

**Bridging Ages**

**International Organization in Historic  
Environment Education and Time Travels**



**“Crossroads with History:  
An International Conference on Historic Environment Education  
and Living History”**

**April 15-19, 2013**

**New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum  
and New Mexico State University**

**Las Cruces, New Mexico**

**Bridging Ages Conference**  
**April 15-18, 2013**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA**  
**“Crossroads in History”**

**Welcome from Ebbe Westergren, President of Bridging Ages:** Welcome to the Ninth Bridging Ages international conference, for the first time in the USA. Bridging Ages is a variety of people and professions from museums, universities, education, schools, local historic societies, nature organizations, cultural groups, social development, elderly care -- everybody who has an interest in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels. Bridging Ages has chapters in Europe, Africa, Asia, and America. Especially we welcome those who are at their first Bridging Ages conference. This is a time to meet others, listen to colleagues, discuss, explore, get new ideas, make friends, start projects and collaborations, experience a new Time Travel. How do we, together with colleagues and communities, apply our knowledge to the benefit of society, using local historic experiences, sites, and stories? What guidance of direction can crossroads from the past give at the crossroads of today? We invite you explore these and other key questions during the course of the conference.

**Welcome from Dr. Jon Hunner, Vice-President of Bridging Ages:** Welcome to the Ninth conference of Bridging Ages. As in years past, museum professionals, educators, public historians, and scholars from around the world are convening to exchange ideas, share strategies, and celebrate the importance that place-based history holds for us and our communities. The Bridging Ages’ mission is to explore how to utilize nearby history to understand life and society of today by bridging the past with the present to prepare for the future. We do this in a variety of ways—from our living history Time Travels to our preservation of local heritage to our recording of the stories of the elders of our communities. Presenting this past in classrooms and museums, we strive to understand ourselves and our neighbors, to question history, and to use this history to prepare for the future. We are committed to finding the good in people and reaffirming it through history. I hope that you will enjoy the conference and southern New Mexico.

**Registration Information**

The registration for the conference is \$150 which includes admittance to all the sessions and workshops, two dinners, and three lunches. For students, the fee is \$100. Payments can be made through the shopping cart on the registration form, or through a check sent to Bridging Ages 2013, Department of History, Box 30001, MSC 3H, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003.

**To register through an on-line shopping cart, go to <https://shopcart.nmsu.edu/sites/59/>**

**Travel Arrangements:**

**Getting to Las Cruces:**

If you are flying to Las Cruces, be sure to book flights in and out of El Paso International Airport (ELP) in El Paso, Texas. The airport in Albuquerque is over 200 miles to the north, and the airport in Las Cruces is only available for private planes and freight use.

El Paso International Airport (ELP) [www.elpasointernationalairport.com](http://www.elpasointernationalairport.com)  
6701 Convair Road, El Paso, TX; (915) 780-4700

**Airlines with Service to and From El Paso International Airport:**

- Aerolitoral S.A. de C.V., (915) 778-7883, (800) 237-6639
- American Airlines, (800) 433-7300, [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com)
- America West Airlines, (800) 2FLY-AWA, Spanish (800) 533-6862, [www.americawest.com](http://www.americawest.com)
- Continental Airlines, (915) 544-6223, (800) 523-3273, [www.flycontinental.com](http://www.flycontinental.com)
- Delta Airlines, (915) 779-8051, (800) 221-1212, [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)
- Frontier Airlines, (800) 432-1359, [www.frontierairlines.com](http://www.frontierairlines.com)
- Southwest Airlines, (800) 435-9792, Spanish (800) 826-6667, [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com)

**Airport Shuttles:**

• **Las Cruces Shuttle and Charter Service**, (575) 525-1784, (800) 288-1784, [www.lascrucesshuttle.com](http://www.lascrucesshuttle.com). The closest airport to Las Cruces is at El Paso, Texas which is 45 miles (60 kms) south of the conference site. Once at the airport, transportation from El Paso to Las Cruces has been arranged through Las Cruces Shuttle. You will need to make reservations for getting picked up at the airport by calling 1-800-288-1784. For international travelers, if you would like us to make the reservations, contact us at [jhunner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jhunner@nmsu.edu) and we will make the reservation for you. Please include your airline, flight number, day and time you will be arriving and leaving.

