

## News Release

Professor Emeritus A. J. Meek of the School of Art (Photography) has been selected as the Garrey Carruthers Distinguished Chair in the Honors Program at the University of New Mexico for the next academic year.

*\*The University Honors Program received a \$1 million gift from the Burlington Resources Foundation. The purpose of the gift was to establish a Garrey Carruthers Chair in Honors. Over the years, the UHP has attracted many distinguished scholars who have resided in the Honors Program either for one semester or for an academic year. The intent of the Chair was to bring outstanding scholars to the University of New Mexico to benefit the Honors Program, as well as the entire campus.*

*The Honors Program has made a conscientious effort to bring to campus persons from various disciplines. We look for scholars who have "proven" themselves through activities and accomplishments in their respective fields; bring some degree of honor and visibility to UNM and the UHP; and who can serve as liaisons between the Honors Program and other departments and colleges on campus. These scholars are expected to teach in Honors but may also teach a course in a department that fits with their field. They are also expected to give a public lecture and be generally available to students and faculty. We see these scholars as a means of bringing new, different, innovative, and exciting ideas to campus.*

*Since its establishment, the Garrey Carruthers Chair has been occupied by scholars across many disciplines:*

*Cornel West (1993), African American & Religious Studies; Johnella Butler (1993), Ethnic Studies; David Palmer (1993), Political Science; Morris Berman (1994-95), History of Science; Franklyn Haiman (1995), Communication--1st Amendment; Michael Tobias (1996), Documentary Filmmaker, Ecologist; Emmanuel Obiechina (1996), African American Culture & Literature; Lloyd Dumas (1997), Economics, Peace Science; Sally Harrison-Pepper (1998-99), Performing Arts; Pat Mora (1999), Author; David Morris (2000), Literature, Culture of Pain; Peter Shive (2001-01), Geophysics; David Morris (2001), Literature, Culture of Pain; John Wunder (2002), History; Eileen Meehan (2002-03), Media Arts; Arturo Madrid (2004), Chicano/Hispano History & Literature; Len Zane (2005), Physics; Sam Schuman (2006-07), Literature; Jack Matson (2008), Engineering.*

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