

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council Biographies

Jewel L. Hall - President

Jewel L. Hall is a retired Albuquerque Public Schools educator whose career spanned four decades in at least three states. In addition to her years as a mathematics and science educator, she found time to organize and lead many community organizations. Mrs. Hall applied her numerous skills as a negotiator, motivator, and strategist to take key leadership roles in community affairs. She is a founding member and President of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council.

Ann M. Yeck – Advisor

Ann Yeck, since 1954, taught integrated class from third through twelfth grade. In 1968, Riots in Cleveland fostered cross-community gatherings which she both visited and hosted. She included African American history and literature in her curriculum for all grade levels since taking a Black History college class in 1970. As an Albuquerque Teachers Federation representative and treasurer, she promoted equal rights and responsibilities for all in the cause of justice. She served as secretary for both the SCLC and MLKMC while researching and writing reports.

Annie Hill - Scholarship Coordinator

Annie Hill is MLKMC scholarship coordinator and an Albuquerque Public Schools Retired Payroll Specialist.

Andrew J. Lipman - Advisor

Andrew J. Lipman, MSW is the founder and president of Philanthropic Consulting Services, LLC, an Albuquerque based management and fundraising consulting firm. Mr. Lipman is a founding member and Board President of the New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum and a founding member and former state chair of the New Mexico Human Rights Coalition. He chairs the Membership Development Committee and serves on the Invocation Committee of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque. He is the Founding President of the Institute of Management Consultants, New Mexico Chapter. Mr. Lipman has received three Human Rights Awards from the City of Albuquerque. Mr. Lipman earned his Master's Degree in Social Work from New York University with concentrated study in administration and community organization.

Audrey Gramstad - Advisor

Audrey Gramstad is currently the Administrative Director of Distance Learning and Instructional Support at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM). In addition to managing the largest DL program in the state, she supervises and manages the \$1.3 million dollar CNM Carl D. Perkins Grant. Audrey has worked in training and education for more than 22 years in higher education, business and industry in Chicago and Minnesota. Audrey received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Instructional Design and Technology.

Dr. John B. Mondragón - Advisor

Dr. John B. Mondragón, University of New Mexico Professor Emeritus has been in public education in New Mexico for over fifty years. He earned a BA and MA from New Mexico Highlands University, and an Education Specialist and Doctorate from the University of New Mexico. Dr. Mondragón served as Deputy Superintendent for Albuquerque Public Schools. He serves on several boards including:

- Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)
- New Mexico Mathematics, Engineer and Science Achievement (MESA)
- Coalition of Charter Schools
- Governor’s Oversight Committee of the Public School Capitol Outlay Council

Joycelyn Pegues Jackson - Board Member

Joycelyn Pegues Jackson holds a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Music and a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Multicultural Education, Curriculum and Instruction, and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership. Ms. Jackson is a district-wide administrator in the Department of Language and Cultural Equity where she serves as coordinator of Multicultural Education and Director of the Black Student Unions for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Ms. Jackson’s life’s work has been to help educators better understand the communities and support systems needed by students, and how educators must look through an inclusive lens across cultures because of the negative effects that institutional racism can have on student success.

Dr. Jozi De Leon - Board Member

Dr. Jozi De Leon began her academic career at UNM as an assistant professor in the Department of Special Education. She has served in many capacities, including the first Deputy Secretary for Academic Affairs, Planning and Research for the NM Higher Education Department. In serving as UNM’s Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, she focuses on valuing all forms of diversity including gender, disability, ethnicity, race, culture and sexual orientation. She believes that creating an environment that embraces diversity in all of its manifestations will greatly enhance excellence in the academic enterprise.

Barb Armijo – Recorder

Barb Armijo spent 21 years as a reporter and editorial writer for the Albuquerque Journal. She left the Journal in 2007 to pursue a teaching career and to spend all the time she possibly could with her two teenage sons before they wanted nothing to do with her! She teaches Journalism at Atrisco Heritage Academy High School, which is in the South Valley community where she was born and raised. To supplement her teaching career Barb is a freelance writer, editor and grant writer.