Las Cruces Taxi & Limousine Service, 2222 S. Valley Drive, 575-524-8294

- L & M Limousine, 15180 Highway 70 east, (575) 522-5411, 1-800-786-0518, [www.landlimo.com](http://www.landlimo.com)

**Auto Rentals at El Paso International Airport**

- Avis Rental Car, (800) 331-1212
- Budget Rental Car, (915) 532-4335
- Dollar Rental Car, (915) 778-5548
- National Rental Car, (915) 778-9417, (800) 227-7368
- Thrifty Car Rental, (800) 847-4389

**Auto Rentals in Las Cruces**

- Alamo Rent A Car, (888) 426-3299
  - Avis Rental Car, 700 South Telshor, (575) 522-4406, (800) 331-1212
  - Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 1340 S. Valley Drive, (575) 525-1778; (800) 325-8007 or 2285 E. Lohman Suite B, (575) 523-5351
  - Hertz Rent-a-Car, at the Hilton Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor, (575) 521-4807; (800) 654-3131
- Taxi Service in Las Cruces
- Checker Cab, 1229 S. Espanola, (575) 541-1111

**Visas:** Members from the following countries in the Bridging Ages network will need visas to enter the United States—Kenya, South Africa, and Turkey. If you need an invitation letter, please e-mail Dr. Jon Hunner at [jhunner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jhunner@nmsu.edu) with your request and he will send one to you.

**Hotels:** The conference has two hotels where you can receive discounted rates.

The **Ramada Palms Hotel** at 201 E. University Avenue. 575.526-4411. The code to get the group room rate of \$75 US for a King size bed and \$85 US for two Queen size beds a night plus taxes at the Ramada Palms Hotel is CGBRID. The deadline to make reservations at the discounted rate is March 27, 2013.

The other conference hotel is the **Comfort Suites** at 2101 S. Triviz at 575.522-1300. The room rate there is \$84 US plus taxes. The code for the conference rate at the Comfort Suite is “Bridging Ages Group.” The cut-off date for the discounted rate at the Comfort Suites is April 1, 2013.

## **II. Welcome to Las Cruces**

The Las Cruces area has been home to humans for thousands of years. The Jornada Mogollon people lived in our challenging desert environment centuries before Europeans passed through here in 1598 CE. From 1598 to the middle part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, few people lived in this area but many traveled through it on El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. New Mexico was an isolated colony of Spain from 1598 to 1821 when Mexico won its independence from Spain. Then this area was a state in the Mexican Republic until 1846 when the United States invaded this part of Mexico during the Mexican-American War. Since 1850, New Mexico and Las Cruces have been part of the United States. The Mesilla Valley where Las Cruces is located is a rich agricultural area due to the water from the Rio Grande that irrigates fields of onions, cotton, pecans, chile, and lettuce. It has been a cross roads for people from the Jornada Mogollon through the Spanish and Mexican eras to today.

The locations of the various events are as follows. The Opening Reception at the Zuhl Museum is at 775 College Avenue on the NMSU campus. The Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road (Take University Ave east towards the mountains which becomes Dripping Springs Road east of Telshor Avenue. Continue for another 2 miles and the museum is on the left. Fort Seldon is located in the town of Radium Springs about 20 miles north of Las Cruces. Take University Avenue east to Interstate 25, go north on I-25 until you get to the Radium Springs exit, go west towards the town of Radium Springs and look for the sign for Fort Seldon State Monument. The Mesilla Plaza is located west of the NMSU campus. Take University Avenue west, go under Interstate 10 and continue on University Avenue until you get to Avenida de Mesilla. Take a right on Avenida de Mesilla to Camino de Santiago on the left after the Boutz Road stoplight. At the sign to the Mesilla Plaza, turn left and go two blocks to the plaza.

