

## **Past City Historians**

### **Andrew Lovato (2018)**

Andrew Lovato has been an Associate Professor of Speech Communication at Santa Fe Community College since 2008. Previously he was a Professor and Director of Career Placement/Study Abroad at The College of Santa Fe beginning in 1983. He initiated an onsite course in New Mexico History at The New Mexico History Museum in downtown Santa Fe for Santa Fe Community College in 2010, teaching the course for the first five years.

Lovato received his Ph.D. in Communication with an emphasis on Intercultural Communication from the University of New Mexico in 2000 and was selected as a Fulbright Scholar in 2008.

Lovato is the author of *Santa Fe Hispanic Culture: Preserving Identity in a Tourist Town*, published in 2004 by the University of New Mexico Press, and *The Year Zozobra Escaped: Featuring Zozobra's Great Escape*, published in 2011 by the Museum of New Mexico Press. He is also a contributing author of four other books related to New Mexico's history and culture. He has published numerous articles and given lectures related to New Mexico's history and culture for various groups and organizations. He delivered the annual Santa Fe Fiesta Historical Lectures in 2000 and 2011.

### **Ana Pacheco, City Historian (2015)**

Ana Pacheco is the daughter of Jesús Pacheco and Natalie Ortiz. Her Ortiz ancestors settled in Santa Fe in 1694. Ana's mother, Natalie Ortiz, was a descendant of Diego de Vargas, who led the resettlement of Santa Fe after the Pueblo Revolt in 1692. In 1994, she founded *La Herencia*, a quarterly journal dedicated to preserving Hispanic culture, which she published through 2009. In 2010 she published the official publication for the City of Santa Fe's 400th anniversary, which included a youth symposium and journal published in the *Santa Fe New Mexican*.

In addition to publishing *La Herencia*, Pacheco published and edited four books: *Las Comidas de los Abuelos*, a cookbook featuring authentic northern New Mexico recipes. *¡Concha!: The Authorized Biography of Concha Ortiz y Pino de Kleven, Matriarch of a Three Hundred-Year-Old New Mexico Legacy*, *Albuquerque Feliz Cumpleaños: Three Centuries to Remember* and *Saints & Seasons: A Guide to New Mexico's Most Popular Saints*, which she authored as well.

From 2007 through September 2013, Pacheco wrote the weekly column A Wonderful Life for the Santa Fe New Mexican, documenting the oral histories of the elder community. Her biography, J. Paul Taylor: The Man from Mesilla, was published by the Museum of New Mexico Press in 2012. In February 2013, her book, Legendary Locals of Santa Fe, which contains 200 historic and contemporary profiles, was published by Arcadia, the nation's leading publisher of regional history books. Her new book, Spirituality in Santa Fe: The City of Holy Faith, will be published in early 2016 by the History Press.

She received the 2008 Heritage Preservation Award from the City of Santa Fe for Excellence in Community Traditions for her work with La Herencia. She's a 2007 recipient of the New Mexico Community Foundation Luminaria award for her leadership and contributions to the state of New Mexico. In September 2006, in Denver, Colorado, Pacheco was awarded two national awards by the National Association of Press Women. The first award, in the inspirational book category, as the author of Saints & Seasons: A Guide to New Mexico's Most Popular Saints. The second award, in the history category, was for editing Albuquerque Feliz Cumpleaños: Three Centuries to Remember.

Pacheco was a 2004 recipient of the Governor's Award for outstanding women of New Mexico. In 2004 she also received an award from PEN New Mexico for her efforts to preserve Hispanic culture, history, and language. PEN New Mexico is the state's affiliate of the largest international professional association of writers, editors, and translators.

### **Jose Garcia, City Historian (2010–2014)**

Jose Garcia was born in Rowe, New Mexico, in 1936. He joined the Army in 1956, serving tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam. Upon returning to Santa Fe in 1975, he developed his lifelong interest in New Mexico history further. Garcia was appointed to the post of City Historian in 2010 by Mayor David Coss and became involved in planning the city's 400th anniversary. He continued to serve as City Historian until 2014. In addition to his professional work in the insurance industry, Garcia was a member of the Santa Fe Fiesta Council and Caballeros de Vargas. Garcia passed away in August 2014.