Professor Shepherd To Talk On Wendell Chino

Jeffrey P. Shepherd, UTEP Associate Professor of American Indian History will speak about Wendell Chino, President of the Mescalero Apaches for more than 30 years. The DACHS presentation will be November 15 at the Good Samaritan auditorium, 7 p.m.

According to the New York Times, “With Mr. Chino’s guidance, the Mescalero Apache Nation built a ski resort, the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Casino Apache, a timber mill and a metal fabrication plant, as well as Indian schools, a hospital and a health center.” Chino called it “Red Capitalism.”

Chino was also noted for rejecting the State of New Mexico’s authority over anything to do with the Mescalero and insisted on dealing with the U.S. government directly - nation to nation.

Jeffrey P. Shepherd is an Associate Professor of American Indian History, and the present Director of the Ph.D. Program. He has written several articles on Indigenous economics, education, politics, culture, and identity, such as “At the Crossroads of Hualapai History, Memory, and American Colonization: Contesting Space & Place,” in the American Indian Quarterly. His book, We Are an Indian Nation: A History of the Hualapai People, was published in 2010 with the University of Arizona Press. For this research, he has received grants from the American Philosophical Society, the Max Millett Foundation for Graduate Research, the Ft. McDowell Indian Nation, the Andrew H. Mellon Foundation, Texas Tech University, and Brigham Young University. He is presently working on several projects: an environmental history of the Guadalupe Mountains and National Park in the Texas-New Mexico Borderlands; a history of the Nde’ / Apache peoples and treaty-making; and a history of the Blackfoot peoples along the U.S. - Canada border. He serves as coeditor of the series, Critical Issues in Indigenous Studies, with the University of Arizona Press. Shepherd teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on Indigenous, Western, Public, and Borderlands History.

HSR Continues Lecture Series

Human Systems Research continues its series of lectures on the results of the Cañada Alamosa Project on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Auditorium. Doctor Judy Berryman will give a talk on “Time, Place, and Function: Ground Stone Recovered from the Cañada Alamosa Project.” The ground stone assemblage is quite varied and provides insights into specific activities such as material reuse, food production, pigment processing, manufacture of other stone tools, bone working, pottery-making, and ritual.
Slate Set For Election At November 15 Meeting

It is that time of the year again for the election of board of director positions and officers for the upcoming year. The election will take place at our regular lecture/meeting at Good Samaritan on Nov. 15. This will be the last regular lecture for 2018.

The DACHS board of directors gives the following individuals to vote on. Note: the position of vice president is open but no one has volunteered to fill it.

Treasurer:.............................. Dennis Fuller
Secretary:.............................. Jim Eckles
At-Large Member:............... Buddy Ritter
At-Large Member:............. Garland Courts
At-Large Member:............ Daniel Aguilera

If you would like to nominate someone for these positions or the vice president opening, please contact Jim Eckles at: nebraska1950@comcast.net.

JPL’s WAC Corporal - First Rocket Fired At White Sands

This undated photo by James Flanagan shows engineers from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory loading their WAC Corporal rocket into its launch tower at the missile range’s original launch complex. WAC Corporals were the first vehicles fired at White Sands - months before any German V-2 rockets. The first flight of a fully fueled WAC Corporal with its Tiny Tim booster was on Oct. 11, 1945. Prior to that shot, many test flights were conducted using just the booster and some combination of partially fueled WAC Corporals. In this photo, the Tiny Tim is on the trailer to the right of the rocket. The WAC Corporals were designed to carry a 25-pound package of meteorological instruments to an altitude of 20 miles. Later, WAC Corporals would be mounted on the noses of V-2s to create the world's first two-stage missile. Photo courtesy James Flanagan photographs, Ms0259, NMSU Library Archives.
It Is Time To Renew Your DACHS Membership

If you have not renewed your membership in the Dona Ana County Historical Society for 2019, please consider doing so now. Just fill out the form below and mail it to our Post Office box or bring it with you to our November meeting on the 15th and give it to Dennis Fuller or Susan Krueger. You can make your check out to: DACHS

Also, please consider an additional donation to offset the printing costs of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review. Check the block below.

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Printed copies are usually first available at the annual Awards Luncheon.
Doña Ana County Historical Society’s Annual Awards Luncheon
Saturday, January 26, 2019, Double Eagle Restaurant
On the Mesilla Plaza, 12:00 noon

Seating for the Annual Awards Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the buffet lunch served at 12. The cost is $26.50 per person payable in advance or at the door. Note the form below includes spaces to list all your guests. You may email your reservation to Susan Krueger at skrueger575@msn.com. Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in and mail it to Susan Krueger c/o DACHS; P.O. Box 16045; Las Cruces, NM 88004.

The installation of Board Members and the Awards program will take place following lunch. If you have questions, please call Susan (575) 525-0654.

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