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers: To call Jon Hunner in an **emergency**, call area code (575) 571-7777 (mobile). In a non-emergency situation, the NMSU Department of History phone number is (575) 646-4601. The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum phone number is (575) 522-4100.

### III. Conference Schedule

**Monday, April 15, 2013                      6:00- 8:00 p.m.                      Zuhl Museum, NMSU**

***Welcome Reception hosted by Dean Christa Slaton, NMSU College of Arts and Sciences***

Join us for drinks and light refreshments as we welcome conference participants from all over the world. Greet old friends and make some new ones as we gather together to celebrate our shared interest in helping people connect with their history and heritage. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Quattro. The Zuhl Museum is located at 775 College Drive, on the campus of New Mexico State University. **Busses will start picking you up at the conference hotels at 5:45 and will return to the conference hotels after the reception is over.**

**Tuesday, April 16                      8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.                      NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum**

***Conference Check-in:***

All registered conference attendees may pick up their name tags and packets in the lobby of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. **Buses will pick you up at the conference hotels beginning at 7:45 am to take you to the Farm and Ranch Museum.**

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BY APRIL 5, 2013.**

**Tuesday, April 16                      9:00- 10:00                      Ventanas Room, FRHM**

***Welcoming session:*** Welcome by New Mexico State University Provost Jay Jordan, Dean Christa Slaton (College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University), Director Mark Santiago (New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum), ), Dr. Jon Hunner (Vice President of Bridging Ages and New Mexico State University History Department Head), local dignitaries and community members.

Ebbe Westergren (President of Bridging Ages): Introduction to Bridging Ages and Time Travel

**Tuesday, April 16                      10:00- 10:30                      COFFEE BREAK, FRHM**

**Tuesday, April 16                      SESSION 1 10:30-12:00**

**Tuesday, April 16                      10:30- 12:00                      Organ View Terrace, FRHM**

***Session 1-A: Memory and the Manhattan Project***

Presenters: Judith Stauber (Los Alamos Historical Society, New Mexico)  
“Senses of Place in Museums in Los Alamos and Hiroshima”

Raffi E. Andonian (Los Alamos Historical Society, New Mexico)  
“Nuclear History: Debating the Meanings of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park”

**Tuesday, April 16                      10:30- 12:00                      Ventanas Room #3, FRHM**

Session 1-B: *Living in Two Worlds: Migration as a Crossroad*

Chair: Annina Ylikoski (Ostrobothnian Children's Culture Network BARK and Kalmar Museum, Finland)

Presenters: Linda Liljeberg (Curator, Kalmar Museum, Sweden)  
Emma Angelin Holmén (Curator, Kalmar Museum, Sweden)

**Tuesday, April 16                      10:30- 12:00                      Ventanas Room #1, FRHM**

Session 1-C: *Knowing Place via Agriculture and the Environment:*

*Scholarly and Personal Reflections on the Four Corners Region*

Chair: Dr. Peter A. Kopp

Panelists: Danielle Archuleta, Amado Guzman

Presenter: Dr. Peter Kopp (New Mexico State University)

“Finding Place in the Land of Enchantment:  
An Agricultural Historian Reflects on His First Year in New Mexico”

Amado Guzman (New Mexico State University)

“Acequia Culture in the Mesilla Valley”

Danielle Archuleta (New Mexico State University)

“Place Identity in the Mile High State”

**Tuesday, April 16                      10:30- 12:00                      Ventanas Room #2, FRHM**

Session 1-D: *Documenting and Uncovering Community Histories*

Panelists: Vanessa Macias Camacho (El Paso Community College, Texas)

