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Nomination Process

The Honorary Degree Committee, a subcommittee of the Senate Graduate Committee, is charged with the solicitation of nominations for honorary degree recipients. On behalf of the Committee, the Office of the Secretary is requesting nominations for honorary degrees for "those persons who have contributed significantly to the cultural or scientific development of the Southwest, or to the spiritual or material welfare of its people. At the same time, due regard should be paid to eminent individuals and scholars whose contributions are of general significance and transcend geographic limitations." A successful nominee must have an exemplary record of academic or public accomplishment in keeping with the University's standards or rigor, quality and significance.

Nominators are requested to submit a letter stating in sufficient detail their reasons for the nominations. Materials should accompany the letters to include, but not limited to, biographical information, a record of accomplishment, and supporting letters from those who can speak to that record. Because the selection committee must choose between illustrious and notable nominees, please provide as complete a nomination as soon as possible.

Policy for Awarding Honorary Degrees

The University of New Mexico wishes to recognize and thereby encourage individuals by awarding special honors to those persons who have contributed significantly to the cultural or scientific development of the Southwest, or to the spiritual or material welfare of its people. At the same time, due regard should be paid to eminent individuals and scholars whose contributions are of general significance and transcend geographic limitations. In no case should a passing courtesy to the University of New Mexico, such as the delivery of a commencement address, be the sole or principal cause for such honorary awards. The award of an honorary degree to a person seeking or holding a political office does not indicate endorsement by the University of New Mexico. Political involvement should not prevent selection of an individual for an honorary degree.
It is not the University’s policy to award honorary degrees to active members of the faculty, staff, or administration. This does not preclude, in an exceptional case, the awarding of an honorary degree to an emeritus member of the faculty or to a former employee whose stature remains or becomes eminent in the years following active service with the University. In such exceptions, sufficient time shall have elapsed to ensure objectivity in the process of selection.

Honorary degrees will be awarded only upon the approval of the Regents, based on recommendations from the Honorary Degree Committee, whose membership is set out in the Faculty Handbook.

Approved, Faculty 10/21/51
Approved, Regents 03/10/52
Amended, 12/17/83
Amended, 02/23/87
Amended, 1/14/89
Amended, 5/12/92
Amended and Approved, Regents 11/14/96

