

Warburg Research Grant

The New Mexico History Museum (NMHM) invites researchers to apply for grants to support research into 19th and early 20th century New Mexico and Southwestern Jewish Pioneers.

Background

Through a generous gift from Sue and Felix Warburg, the New Mexico History Museum is strengthening its collection of materials and information about Jewish pioneers and expanding related educational programs. The scope of this initiative is anchored in the experience of Jewish pioneers in New Mexico between 1820 and 1900, but extends to address the social, political, economic, and religious context of this community and their history in the region.

This time frame encompasses the migration and settlement of Jews into New Mexico via the Santa Fe Trail and, after the 1870s, by railroad. Major areas of settlement included Santa Fe, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque as well as Clayton, Taos, Fort Sumner, Las Cruces, and Carlsbad. Small Jewish communities were also founded in Deming, Roswell, Silver City, and Gallup. Many of these pioneers established successful businesses, married, and actively engaged with the larger community; some stayed in New Mexico, others moved on.

While significant research exists on prominent New Mexico Jewish Pioneer individuals and families, especially in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, much remains to be done regarding the Jewish experience elsewhere in the territory. Researchers are encouraged to explore this larger geographic context as well as questions regarding, but not limited to, immigration, business development, inter-cultural interactions, women's history, religious or cultural discrimination, migration, family formation, assimilation, and other issues pertinent to Jewish life in the American Southwest.

The New Mexico History Museum is a statewide educational resource, local landmark, and destination for anyone who wants to understand the diverse experiences of the people of New Mexico. Our programs also explore the dynamics that have shaped our state, and the relationships that connect our region with the rest of the world.

Building on more than a century of informative exhibitions, exceptional collections, and an iconic location in the heart of Santa Fe, the New Mexico History Museum is committed to service, community engagement, and rigorous scholarship. The museum campus includes the Palace of the Governors (1610), Chávez Library Building (1907), and Pete V. Domenici Building (2009). Legacy programs include the Fray Angélico Chávez History Library, Palace of the Governors Photo Archives, Native American Artisans Program, and Palace Press.

Research Grants

Warburg Research Grants may be applied for by graduate students, faculty, and independent researchers who seek to expand current scholarship regarding:

- a. the lived experience of Jewish pioneers in New Mexico between 1820 and 1900
- b. the social, political, economic, and religious context of this community in the 19th century

Grants will be in the amount of \$5,000 and may be used as needed to support any aspect of the project. Fundable expenses may include travel to New Mexico or other relevant research locations, digitization, reproduction, or transcription fees, and other expenses related to research. Payments will be made in two installments of \$2,500 each: the first upon award of the grant, the second upon completion of the project.

Projects shall result in a publishable paper of at least 6,000 words, with illustrations as appropriate. Projects may be part of a larger effort—such as a dissertation or book—or self-contained as in a journal article.

Manuscripts must be completed within 12 months of the date of the grant award unless otherwise extended by the Director of the New Mexico History Museum; provided, that in no case shall total project time be more than 24 months from the date of grant award.

Four grants will be awarded in 2022. **Deadline for applications is July 5, 2022.**

Applications are to be sent to: Heather McClure at heather.mcclure@state.nm.us. The subject field in the email should read: "Warburg Research Grant: [Applicant's Last Name]." Questions should be directed to Ms. McClure at her email or by calling: 505-476-5053.

Announcement of grant recipients will be made within 30 days of the application deadline. Selection of grant recipients will be made by the Director of the New Mexico History Museum. All decisions by the Director are final and not subject to appeal.

Applications must include:

- A cover letter introducing yourself and identifying your academic affiliation, if relevant.
- A proposal of not more than 3 pages detailing the significance of the proposed project to your field of study and/or how it contributes to scholarship on Jewish Pioneers in New Mexico and the Southwest
- Curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation

Conditions of the grant include:

- A commitment to make a presentation based on your research before an audience at the New Mexico History Museum.
- Permission to allow use of your name and affiliation in museum promotional materials and media releases.
- Acknowledgement of the *New Mexico History Museum* and the *Sue and Felix Warburg Collection in Honor of Willi and Flora Spiegelberg* in any and all materials produced with support from the Warburg grant.
- A report consisting of a statement regarding time spent in research and a detailed explanation of the research performed.
- Submission to the Museum, at no cost to the Museum, of a digital and hard copy of any final manuscripts produced with research supported, in whole or in part, by the Warburg grant. The

author's final manuscript is defined as the final version accepted for publication (or delivery) and includes all modifications from any peer review process.

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Grant recipients are encouraged to use collections at the New Mexico History Museum as part of their research. Access to these collections must be coordinated with museum staff. Applicants may browse museum collections: <https://www.nmhistorymuseum.org/collections/>.