“Documenting Community History in El Paso, Texas”

Marisa Spowles (New York)

“Recovering the Lost Villages of Fort Drum, NY”

Terry Swanson (Minnesota)

“Revitalizing Dakota Indian History and Language in a Museum Setting”

**Tuesday, April 16                      10:30- 12:00                      Theater, FRHM**

Session 1-E: *Approaches to Costuming for Living History*

Panelists: Ava Luther (New Mexico State University)

Annie Muirhead (New Mexico State University)

Andrea Severson (New Mexico State University)

**Lunch at the Farm and Ranch Museum                      Heritage Kitchens Area, FRHM**

Join us for a Spanish Colonial themed lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 outside in our Heritage Kitchens area. Enjoy tortillas, pinto beans, quesadillas, chile, atole, and biscochitos, all cooked over an open fire or in our horno (beehive oven), as you mingle with characters from 1776. Following lunch, various activities will take place throughout the Museum. Karl and Toni Laumbach will discuss their archaeological work in the Museum's new Cañada Alamosa exhibit. Our Curator of Livestock will present “Parade of Breeds” in the Museum's round pen. Fiber artists will demonstrate quilting, spinning and weaving. Dowsing presentations will take place in

our theatre and a cream-separation demonstration will highlight our dairy barn. Also, the Museum's living history performers will showcase various eras of New Mexico history.

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **SESSION 2**    **1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **2:00-3:30 p.m.**    **Theater, FRHM**

Session 2-A: *Looking Back on a Decade of Time Travels at NMSU*

Chair: Dr. Jon Hunner

Panelists: Leslie Bergloff (Magoffin Home, Texas)

Scott Green (Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, New Mexico)

Henry Ludwig (New Mexico State University)

Peter Freisen (Director of Education, Historic St. Mary's City)

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **2:00-3:30 p.m.**    **Ventanas Room #1, FRHM**

Session 2-B: *Bridging Cultural Divides: From Social Amnesia to Remember and Reconciling People and Places Workshop, Part One*

Panelists: Dr. Thom Allena (New Mexico)

Tammy Bormann (New Jersey)

Mary Ann Cortese (New Mexico)

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **2:00-3:30 p.m.**    **Ventanas Room #2, FRHM**

Session 2-C: *Place Histories and Cultural Crossroads*

Presenters: Cecile Franchetti (Italy)

“Venice - Otranto, Crossroads of Culture and People”

Charlotte Winters (University of Florida)

“Authenticity and Interpretation at World Heritage Sites: Presenting Cultural

Properties and History at French World Heritage Sites”

Bhavesh Kumar (India)

“Narrative Construction of History: Investigating Historical Pluralism in Suketu

Mehta's *Maximum City*”

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **3:30-3:45**    **COFFEE BREAK, FRHM**

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **SESSION 3**    **3:45-5:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 16**                      **4:00-5:15 p.m.**    **Phillips Chapel**

Session 3-A: *Field Trip to Phillips Chapel. Buses will pick you up in front of the Museum at 3:45 to take you to the Phillips Chapel and return you to your conference hotel afterward.*

Presenters: Dr. Beth O'Leary (New Mexico State University)

Terry Moody (NM Historic Preservation Division, New Mexico)

Clarence Fielder (New Mexico)





**Wednesday, April 17                    9:00- 10:00                    Ventanas Room, FRHM**

**Keynote Address: Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley** (New Mexico State University and former Chief Historian of the National Park Service)  
“Confronting Controversy in the U. S. National Parks”

**Wednesday, April 17                    10:00- 10:30                    COFFEE BREAK, FRHM**

**Wednesday, April 17                    SESSION 4                    10:30-12:00**

**Wednesday, April 17                    10:30- 12:00                    Theater, FRHM**

Session4-A: Historic Environment Education in South Africa

Presenters: Cape Nature (South Africa)