PAST HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

- 2008 Eugenie Scott, Sc. D., Scientific Advocate
- 2007 Vicente T. Ximenes, L.H.D., Civil Rights Leader
- 2007 Larry J. Gordon, L.H.D., Leader in Environmental and Public Health
- 2007 Frank I. Sanchez, L.H.D., Community Activist and Public Service in New Mexico and the Southwest
- 2006 Manuel Lujan, Jr., L.H.D., Political Figure and Lobbyist
- 2006 John Perovich, L.H.D., Philanthropist and Former President of the University of New Mexico
- 2006 Wilhelmina Phone, Litt.D., Linguist and Teacher
- 2005 David Brugge, Litt.D., Anthropologist, Curator, Researcher, and Author
- 2005 Leslie Marmon Silko, Litt.D., Author and Poet
- 2005 Ricardo Montalbán, L.H.D., Humanitarian and Actor (Note: Montalbán was approved for the honorary degree by Faculty and Regents but was not present to accept.)
- 2004 Denise Chavez, Litt.D., Writer, Actress, Director, Teacher
- 2004 Edward Lewis, L.H.D., Co-founder, Publisher, Chairman and CEO Essence Communications
- 2004 Stewart Udall, LL.D., Political Figure, Activist and Scholar of Culture and History of American SW
- 2003 Jimmy Santiago Baca, Litt.D., Poet
- 2003 Klaus Kell, D.Sc., Scientist and Author
- 2002 Simon J. Ortiz, Litt.D., Author and Poet
- 2002 Angela Vachio, L.H.D., Founder of a Therapeutic Preschool
- 2001 N. Scott Momaday, Litt.D., Author
- 2000 John Nichols, Litt.D., Author
- 1999 Sabine R. Ulibarri, Litt.D., Author
- 1998 Bill Richardson, LL.D., United States Ambassador
- 1997 Angel Gonzalez, Litt.D., Spanish Poet, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico
- 1997 Leslie Marmon Silko, Litt.D., Author, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico
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- 1994 Leslie Marmon Silko, Litt.D., Author
- 1994 Leslie Marmon Silko, Litt.D., Author
1996 Rudolfo Anaya, LL.D., Author, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico
1996 Leonora Curtin Paloheimeo, L.H.D., Linguist, Writer, Painter
1996 George Clayton Pearl, D.F.A., Architect
1996 None awarded (Note Agnes Martin, Artist, was approved by Faculty and Regents for Honorary D.F.A. Degree. She declined the degree. She also declined in 1981.)
1994 Henry Roth, LL.D., Author
1993 Robert Creeley, L.H.D., Poet
1993 Ferrel Heady, LL.D., Educator and Former President of the University of New Mexico
1992 Andrew S. Ciechanowiecki, L.H.D., Philanthropist
1991 Anne Naggle, D.F.A., Photographer
1990 Carl Gorman, L.H.D., Navajo Artist
1990 Tony Hillerman, LL.D., Author
1990 Alberto Szekely, LLD., Mexican Ambassador
1990 Raul Alfonso, Sc.D., Physicist
1990 George Kubler, L.H.D., Historian (Art of Latin America)
1989 Florence Ellis, L.H.D., Anthropologist
1988 Stephen Reynolds, LL.D., State Engineer
1987 Eliot Porter, D.F.A., Photographer
1986 Frank V. Ortiz, LL.D., U.S. Ambassador to Argentina
1986 John Donald Robb, D.Mus., Dean Emeritus of Fine Arts
1986 Charles Tomlinson, LL.D., British Poet
1985 Richard Diesenborn, D.F.A., Artist
1985 Raul Alfonsin, LL.D., President of Argentina
1985 Anne Dodge Wauneka, L.H.D., Native American (Navajo) Civic Leader
1984 Gordon Randolph Willey, L.H.D., Industrialist
1984 David Tomney Kimbali, L.H.D., Industrialist
1983 Peter V. Domenici, LL.D., U.S. Senator
1982 Frank Angel, Jr., L.H.D., Educator
1981 Lee Enisman, L.H.D., President, Ohio State University
1981 Caswell Silver, Sc.D., Geologist
1981 John Lewis, D.Mus., Founder of the Modern Jazz Quartet
1980 Morgan Sparks, Sc.D., President, Sandia Corporation
1980 Chester C. Travelstead, L.H.D., Provost Emeritus, University of New Mexico
1979 Arturo Ortega, LLD., Attorney, Past University of New Mexico Regent (President)
1979 Louis Rosen, Sc.D., Physicist
1979 Kurt Frederick, D.Mus., Musician
1978 Cecil Andrus, LL.D., U.S. Secretary of the Interior
1978 Cesar Sepulveda, LLD., Ambassador at Large of Mexico
1978 Pakola Velarde, LL.D., Artist
1978 Frank Waters, Litt.D., Author
1977 Theodore Cooper, Sc.D., U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health
1977 Glenn L. Emmens, LLD., Banker, Civic Leader, University of New Mexico Alumnus and Former Regent of University of New Mexico
1976 Roland C. Rautenstraus, LLD., President, University of Colorado, Engineer
1976 Peter Hurt, L.H.D., Artist
1974 Fray Angelico Chavez, L.H.D., Historian, Poet and Former Missionary
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<td>Clayton S. White, Sc.D.</td>
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<td>Shirley Mount Hufstedler, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>France Vinton Scholes, L.H.D.</td>
<td>Professor Emeritus, History; Former Academic Vice President and Dean of Graduate School at UNM</td>
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<td>Ignacio Tinoco, Jr., Sc.D.</td>