Linda Sink - Advisor

Linda Sink has risen through the ranks at Albuquerque Public Schools from 1977 to now as teacher, principal and administrator, serving as Interim APS School Superintendent from December 2007 to June 2008. She is currently APS Chief Academic Officer. Her forte is problem solving and reaching amicable, workable solutions with interactive communication. She is a strong and sincere advocate for learning by children of all cultural backgrounds. She has had a progression of roles at APS from classroom teacher to principal to Cluster Leader Principal to Interim Superintendent and is currently the Chief Academic Officer. Her professional approach to and focus on expanding student achievement and attendance with innovative programs and procedures is well documented.

Phillip Bustos - Fundraising Coordinator

Phillip Bustos is currently the Vice President for Student Services at Central New Mexico Community College. He has been with CNM for 14 years. He has also been the Director of Student Services at the Auraria Higher Education Center in Denver Colorado as well as the Associate Dean of Students at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. He graduated in 1979 from the Harvard Graduate School of Education with an Ed.M. in Counseling and Consulting Psychology and he also has a BA in Speech Communication and Psychology from Eastern New Mexico University. He also serves on the national advisory board for the Si Se Puede Learning Centers.

Rabbi Arthur Flicker - Advisor

Rabbi Arthur Flicker was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. After graduation from Northwestern University, he taught public school and coached football and wrestling. After running the family business and serving as Executive Director for Tifereth Israel in Columbus, Rabbi Flicker returned to school. He received his rabbinic ordination in 1990 and has served congregations in Tyler, Texas; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Columbus, Ohio prior to becoming the Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in 2002. He has served on the Board of the Samaritan Counseling Center and the Public Safety Partnership and currently serves on the Ethics Committee of Presbyterian Hospital, the Board of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, the Board of Israel Bonds, and as a Chaplain for APD. He has earned numerous awards, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award from the Baptist Ministers' Council in Cincinnati.

Renetta Torres - Vice President Publicity and Public Relations

Renetta Torres is the Deputy Manager of Administrative Services for Bernalillo County. Mrs. Torres has over thirty years' experience in the government sector, holding many positions including the Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) Officer and over seven years as the HR Director. Mrs. Torres is active in her community and involved in many organizations, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council for the past 10 years. She is also a founding member of the Hispanic Women's Council. Mrs. Torres is a life-long resident of New Mexico.

Elizabeth Ann Galligan –Board Member

Elizabeth Ann Galligan is a retired educator with a special interest and a degree in multicultural teacher education from the University of New Mexico. She has helped organize several tributes to Dr. MLK, Jr., including two in New York City's Rikers Island Detention Facility. She was an active member of the Cultural Affairs Committee for the City of Portales, 2004-2007. She has lived in both Brazil and Japan for extended periods. She has taught courses on the multicultural heritage of the Southwest, and loves the rich diversity of New Mexico.

Walter L. Punke - Advisor

Walter L. Punke is a retired, septuagenarian member for the silent generation born on a family farm in Central IL. Walt attended West Point for six years but never graduated. That West Point was a one-room country school with one teacher for grades 1 to 8 with a varying annual enrollment from 10 to 15 students in various grades. He graduated from IL Wesleyan University, did graduate studies in school administration at IL State Univ. and continued pursuing further pedagogical curricula at several other institutions of higher learning. Career pursuits included grade school, high school, community college and university instructional positions, over two decades in the printing/publishing field as a sales representative and manager, projects with his wife in real estate sales and development and as a mortgage loan officer. A love for teaching has been a consistent passion combined with aviation, writing, photography and travel.

Rhonda J. Schultz –Board Member

Rhonda. Schultz has over 27 years of experience in the federal sector, holding many and varied positions. She works in Human Resources with the USDA-Forest Service; she was one of the founders of the first Women's Program and Diversity Program in the State of New Mexico for the Postal Service. Through these Programs, the first ever Black Heritage Month and Hispanic Heritage Month events were held, in which outstanding members of the community were honored for their achievements in education, arts and community involvement. Ms. Schultz has received numerous awards for her unyielding dedication to diversity and equal opportunities for all. She has held workshops throughout the state assisting the recruitment of minorities in the federal sector

J. Harold Washington – Advisor

Harold Washington is a retired CNM administrator who served as Director of CNM's tutoring services, Director of Continuing Education, interim Executive Director of the Work Force Training Center and currently as a part time instructor for CNM's Community Education department. He has been the president of the New Mexico Adult and Continuing Education Association as well as president of the UNM Hospital Service League. He graduated from UNM with a BA in Fine Arts and his graduate work was in Educational Technology. Mr. Washington is active in the Albuquerque Community serving on a variety of boards and volunteer programs.