

# ΦΑΘ NEWS

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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

We at the national office are putting together an intellectually stimulating program, based upon the brilliant abstracts submitted by our student and faculty members, for our Albuquerque conference in early January.

Coincidentally, Albuquerque itself seems to be appearing to me seemingly everywhere these days, and it even appeared as an answer—or, more properly, a question—to a clue on a recent episode of Jeopardy!

However, we have learned, over the course of planning for the conference, that Albuquerque is so much more than hot air balloons! The city's historical importance comes in as many shapes, sizes, and colors as the balloon silks that waft over it (especially during the Hot Air Balloon Festival that is held there every October).

**THIS NEW MEXICO CITY  
CLAIMS THE TITLE  
"HOT AIR BALLOONING  
CAPITAL OF  
THE WORLD"**

We are offering suggested itineraries for the afternoon of Thursday, January 5th, in order to encourage attendees to explore the historical riches of this 'Land of Enchantment'. Two of these will involve historically-centered museums that can compete with any museums anywhere else in the country, and our attendees will be able to have an appropriate meal after or in the midst of exploring these sites.

One of these is the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, with its comprehensive,

informative, and artistically breathtaking introduction to the 19 Pueblo peoples of the region. We particularly recommend the exhibit on Native peoples' 'education' in the exploitative 'reservation schools' that dotted the Southwestern landscape—leaving mostly invisible but indelible scars on generations of Indigenous persons. You can learn more about this amazing place and its restaurant, featuring Native cuisine (plus you can see a Pueblo village made of gingerbread, appropriate for the season) at: [indianpueblo.org](http://indianpueblo.org).

Another itinerary takes you to an absolutely riveting museum that commemorates the nuclear testing and weapons that were performed in New Mexico, prior to the dropping of the first atomic bombs in 1945 and long afterward into the Cold War. Exhibits underscore what daily life was like for workers at Los Alamos and the connections between atomic energy and US culture in the 1950s-1980s, but my favorite section dealt with 'Gadget', the nickname given to the first nuclear weapon that was tested in New Mexico in July 1945. This exhibit includes a replica of the 1942 Plymouth that transported the plutonium core of the device to the site in its backseat. The museum is full of fascinating objects like this, telling the story in all its complex and rich detail, but its designers do not neglect the terrible consequences of unleashing this technology on the world.

The National Museum of Nuclear Science and History is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and is only a short drive from downtown Albuquerque. You can find out more about its visually arresting and comprehensively explained exhibits at its website: [nuclearmuseum.org/see/exhibits](http://nuclearmuseum.org/see/exhibits). And we will be honored to have an address from the incoming Executive Director of the Museum, Jennifer Hayden, during our lunch on Thursday the 5th. From the museum, you might consider having a (scrumptious) milkshake at a 1950s-themed diner along the famous Route 66 called, appropriately enough, the '66 Diner'.

We look forward to meeting you in person in Albuquerque, and thanks for all you do in supporting your students and fellow lovers of History!

Jonathan S. Perry

# SEE YOU IN *Albuquerque!*

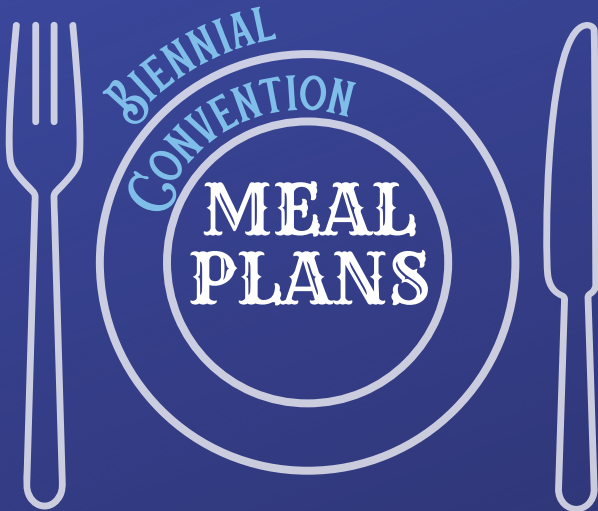
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