills, sharing job postings, and building connections between employers and our students.