

University of New Mexico-Gallup Campus  
Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant Application Form  
For 2016 - 2017 Fiscal Year

(please type or print)

Division Arts & Sciences Project Title \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Writer \_\_\_\_\_

New Project: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received funding this fiscal year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

1. Description of the project:

Professor Joe Kee and I would like to invite Navajo writer, Dr. Evangeline Parsons Yazzie, to UNM-Gallup campus for a reading in November, 2016. Dr. Parsons Yazzie, professor emerita of Navajo at Northern Arizona University, has written two novels, *Her Land, Her Love*, and *Her Enemy, Her Love* along with a children's book, *Little Woman Warrior Who Came Home: A Story of the Navajo Long Walk*. In 2016 the American Indian Library Association selected her novel, *Her Land, Her Love*, as an honor book in the young adult category.

2. Rationale for how the project will benefit the faculty, staff, students, UNM-G, or the communities at large:

This reading event will benefit the entire UNM-Gallup community including faculty, staff, and students. It will also benefit our local community of Gallup and nearby communities. It is a literary event that supports creativity and reading and writing. Perhaps we spend too much time at UNM-G emphasizing how reading and writing will prepare our students for employment. We need to support literacy events that model for our students the power of reading and writing, and how reading and writing nurture us as human beings. This project also supports cultural diversity, history, and the inter-connections of language and identity.

3. Expected outcomes or products of this project:

The expected outcome of this event would be that students would have the opportunity to meet a published writer who is fluent in English and Navajo, and who is a spokesperson for her community and history. Hopefully some students will feel inspired to write some historical fiction or write a children's storybook.



Faculty who support this event can incorporate some activity/writing response regarding this event. I am teaching an ENGL 220, Expository Writing course, this semester, and I am hoping my students will connect what we are reading and discussing in class with this reading event. It also reinforces how important it is to nurture and protect the languages of our families, communities, and ancestors. Students who are studying Navajo would benefit from attending this event that promotes language diversity.

4. Describe the timeline for the project, resources needed, and the person responsible for each action step.

When: Once funding is awarded, this event would be scheduled for early November, 2016.

Action Step: Professor Kee and I have already initiated communication with Dr. Parsons Yazzie and we have made tentative plans for this event.

Resources Needed : Money is needed to fund this event. We will need money for Dr. Parsons Yazzie's reading fee, transportation, lodging, and food.

Responsible Person: Carmela Lanza and Joe Kee

5. Estimated budget with justifications:

\$1,500.00	Writer's Reading Fee
\$150.00	Hotel (One Night)
\$60.00	Food
\$187.00	Transportation
Total: \$1,897.00	

6. What other funding sources have you explored? Give details.

(Note: funds for this mini-grant must be expended by June 30, 2016)  
At this time we have not explored other funding sources.

7. If application is approved, the applicant must electronically submit the written final report as a pdf file to the Committee Chair, Dr. Alok Dhital , at [adhital@unm.edu](mailto:adhital@unm.edu), within two weeks upon the completion of the project.

Prepared by (please type or print): Carmela Lanza      Date: September 20, 2016

Approval or Denial (please circle one):

*Kathleen M. Head*  
Division Chair or Supervisor

9/21/16  
Date

Approval or Denial (please circle one)

*Au Dhital*  
Chair, Mini-Grant Committee

10/3/2016  
Date

Approval or Denial (please circle one)

*[Signature]*  
Director of Business Operation

10/3/16  
Date

Reason(s) for denial. (Applicant may resubmit proposal for 2017-18):

Please submit your mini-grant application to Ms. Geralene Lahi, Accountant I, Business Office (SSTC 286, extension 7577), after you obtain your division head's or supervisor's signature.

Due to Mini-Grant Committee by 9/26/2016  
Decisions will be announced by no later than 10/12/2016