“Connecting people, connecting nature, connecting stories: Towards the development of a Landscape Education resource for the Western Cape, South Africa”

Radikobo Ntsimane (South Africa)

“Can Museums serve as symbols of Reconciliation: The Case of Mphomeni Eco-Museum in KwaZulu-Natal”

Bongane Mkhize (South Africa)

“Time Travels as a Vehicle for Reconciliation and how this tool can be Symbolically Utilised to Foster Synergies between Freedom Park and the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria, South Africa”

**Wednesday, April 17                    10:30- 12:00                    Ventanas Room #1, FRHM**

Session 4-B: *Water Wars in an Arid Land*

Presenters: Dr. David Holtby (University of New Mexico)

“Washed Away: San Marcial at the Crossroads of Place History and Memory Studies”

Dr. Alan “Mac” Watson (Santa Fe Water History Park and Museum, New Mexico)

“Water Flows Uphill Toward Money: Santa Fe’s New Water History Park and Museum”

Donatella Davanzo (New Mexico)

“Acqueia: Water and Cultural Identity in New Mexico”

**Wednesday, April 17                    10:30- 12:00                    Ventanas Room #2, FRHM**

Session 4-C: *Historic Environments in Finland and Sweden*

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Horodowich (New Mexico State University)

Presenters: Matias Norrgram (Finland)

Kalle Granberg (Finland)

Sten Karlsson (Sweden)

“Gentrification and local everyday culture – the Swedish experience”



**Wednesday, April 17**                      **3:00- 9:00 p.m.**    **Mesilla Excursion**  
*Field Trip to Mesilla. Buses will pick you up in front of the Museum at 3:00 to take you to Mesilla where there will be tours of the plaza, a Billy The Kid Time Travel, Taylor Monument, and shopping. Dinner at La Posta at 6:30. Buses will pick you up at the Plaza beginning at 8:00p.m. to take you to the conference hotels.*

**Thursday, April 18**

*Buses will pick you up in front of the conference hotels beginning at 7:45 to take you to the Museum.*

**Thursday, April 18**                      **8:00-12:00**    **NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum**  
**Registration**

Registration will take place in the lobby of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

**Thursday, April 18**                      **9:00- 10:00**    **Ventanas Room, FRHM**  
**Townhall Congress of Bridging Ages. Chair, Ebbe Westergren.**

**Thursday, April 18**                      **10:00- 10:30**    **COFFEE BREAK, FRHM**

**Thursday, April 18**                      **SESSION 6**    **10:30-12:00**

**Thursday, April 18**                      **10:30- 12:00**    **Theater, FRHM**

Session 6-A: *Time Traveling to 1912 in the Mesilla Valley*

Chair:        Dr. Jon Hunner

Presenter: Dr. Jon Hunner (New Mexico State University)

              Scott Green (Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum)

              Julie Wojtko (New Mexico State University)

              Ava Luther (New Mexico State University)

              Past and Present students from NMSU Time Travel class.

**Thursday, April 18**                      **12:00- 1:00**    **Lunch at FRHM**

**Thursday, April 18**                      **1:30-4:30**    **Ft. Selden State Monument**  
*Session 7-A: Time Travel to 1912 at Ft. Selden. Buses will pick you up in front of the Museum at 1:15 to take you to Fort Selden.*

**Thursday, April 18**                      **5:00- 08:00**    **Dinner at Ft. Selden**  
*Chuck Wagon dinner at Ft. Selden, Medicine Show by Flying Cloud Productions and Music by the Deming Fusiliers. Buses will return you from Fort Selden to the conference hotels at 8:00.*

## **Friday, April 19**

**Friday, April 19                      8:00- 8:00                      Excursion to White Sands National Monument**

**Buses will pick up those registered for the excursion in front of their conference hotels at 7:45 for the excursion.** We will go to White Sands National Monument, Three Rivers Petroglyph Park, and Lincoln, New Mexico. Lunch and Dinner Provided.