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# UNM Law Connect

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## Student News



### Student Papers Published

3Ls Dharma Khalsa and Zacary Wilson-Fetrow recently had papers accepted for publication. Khalsa had “What’s in a Definition: Refugee Protection is Failing Folks Fleeing Climate Disaster in Bangladesh” published with Earth Refuge and “Such A Waste: The Environmental Justice Shortcomings of Modern Composting Programs” will be published in the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law (Spring 2021). Wilson-Fetrow’s “Meaningless Involvement: How Traditional Modes of Involvement Exclude Transgender People from Environmental Justice” will be published in UC Berkeley’s Ecology Law Quarterly.

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# Faculty News



**Professor Gabe Pacyniak** has put UNM Law on the national map for climate change advocacy. His NREL Clinic students have filed amicus briefs in the D.C. Circuit urging stronger climate protections. They are also making an impact locally through work with stakeholders to develop H.B. 206, the Utility Affordability and Relief Act, co-sponsored in the 2021 NM Legislative Session by UNM Law student Rep. Andrea Romero.

## Recent Faculty Publications:



**Professor Maryam Ahranjani**  
**School "Safety" Measures Jump Constitutional Guardrails** in the *Seattle University Law Review*, Vol. 44, No. 2, 2020  
**"Toughen Up, Buttercup" v. #TimesUp: Initial Findings of the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force** in the *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*, Vol. 25, No. 2, 2020



**Professor Reed Benson**  
**Water Resource Management: A Casebook in Law and Public Policy, 8th Edition**



**Professor Scott England**  
**"Default Culpability Requirements: The Model Penal Code and Beyond"** published in the *Oregon Law Review* 99 Ore. L. Rev. 43 (2020)



**Professor Vinay Harpalani**  
**"Trumping' Affirmative Action"** published in the *Villanova Law Review Tolle Lege*



**Professor Steven Homer**  
**"Hierarchies of Elitism and Gender: The Bluebook and The ALWD Guide"** in the *Pace Law Review*, Vol. 41, No. 1, 2020



**Professor Joshua Kastenberg**

**“Fears of Tyranny: The Fine Line Between Presidential Authority Over Military Discipline and Unlawful Command Influence Through the Lens of Military Legal History in the Era of Bergdahl”** in in The Hofstra Law Review



**Professor Mary Pareja**

**“California v. Texas: The Role of Congressional Procedure in Severability Doctrine”** in the Seton Hall Legislative Journal

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## Alumni News



**Alumnae Nancy Hollander & Teri Duncan featured in major motion picture The Mauritanian**

Nancy Hollander ('78) and Teri Duncan ('00), represented Mohamedou Ould Slahi, a Mauritanian national, who was detained for 14 years at Guantánamo Bay. He was never charged with a crime, although the U.S. government suspected him of involvement in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. This incredible story will soon come to the big screen in the feature motion-picture, The Mauritanian. The movie will be released in theaters on February 12, 2021 and will be available for streaming in March 2021. [Read here](#) for more information about the film and Hollander's and Duncan's work.



**Black History Month-Looking back at alumnus George Long's trailblazing impact on Civil Rights in ABQ**

George Long ('52), UNM Law's first African American graduate, was refused entrance at a popular night club while he was an undergraduate at UNM. The incident led to a student boycott of the club (which soon changed its policy) and the establishment of the first NAACP chapter at UNM. Long went on to help write what later became the Albuquerque Civil Rights Ordinance, which was enacted on Abraham Lincoln's birthday and 12 years before Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

## Recent Graduate Denali Wilson Receives Prestigious Soros Justice

Denali Wilson ('20) recently became the first UNM Law alumna to receive a Soros Justice Fellowship. These fellowships are given to outstanding individuals who will “undertake projects that advance reform, spur debate, and catalyze change on a range of issues facing the U.S. criminal justice system.” Her fellowship is hosted at the ACLU of New Mexico, where she will continue her work advocating for fair sentencing reform for people serving life sentences for crimes they committed as children. [Read here](#) for more information about Denali and her work.

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## Donor News

### 2014 graduates Rebekah Gallegos & Julio Romero establish scholarship

Alumni Rebekah Gallegos ('14) and Julio Romero ('14) recently established the Julio Romero & Rebekah Gallegos Scholarship at the Law School. Gallegos and Romero met while they were at UNM Law and have remained deeply connected to the school since graduating. Both have taught as adjunct professors and participated in multiple events. Their scholarship will be awarded to students who are the first in their family to attend law school. Our sincere thanks to the couple for providing this incredible opportunity for our students and for their commitment to our school!

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## Upcoming Events



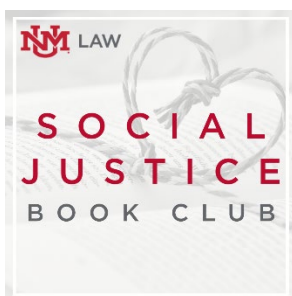
### **Free Immigration CLE**

**Friday, March 5**

**12-1 PM (MST)**

**Interviewing clients with trauma issues in the immigration context**

Register by emailing [Cheryl Burbank](#).



### **Social Justice Book Club**

**Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 PM**

**Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** by Isabel Wilkerson

To sign up for the Social Justice Book Club events, please email [Professor Elizabeth Elia](#).



Grab your favorite cocktail or mocktail and (re)connect with UNM Law alumni and friends in your area! There will be prize drawings & small breakout groups to catch up with or get to know each other.

**Denver Area Alumni & Friends Virtual Happy Hour**

Thursday, March 11

5:00-6:00 PM (MST)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Santa Fe Area Alumni & Friends Virtual Happy Hour**

Thursday, March 25

5:30-6:30 PM (MST)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Metro DC Area Alumni & Friends Virtual Happy Hour**

Thursday, April 22

6:00-7:00 PM (EST)

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