<td>Professor of Chemistry, University of California at Berkeley</td>
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<td>Howard B. Bratton, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Raymond Jonson, L.H.D.</td>
<td>Artist; Professor Emeritus, Art</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>Laura Gilpin, L.H.D.</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>Robert G. Gustavson, L.L.D.</td>
<td>Scientist; Former President, University of Colorado; First President, Resources for the Future</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>William Morgan, Sr., Litt.D.</td>
<td>Navajo Linguist</td>
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<td>1969</td>
<td>Tom L. Popejoy, L.L.D.</td>
<td>UNM President, 1948-68</td>
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<td>Robert W. Young, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Brian Blanchard, L.H.D.</td>
<td>Philosopher</td>
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<td>Guito Plaza Lasso, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Frederick C. Robbins, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>Ramon Sender, Litt.D.</td>
<td>Author, Teacher</td>
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<td>William A. Keleher, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>H. Vearle Payne, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>John O’Hea Crosby, Litt.D.</td>
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<td>John Wainwright Evans, Sc.D.</td>
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<td>Jorge Isidoro Sanchez y Sanchez, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Ward Danley, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Roman Jakobson, Sc.D.</td>
<td>Linguist, Literary Historian, Teacher</td>
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<td>Palmer Hoyt, Litt.D.</td>
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<td>Ernst Krenek, D.F.A.</td>
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<td>Rene d’Harnoncourt, D.F.A.</td>
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<td>Hugh Beistle Woodward, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Georgia O’Keefe, D.F.A.</td>
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<td>Richard Buckminster Fuller, D.F.A.</td>
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<td>Henry Merritt Wriston, L.L.D.</td>
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<td>Paul Horgan, Litt.D.</td>
<td>Author (Middletown, Conn. And Santa Fe)</td>
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<td>1962</td>
<td>Winfield Townley Scott, Litt.D.</td>
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<td>Walter Byrner, Litt.D.</td>
<td>Poet (Santa Fe) (degree awarded in absentia)</td>
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1962 Horace Marden Albright, LL.D., Conservationist, Corporation Consultant (U.S. Potash, Los Angeles)
1961 Joseph Wood Krutch, Litt.D., Author (Tucson, Arizona)
1961 Clara Brignac Gonzales, L.H.D., Reservation Principal, Zuni Pueblo
1960 Arthur Newton Park, LLD., President, Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Foundation
1960 Rosser Lynn Malone, LLD., Attorney (Roswell), Immediate Past President, American Bar Assn.
1959 Emil Walter Haury, LL.D., Archaeologist, Chairman, Department of Anthropology and Director, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona
1958 Carl Michael Richter, Lit.D., Author (Pine Grove, Pennsylvania)
1958 Andrew Dasburg, D.F.A., Artist (Taos)
1958 Harriet Silliman Cosgrove, Sc.D., Archaeologist (Albuquerque)
1957 Frank Harold Hanna Roberts, Jr., L.L.D., Archaeologist (Associate Director, Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.)
1957 James Webb Young, L.L.D., Advertising Consultant (Santa Fe)
1956 Thomas Sydney Bell, L.L.D., Attorney, Lumberman, Businessman, Scholar, and Botanist (Pasadena, California)
1956 Howard Riley Raper, D.D.S., L.L.D., Radiodontist, Specialist in Dental X-rays and Diagnostics (Albuquerque, NM)
1956 John Milm, L.L.D., Educator, Superintendent of Schools (Albuquerque, NM)
1955 Francis Ferguson, Lit.D., Literary Critic, Professor, Department of Comparative Literature Rutgers University
1955 Paul Alfred Francis Walter, L.L.D., Banker, Author (Santa Fe)
1955 Judson Eugene Owens, L.L.D., Tax Agent of Santa Fe Railroad
1954 George Gaylord Simpson, Sc.D., Geologist, American Museum of Natural History
1954 George Peter Hammond, L.L.D., Professor of History and Director of the Bancroft Library, University of California
1954 Harper Collins Donaldson, L.L.D., Former Superintendent of Menaul School
1954 Sam Gilbert Bratton, L.L.D., Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th District
