

**Collections in Context: Taos**  
**MSST 429/529**

**Syllabus**

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**Course Time/Place:**

Selected Thursdays, 4-5:30 in the Waters Room 105, Center for Southwest Research, Zimmerman Library and on-site field work in Taos, NM May17-21.

**Course Credit:** 3 hours

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to introduce students to contemporary historic site research/collections management/documentation/interpretation, by providing students with the opportunity to engage in both preparatory class time and on-site activities at the Center for Southwest Research, UNM, Albuquerque, NM; DH Lawrence Ranch site Taos, NM; the Harwood Museum Taos, NM; and the UNM Taos' Southwest Research Center Taos, NM. Class sessions will combine lecture, discussion, hands-on exercises, field trips, and on-site fieldwork. The goal of this course is to help students understand management and documentation of an historic site and its collections by providing contextual background and practical field experiences.

**Graded Course Assignments/Activities**

**Grading**

Attendance in class:	10%
Reading's reflection 1:	10%
Reading's reflection 2:	10%
Field trip to Taos, NM and all visits and site work	70%

**Policies**

**Attendance Policy:**

Regular and punctual attendance is required. UNM *Pathfinder* policies apply, which in part means instructor drops based on non-attendance are possible. This policy applies regardless of the grading option you have chosen.

Attendance is very important in this course. Please notify me by e mail, if you will not be attending class. You are responsible for making up all missed material.

#### Academic Integrity:

The University of New Mexico believes that academic honesty is a foundation principle for personal and academic development. All University policies regarding academic honesty apply to this course. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating or copying, plagiarism (claiming credit for the words or works of another from any type of source such as print, Internet or electronic database, or failing to cite the source), fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students. The University's full statement on academic honesty and the consequences for failure to comply is available in the college catalog and in the *Pathfinder*.

#### Access for Students with Disabilities:

Accessibility Services (Mesa Vista Hall 2021, 277-3506) provides academic support to students who have disabilities. If you think you need alternative accessible formats for undertaking and completing coursework, you should contact this service right away to assure your needs are met in a timely manner. If you need local assistance in contacting Accessibility Services, see the Bachelor and Graduate Programs office.

Qualified students with disabilities needing academic adjustments should also contact the instructor as soon as possible to ensure your needs are met in a timely manner and through the proper channels.

Cell Phones and Technology: As a matter of courtesy, please turn off cell phones, pagers, and other communication and entertainment devices prior to the beginning of class. Notify me in advance if you are monitoring an emergency, for which cell phone ringers should be switched to vibrate.

Library and Tutorial Services: UNM-Main campus provides many library services and some tutorial services for distance students. For library services, go to <http://www.unm.edu/libraries/> to link to a specific library or to contact a librarian. For tutorial services, go to <http://caps.unm.edu/online> to explore UNM's online services.

Extensions/Incompletes: Late projects or incompletes will only be given in extreme cases, such as a prolonged illness or a death in the family. Student must provide appropriate written documentation

Title IX Policy: In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered "responsible employees" by the Department of Education (see pg 15 -<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf>).

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## Schedule

Thursday, March 30 2017, Waters room, 4-5:30 pm. - Introductory meeting to discuss/confirm scheduling.

Thursday, April 13 2017, Waters Room, 4-5:30 pm. –DH Lawrence Ranch background archival material. Handout: National Register of Historic Places nomination of site, please review for in class discussion.

Thursday, April 27 2017, Waters Room, 4-5:30 pm. – Further background DH Lawrence and DHL Ranch/Taos. Handout of DH Lawrence readings and assignment of reflection papers 1, 2.

Thursday, May 4 2017, Waters Room, 4-5:30 pm. –Reflection paper 1 due. No in-person class.

Thursday, May 11 2017, Waters Room, 4-5:30 pm. –Reflection paper 2 due. Assignment of on-site tasks and discussion of preparations

### Taos Field Work

Wednesday, May 17- drive to Taos, early lunch on your own in Santa Fe, UNM Taos tour of site and library, Visit to the Southwest Research Center (at UNM Taos downtown campus) to see DH Lawrence Collections, check into hotel (Indian Hills Inn), dinner in Taos.

Thursday, May 18-work day at the Ranch #1. DH Lawrence Ranch tour, overview of docent training. Artifact photography guidance by Martin Stupich. We will need access to buildings on main historic site, excluding Caretakers Cottage (which is a private residence), dinner TBA.

Friday, May 19- Morning “behind-the-scenes” visit to Harwood Museum, lunch, DHL Ranch Work afternoon #2, dinner TBA.

Saturday, May 20- Work day at Ranch #3, dinner TBA.

Sunday, May 21-Drive back to Albuquerque

\*Schedule subject to change or addition

Tentative logistics

- Car pool to Taos and back to ABQ with mileage covered by Museum Studies Dept.
- Meals-Save receipts for reimbursement through Museum Studies Dept. TBA-I am hoping one or two dinners/lunches may be covered by outside donors.
- Hotel accommodation will be one person per room with expenses covered by Museum Studies and CSWR.

### **Readings:**

- *DH Lawrence Ranch/Kiowa Ranch National Register of Historic Places* nomination, handed out in class April, 13, 2017.
- John C. Neff, “A Visit to Kiowa Ranch” *New Mexico Quarterly*, to be handed out in class April 27, 2017.
- Keith Sagar, editor. *DH Lawrence and New Mexico*, selected readings to be handed out in class April 27, 2017.
- Additional readings/resources may be handed out in class but there will be no further assignments.