

# *35th Annual Conference Agenda*

## *September 27, 28, 29, 2024*

### *Theme: History in Our Own Backyard*

*Friday, Sept. 27, 2024—*

### *Presidents' Reception*

Pueblo Heritage Museum, 201 W. B St., 81003

Time 5:30—7:30 pm

Registration Inside—Meet and Greet, Registration

Greetings from Host Chapter FACC President Dan Romero

Greetings from GSHA President Patsy Vasquez

Refreshments & Tour: Light snacks and wine

Outdoor Conference Blessings—Grupo Xochilt Maya Danzantes

TOURS through Museum for all (included in cost)  
FACC Exhibit

Spanish Colonial dancing Virginia Ortiz and Ben Guerrero—Dance Professionals



Virginia Ortiz and Ben Guerrero from Colonial Spanish Dancing at El Rancho de Las Golondrinas, 334



*Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024—*

## *GSHA Annual Conference*

Colorado State University, 2200 Bonforte Blvd at Pueblo, Occhiato Student Center  
Parking on East side of Student Center

Coffee and pastry 7-9 am  
Vendors— Greet & Set up 7 am  
Exhibit Gallery Set up 7 am-6 pm

### **Registration 8-9 am, Foyer, Occhiato Student Center**

#### ***Morning Schedule***

#### *Early Bird Sessions*

8-8:30 am, Lower Level, Tundra Rm      Beginning Genealogy I with Phyllis Miranda—  
“Genealogy Basics in 30 Minutes”—“A quick overview to help attendees get started with  
their family history research, including how and where to find ancestors using popular  
genealogy websites, tips on organization, types of genealogical records, and as much  
as we can fit into 30 minutes!”

8-8:30 am, Lower Level, Great Plains Rm.      Beginning Genealogy II with Charlene  
Garcia Simms— “A Week Has 7 days and SOMEDAY Isn’t One of Them”—She will talk  
about how to organize your genealogy “Stuff” today, not someday, so one day your  
children don’t have to decide what stays and what goes and they don’t have to toss  
precious “Stuff” out like an old shoe.

8:45    Ballroom, Morning Greeting CSUP Armando Valdez, President,  
Overview—Master of Ceremonies: Frank Dominguez

9-10 am **Keynote Nicholas Saenz, Ph.D.**—“Implications of 1779 Battle Between  
Cuerno Verde and Juan Bautista de Anza”

**Description:** "In 1779, Spanish Governor of New Mexico Juan Bautista de Anza and  
Comanche leader Cuerno Verde were two of the central participants in a fateful  
encounter between Spaniards, Comanches, Pueblos, Utes, and Jicarilla Apaches near  
the site of modern Pueblo. Why does their struggle matter for genealogists today? This  
talk will take a long view towards appreciating the significance of their encounter for  
what it may yield to genealogists active today."

10-10:30 Break with Vendors

10:30-11:30 **Derek LeFebre, Ph.D.**— The Politics of Hispano Education and the Struggle for Land in Northern New Mexico, 1846-1919.

**Description:** In this presentation, I will discuss how Hispano education evolved in relation to the struggle for land and water in northern New Mexico. I will emphasize how Hispanos used their land and political power to establish and develop schools in their communities. Finally, I will discuss how Hispana/o educators crafted a schooling experience where students learned how to read and write their native Spanish language, how to survive in their changing society, and how to govern their homeland.

11:30-12 Break with Vendors

12-1 Lunch on your own—On Campus—Cafeteria Brunch 10:30 am- 1 pm 20% off  
off-campus—ThunderBowl or Tacos

1:15 Session I—Deborah Espinosa—Teresita Sandoval: What Her Life Reveals to Us.

Session II—Virginia Sanchez Ballroom— "Enslavement in Colorado's Southern Counties"

She will discuss the 1865 enslavement censuses prepared by Conejos Indian Agent Lafayette Head and her additional research on enslavement. Her chapter, "Survival of Captivity," appears in the book, *Nación Genízara: Ethnogenesis: Place, and Identity in New Mexico* (University of NM Press 2019).

2:15 pm Break with Vendors

2:30 pm Ballroom: Greg Liverman, Ph.D.— What's New in Genetic Genealogy?  
Review of the latest developments in DNA testing for genealogy from the major testing companies, new tools offered by independent developers, and the latest science on using DNA test results to solve genealogical problems. The lecture will start with a brief refresher on what we can learn from DNA testing, the types of tests, types of reports and surprises that can happen. Some familiarity with DNA testing and analysis of the reports for genealogy is assumed. It is best if you have tested with at least one company.

3:30-4:30 pm Annual Meeting, Patsy Vasquez, President

4:30-6 pm Dress for Dinner, Photos at Fountain

5:30 Dress Like Your Ancestors Parade at the Fountain—Kathy Pacheco

6 pm Dinner and Entertainers—Mariachi Lobo

Dinner speaker—Angel Vigil Chautauqua Storyteller— ***Stories from the Homeland/ Cuentos de Aztlan.***