1953 Myrtle Cosgrove, Sc.D., Director, N.M. Public Health Laboratory
1953 Ross Calvin, L.L.D., Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Scholar and Author (Clovis, NM)
1953 Norris Edwin Bradbury, L.L.D., Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
1952 Father Berard Haile, O.F.M., LL.D., Research on Navajo Ceremonialism and Linguistics
1952 James Stokley Ligon, L.L.D., New Mexico Game Department, formerly Regional Inspector for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1952 Kenneth Milton Chapman, L.H.D., Professor Emeritus of Indian Art, University of New Mexico
1951 George Boas, L.L.D., Professor, History of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University
1950 Harold Walter Stokoe, L.L.D., President, Louisiana State University
1949 Clyde Kay Maben Kluckhohn, L.H.D., Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University and Director, Russian Research Center, Harvard
1948 J. Anton de Haas', LL.D., Professor of International Relationships, Claremont Men's College
1947 Clarence Addisson Dykstra, L.L.D., Provost, University of California, Los Angeles
1947 J. Robert Oppenheimer, Sc.D., Professor of Physics, University of California Institute of Technology (Director, Institute for Advanced Study since October 1947)
1947 Kirk Bryan, Sc.D., Professor Physiography, Harvard
• 1947 Ernest L. Blumenschein, M.F.A., Painter (Awarded several $1,000 prizes)
• 1947 Fray Angelico Chavez, M.A., Research in Early New Mexico History (Author)
• 1946 Robert L. Stearns, LL.D., President, University of Colorado
• 1946 Vicente Teodulo Mendoza, M.Mus., Mexican Musician and Educator (Music)
• 1946 Earl Lake Moulton, M.A., President and General Manager, Charles Ilfeld Co.
• 1946 William Alloysius Keleher, M.A., Lawyer and Author
• 1946 Howard Landis Bevis, LL.D., President, Ohio State University
• 1945 None awarded
• 1944 Ernest T. Pyle, Litt.D., Scripps-Howard War Correspondent
• 1944 Alfonso Caso y Andrade, Sc.D., Mexican Lawyer and Archaeology Professor
• 1944 Jaime Torres Bodet, Litt.D., Minister of Public Education, Mexico
• 1944 Pablo Martinez del Rio, Litt.D., Mexican Historian and Educator
• 1944 Alexander Grant Ruthven, LL.D., President, University of Michigan
• 1944 Francisco Villagran Prado, LL.D., Rector National University, Mexico
• 1944 Rufus B. von Kleinsmid, LL.D., President, University of Southern California
• 1944 Alexander Grant Ruthven, Litt.D., Professor and Executive Officer, Department of
Geology, Columbia University
• 1944 Joaquin Ortega, Litt.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Spanish and
Portuguese, University of Wisconsin
• 1944 James Ross McCollum, LL.D., Albuquerque Elementary School Principal
Investigator of School Financial Problems
• 1941 Robert Lincoln Kelly, Litt.D., Emeritus Executive Officer, Association of American
Colleges (former President)
• 1940 Robert Gordon Sproul, Litt.D., President, University of California
• 1939 Harry Llewellyn Kent, Litt.D., Director, Administrative Research, Texas Technical
College
• 1939 Harold L. Ickes, LL.D., Secretary of the Interior
• 1938 Rufus B. von Kleinsmid, LL.D., President, University of Southern California
• 1937 Herbert E. Bolton, LL.D., Chairman, Department of History, University of California
• 1936 Robert MacDonald Lester, LL.D., Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation
• 1935 Rexford G. Tugwell, Litt.D., Under Secretary of Agriculture
• 1934 Frederick Webb Hodge, LL.D., Director, Southwest Museum, Los Angeles,
Ethnologist (Excavated One of the Seven Cities of Cibola)
• 1934 Alfred Vincent Kidder, Litt.D., Archaeologist (Excavated Pecos, NM)
• 1934 Edgar Lee Hewett, L.H.D., Director, School of American Research and Head
Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, UNM
• 1934 Aurelio Macedoia Espinosa y Martinez, L.L.D., Professor and Head of Department
Romance Languages, Stanford University
• 1933 Mary Austin, L.L.D., Author
• 1933 Florence M. Bailey, L.L.D., Author
• 1932 None awarded
• 1931 Herman G. James, L.L.D., President, University of South Dakota
• 1930 Thomas Reed Powell, Doctor of Civil Law, Langdell Professor of Law, Harvard
University
• 1929 Clarence Cook Little, L.L.D., President, University of Michigan
• 1928 Ray Lyman Wilbur, L.L.D., President, Stanford University
• 1927 Charles E. Hodgin, L.L.D., Retired 1926 as Vice President, UNM
• 1927 David Ross Boyd, L.L.D., President, UNM 1912-19
• 1926 John C. Futrell, LL.D., President, University of Arkansas
• 1925 William A. Pusey, LL.D., Professor Emeritus (Dermatology, Chicago) from 1915 on. Honored in five foreign countries, early leader in fight against syphilis, campaigned for safe birth control in 1925. President, American Medical Association, 1924.
• 1924 John J. Tigert, LL.D., U.S. Commissioner of Education