



**Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy**  
**October 19, 2024**

## **Dr. Nicki Gonzales**

Dr. Nicki Gonzales is an educator and historian. She is a native of Denver and her family has deep roots in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

She is an associate professor of history at Regis University and was the Colorado State Historian in 2021-2022. She was the first Latino Person in this role. Gonzales graduated from Yale University with a BA in English literature in 1992. She earned her PhD in American History from University of Colorado Boulder in 1997. While at CU Boulder, she was one of the researchers who built the case for the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant lawsuits. She is a member of the State Historian's Council and was appointed by Governor Jared Polis as vice chair of the Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board. Gonzales also served on Mayor Michael Hancock's advisory panel for renaming public landmarks.

Dr. Gonzales specializes in the history of the American West, with a focus on race relations and social and political movements. Her research interests include, in addition to the land grant movements of Southern Colorado, the experiences of Chicano Vietnam Veterans

The Saturday, meeting will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church; Lakewood, Colorado. The address is 1390 Brentwood St. Main entry way is on the west side of the Church and includes a ramp. The alternate entry on the east side provides direct access to our Library. This area also includes adequate parking spaces for our group. The Doors will open at 10 a.m. Presentation will run from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.