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1. POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR Christine Sierra has launched a three-year study on the role of gender and race as it relates to elected officials in the United States. The first of its kind study is funded by a \$680,000 Ford Foundation grant. The project is a comprehensive examination of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of America's increasingly diverse elected leadership at local, state and national levels.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-07sierra.htm>

2. MORE THAN 100 UNM students are listed in the 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Campus nominating committees chose the students on the basis of leadership and community involvement.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-05whoswho.htm>

3. UNM GRADUATE PROGRAMS in engineering, fine arts, law and medicine are ranked among the best in the nation in the April 5 issue of U.S. News & World Report. The listing of America's best graduate schools for 2005 includes eight UNM programs. For the first time, a specialty program in the UNM School of Engineering is included in the top 50 rankings. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-06rankings.htm>

4. FOUR CANDIDATES HAVE been selected as finalists for the UNM Art Museum director position. They are: Linda W. Bahm, interim director, UNM Museum; Kathleen Stewart Howe, interim associate director, UNM Art Museum; Marianne Lorenz, executive director, Las Vegas (Nevada) Art Museum; and Peter S. Briggs, chief curator, University of Arizona Museum of Art. The public is invited to attend the open forums for the candidates on the day of their campus visits from 3-3:45 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-03-31finalists.htm>

5. SEVENTEEN INDIVIDUALS were honored at the 15th annual Provost's Outstanding Staff awards reception held today. Outstanding individual staff awardees were: Sarah Dilmore, Economics; B. Sue Garley, Speech and Hearing Sciences; and Jerry Pilkinton, Physical Plant. The outstanding workgroup honored was the UNM Art Museum team including: Tyler Anderson, Linda Bahm, Kelvin Beliele, Michael Certo, Kathleen Howe, Kathryn Guscott, Chris Jones, Ursula Mines, Sarah Otto-Diniz, Lee Savary, Shelley Simms, Laura Downey Staneff, Bonnie Verardo and Chip Ware.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-07Provostawards.htm>

6. MELISSA BOKOVOY, regents' lecturer and associate professor of history, has been selected to present the annual Sned-Wertheim Endowed Lecture, Tuesday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the History Department Commons Room in Mesa Vista Hall. Bokovoy's lecture, "The Politics of Commemoration: Memory and Mourning in Serbia and Croatia, 1918-1941," has cross-disciplinary appeal, a goal of the selection committee comprised of faculty from history and anthropology. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-02bokovoy.htm>

7. THE HONORABLE PATRICIA MCGOWAN WALD, member of the Iraq Intelligence Commission, an independent panel “investigating U.S. intelligence surrounding the United States 2003 invasion of Iraq and Iraq's weapons of mass destruction” will give the Order of the Coif lecture at the School of Law on Thursday, April 8, at 5 p.m. in room 2401. Her talk “Differences in Judging – At Home and Abroad” is free to the public. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-01wald.htm>

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