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The Legacy of New Mexico: Twenty-first Century Immigration and the Descendants of Seventeenth Century Indo-Hispanos

By Dr. L.M. García y Griego

May 8 (Friday) 2009, 4:00 pm
National Hispanic Cultural Center, Wells Fargo Auditorium
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The final lecture of this series examines the emergence of New Mexico's Latino-led "majority-minority" population in the broader context of U.S. history and racial politics. New Mexico has a large native Latino population with roots in the seventeenth century that lost most of its land base in the second half of the nineteenth century after the American conquest in 1848. The fastest-growing segment of the Latino population is made up of immigrants, most of them from Mexico. This presentation shows how the broad policy issues faced by New Mexico Latinos simultaneously track the challenges of Native Americans and those of recent newcomers in the nation's smaller urban centers. Dr. García y Griego analyzes past debates over New Mexico's weak connections to Mexico and Mexican identity; present-day attempts to galvanize Latino collective support for advancement; efforts since 2004 to establish community land grants as units of government under New Mexico state law and to introduce legislation in Congress to recover federal lands lost under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; and future opportunities and challenges for Mexican immigrant and native "hispano" leadership.

LM García y Griego is a native of New Mexico, descendant of founders of the Cañón de Carnué Land Grant, established in 1819. He received his B.A. from Princeton University, M.A. in Demography from El Colegio de México, and Ph.D. in history from UCLA. He held faculty appointments at U.T. Arlington, El Colegio de México, and the University of California, Irvine, before joining the UNM faculty in 2006. He is the founder of the New Mexico Land Grant Studies Program at UNM.

He has published widely on Mexican migration to the United States, U.S. immigration policy, U.S.-Mexican relations, and on New Mexico land grant issues. His most recent publications include "Beating Around the Bush: Symbolism and Substance in Contemporary Immigration Policy," in *Latino Immigration Policy: Context, Issues, Alternatives*, edited by José E. Cruz, 2007; "Dos tesis sobre seis décadas: la emigración hacia Estados Unidos y la política exterior Mexicana," in *En busca de una nación soberana: relaciones internacionales de México, siglos XIX y XX* (Mexico City: CIDE and Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, 2006); and *Researching Migration: Stories from the Field*, co-edited with Sherrie Kossoudji and Louis desipio (New York: SSRIC Books, 2007).

Dr. García y Griego has served as an expert witness on a number of cases, including *In re Children Litigation*, later consolidated with *Plyler v. Doe* 457 U.S. 202 and *In re Mexico Money Transfer Litigation* (2000). He has served as panelist in the U.S.-Mexico Bi-national Study (1996-97) and on the Social

Science Research Council International Migration Postdoctoral Fellowship Review Committee (1996-2002). More recently he organized a workshop on U.S.-Mexico border security at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Tijuana, B.C.) and presented at a forum on Mexican immigrant and Latino leadership networks at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington, D.C.).

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