

Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy Conference

July 25, 2026, Lakewood United Methodist Church, 1390 Brentwood St., Lakewood, CO. 80214

Members/Friends.

CSHG leadership has been busy planning an incredible conference for you that will be held in the Sanctuary of the Lakewood United Methodist Church, 1390 Brentwood St. Lakewood, Colorado. The conference will be a full day event. The Church has a seating capacity of one hundred and forty.

Secretary Ken Salazar will launch our conference with excerpts of his soon to be released book, *Borderlands*. A fifth generation Coloradan, Ken Salazar's ancestors have lived in the American Southwest for more than four centuries. Ken grew up in his native San Luis Valley on the remote Salazar homestead, where his family continues to farm and ranch the same property they've owned since before Colorado became a state. Ken served as United States Ambassador to Mexico from 2021-2025, where he led the US diplomatic mission during a pivotal time for North American relations. In his role, he called for urgent action on fixing the border and a new era on trade, energy and climate, immigration and education. Other positions he served included: US Secretary of the Interior under President Barack Obama, Colorado's 35th US Senator and Colorado State Attorney General. Ken devotes much time to family and ranching in the San Luis Valley. He continues to be a champion for conservation, civil rights and an inclusive America.

Henrietta M. Christmas is a past president of the CSHG and current president of the New Mexico Genealogical Society (NMGS). She has served on many genealogy related committees for over 25 years. Henrietta has authored or coauthored numerous books and research papers. In 2021, His Majesty King Felipe VI of Spain awarded her the prestigious *Encomienda de Isabel la Catolica* for strengthening ties between the United States and Spain. Her current work focuses on colonial military history in the Borderlands. She plays a vital role on The NMGS DNA Project.

Jose A. Esquibel is a genealogist, historian, and author whose decades-long work has focused on connecting descendants with their colonial and Indigenous pasts across New Mexico and northeastern Mexico. He has published over two hundred articles and co-authored four books on Spanish colonial genealogy and history, including *Beyond Origins of NM Families*. Jose, with three other researchers, collaborated in the resource book, *Aquí Se Comienza: A Genealogical History of the Founding Families of La Villa de San Felipe de Alburquerque*. As an undergraduate student at the University of New Mexico, his passion for historical research was shaped by mentorships from literary figures Sabine Ulibarri and Rudolfo Anaya, whose influence deepened his engagement with Spanish literature and creative writing; skills that now inform his paleographic and genealogical work.

Tom J. Martinez was born in San Francisco, Colorado "La Culebra". Tom is a direct Y-DNA descendent of Hernan Martin Serrano, circa 1550. Tom is past president of the Genealogy Society of Hispanic America and is currently the managing editor of their quarterly journal, "Nuestras Raices" (Our Roots). Tom has coordinated several classes for the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter (FACC) members on how to find DNA cousins. Tom is now developing the patrilineal trees of the Big Y-700 DNA men that connect to Hernan Martin Serrano. By doing this he was able to find that the Y-DNA is proving that Domingo Martin Serrano is not the son of Luis Martin Serrano, as has been suggested in the past. Instead, Domingo is his nephew or a cousin.

James Greenwood has been involved in Genealogy since 1992. He has been a consultant with *Family Search* and has served as the Director for the Family Search Center. The Center makes available ten computers and a designated space for group instruction. He provides research support on the first Saturday of the month, primarily to Spanish speakers. His interest in the Hispanic/Latino culture goes back to when he was on a two-year mission with *The Church of Latter-Day Saints* in Mexico City and surrounding villages. Other missions included stays in Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Leon and Guanajuato, Mexico. James has a proven record in jump starting and navigating new researchers in their Genealogy searches. James holds a true love for the Spanish language.

Jaymie Middendorf, Denver Public Library, Central Library

Again, we have limited seating, we urge you to mail in your registration with payment asap. Thank you.