

“On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors, Forging Our Legacy for the Future”

December theme: “Feliz Navidad” | Jose Feliciano | (1970)

December Dates

- **December 1** = World AIDS Day
- **December 7** = Hanukkah begins
- **December 25** = Christmas Day
- **December 26** = Kwanzaa begins
- **December 31** = New Year's Eve

Have You Registered?

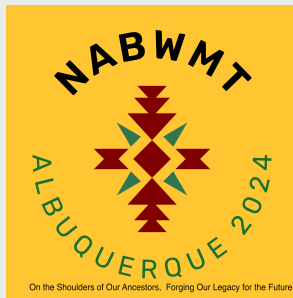
Registration for our 43rd NABWMT Convention, to be held in Albuquerque, NM, the first week of July 2024, is \$225; you can register here:

<https://www.nabwmt.org/2024-convention-registration/>

Registration will increase to \$275 on February 1st. Consider giving a registration as a holiday gift.

HOTEL: We encourage you to join the Hilton Honors program if you are not already a member, because the first guest is comped, meaning two people for the single \$121 rate. We recommend making **hotel reservations** as soon as possible here:

<https://www.nabwmt.org/hotel-andaluz-albuquerque-hilton/>



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Demographics and Historic Perspectives in NM and ABQ

New Mexico and Albuquerque offer different and important perspectives from which to look at our organization's anti-racism work. What is now New Mexico was part of Mexico until the 1848 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to end the Mexican-American War. The US paid Mexico \$15,000,000 (\$584,000,000+ in 2023 dollars) for Mexican Cession land. [Search “Mexican Cession” for more details.]

Considering this history, New Mexico's demographics (with a population of 2,113,344) are not surprising:

- 50.2% Hispanic or Latino
- 11.2% American Indian or Alaska Native alone
- 2.7% Black or African American alone
- 35.7 % White alone (not Hispanic or Latino)
- ABQ's demographics (with a population of 561,008) are somewhat different but similar.
- see full US Census Bureau estimates dated July 1, 2022.

Our convention planning team is making efforts to establish personal connections in the ABQ area, and to bring local perspectives into our convention programming. To that end, five of our seven CPC members were able to spend several days networking in ABQ during the Nov. 8-15 time period, in conjunction with the NA's annual in-person fall Board meeting Nov. 11-12 at Hotel Andaluz.

Reading Spotlight

The Rediscovery of America, by Ned Blackhawk (Shoshone), Professor, History & American Studies, Yale University

Blackhawk teaches at Yale and has written a very scholarly, but readable account of US history told from the viewpoint of the Indians. The book was winner of the 2023 National Book Award for Nonfiction. I have rarely read a book that made me simply stop and think over and over. I taught US History for years — I wish I had access to this book many years ago. Not an easy read, but well worth the effort. If interested in pursuing the plight of the Indians a little further, I highly recommend this book.

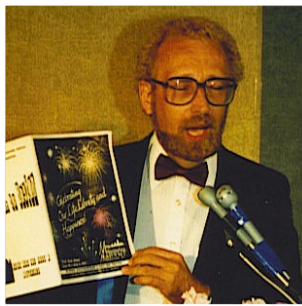
— from Larry O'Donnell, Sage Singers, Denver's chorus for LGBTQ+ elders
— use this link for an interview with the author, Ned Blackhawk:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post-live/2023/04/27/ned-blackhawk-rediscovery-america/>



Ancestor: Del Pascavis

Delbert E. Pascavis (1931-1985) was an active member of BWMT Milwaukee. He attended four NABWMT conventions, including 1985 in Los Angeles, where he was a primary organizer of our first ever Memorial Service to commemorate our members we had lost to HIV/AIDS in the earliest years of the pandemic. Shortly after his return to Milwaukee, Del was murdered. The Midland Region of BWMT created a "Del Pascavis Spirit Award," which was given annually for many years, because Del's energy and spirit had been infectious to all who met him.



Ancestor: Alyn Hess

Born in 1939, **Alyn W. Hess** was a co-founder of BWMT Milwaukee. He served on the NA board and was the 3rd recipient of NABWMT's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1988. He was involved in all aspects of his chapter and in local community organizing, especially in the Gay People's Union, which he cofounded and where he held top leadership positions. Alyn died of AIDS-related complications Mar. 31, 1989. [Read a longer bio here:](https://archive.wisgbthistory.com/people/peo-h/hess_alyn.htm)

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Editor Tim's note: In my personal BWMT archival papers, I have more one-on-one communications with Alyn than any other member nationally. He was relentless in his grassroots activism.

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

(this month's featured Albuquerque nonprofit)

The **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** (IPCC) bills itself as "Gateway to the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico," and it is a treasure! Visitors experience inspirational exhibits and events that are fun and educational, while advancing understanding of the Pueblo people of New Mexico. This museum has 4,500+ objects in its permanent collection, 5,000+ titles in its library, 6,500+ photographs in its archives, and it features 20+ Pueblo artist-created murals on its ABQ campus. The Indian Pueblo Kitchen is outstanding for Native cuisine, and there is a nice Indian Pueblo Store.

We are looking at a variety of options to make IPCC a part of our 2024 convention programming, so stay tuned for details next year.



CPC Team Member First-Person Spotlight #4

by Mack Scott-Baron (NA Co-Chair, 2011-2013)

Mack Scott-Baron was born in 1957 in San Diego, CA, where he lived until 1963, when he relocated to Los Angeles. In 1968 at the age of 11, he moved back to the city of his birth after discovering a love of soccer. In the subsequent years, he also developed a love of tennis. In high school Mack was able to play both soccer and tennis on the varsity teams.

It was 1975 when Mack went back to Los Angeles to further his education. He spent one year at a tuition-free community college before transferring to university, and in 1981, Mack received both a Bachelor's Degree as well as a Lifetime CA Teaching Credential. He returned to university in 2012 to get a SPED Credential with specialization in Autism Spectrum. He spent the years 1982- 2021 teaching elementary school for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

In 1999, Mack met his soulmate and life partner Ken. In 2003, the two founded a thriving and still active chapter of NABWMT — Black and White Men Together Southern California, which reached its 20th anniversary on November 25, 2023.



Mack Scott-Baron with his beloved cat Harmony, who passed a few years ago. — photo from Mack

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We are excited to welcome you to the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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Bringing a “Personal Touch” to NABWMT

Mack Scott-Baron has been busy telephoning dozens of attendees of past NABWMT conventions, 2024 registrants, and other NA members — inviting them to attend our convention, to consider coming early to participate in some of the auxiliary activities that we’ll be planning for pre-convention, and to ask for any suggestions from those already registered for ABQ next summer. This gives a **personal touch** to our event and to our organization. Given the extreme isolation created by the COVID pandemic in 2020-21, Mack’s personal phone calls have been very well received. This personal touch reinforces the feeling for many of us that “NABWMT is family.”

Mack has also arranged for a **Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride on Tues., July 2, 2024**. The \$179 cost will include free shuttle to and from Hotel Andaluz, a certificate of participation, and free champagne after the ride. Details and instructions to sign up will be featured in our January convention newsletter.