

**New Mexico Schedule**  
Semester in the West  
Fall 2002

Here is the schedule of upcoming adventures. Please note that readings are supplemental to those already assigned by Paul A, for which you will be held responsible. But as you will discover, many of the readings listed here are also assigned by Paul A. (Please, let's come up with a good nickname for the Pauls so we can tell them apart....suggestions welcome.)

**Sunday, October 27:** Class at 9:00am with Paul A. Finished by lunch.  
Unscheduled time after that.

Susan Brick will be joining us for dinner. There are ugly rumors circulating that she will come bearing cookies or similar delights.....

**Monday-Wednesday, October 28-30** Ecology work at Camel Tracks site (our happy camp area). Class with Paul Arbetan starts at 8:00am and is finished by 2:30. After 2:30 on Monday and Tuesday is **unscheduled time**, for a Santa Fe run, shower at National Guard site on Monday afternoon (we will announce when), working on readings, epiphanies, papers, etc.

Phil will be off, in a distant universe, beyond the reach of all modern communications, paying attention to his not-often-seen wife Susan, Monday-Tuesday, though he is certain to miss his Semester in the West buddies.....

**Wednesday, October 30**

Travel to Chama, New Mexico. Meet with Ganados del Valle activist Maria Varela, and tour Tierra Wools cooperative. Chama is two hours north of Santa Fe. Possible visit to the Ghost Ranch en route. If this doesn't work out, we may finish work on Camel Tracks or discuss ecology readings in the morning.

Dinner at the Alamo Café. Homestyle New Mexican food. Veg-head and dairy free available. Return to camp late.

**READINGS:**

Jackson, "Around Los Ojos, Sheep and Land are Fighting Words," Smithsonian. Article about Maria Varela, who we will meet on Wednesday. We have six copies of this essay.

Pulido, "Ecological Legitimacy and Cultural Essentialism: Hispano Grazing in Northern New Mexico, and Pena and Martinez, "The Capitalist Tool, the Lawless, and the Violent." These two articles are stapled together (they were published together in the same volume), and we have six copies of these

**Thursday, October 31**

Morning unscheduled

Field Day on Northern New Mexico water and environmental justice issues.

Excursion to Chimayo, New Mexico, which is located between Santa Fe and Taos. Organized by David Benavidas.

**READINGS:**

Rivera, Acequia Culture, in ecology reading packet.

Crawford, Mayordomo, in ecology reading packet

deBuys, River of Traps, in ecology reading packet. Mr. deBuys, by the way, is also chair of the Valles Trust.

Rodriguez, Procession and Sacred Landscape in New Mexico. In ecology reading packet. (This less urgent)

Dinner at Rancho Chimayo, in Chimayo. This place serves some of the best New Mexican cuisine around. And yes, they have vegetarian choices. I will get our menu choices faxed to us, so we can order ahead of time. Tell your friends you are eating here, and let's see who gets really jealous.

**Friday, November 1: Unscheduled Day, until 5pm. Evening Speaker, TBA**

**Saturday, November 2**

8:30am Depart Camel Tracks, Drive to Bosque del Apache

Stops en route, narrated by Paul A., on changing ecological zones as we move down toward the desert.

Evening: Meet anthropologist Sarah Solis, to discuss anthropological notions of "place"

**Sunday, November 3**

Up BEFORE DAWN, when all but the most bizarre freaks of nature are asleep (not to attract to attention any particular person), to go bird watching with Paul A. on the Bosque. This is a cool place....ya'll are in for a treat.

Afternoon: Drive to Carlsbad Caverns National Park, camp

**Monday-Wednesday, November 4-6**

Desert Ecology work with Paul Arbetan in the Carlsbad area and surrounds.

Late afternoons and thereafter will be unscheduled time. We may try to get a tour of Carlsbad Caverns for those who are interested.

**EPIPHANIES: MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**Thursday, November 7**

7:30 am Absolute last moment Phil will accept the mid-semester politics paper. Actually, you should get this paper to Phil MUCH earlier than this. But just so you know, are no exceptions to this deadline.

Depart for El Paso/Juarez area. Tour of two cities with emphasis on border issues.

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**Preview of Approximate, Upcoming Attractions:**

After El Paso/Juarez, we move to Silver City, New Mexico, to interview members of a collaborative group working on Forest issues in Gila National Forest, writer Sharman Apt Russell, more mining issues (copper, this time) and some members of the art community in this cool and funky, not-yet Santa Fe community.

After that, we move down to the Douglas/Bisbee Arizona area, with a possible visit to Mexico, though I cannot promise this. We will be thinking about border themes in politics, literature, and ecology.

Then we are off to Sonoita, Arizona, for another ranch visit (a contact of Sarah Lee's), with some visits from local environmental activists on land conservation in the greater Tucson area.

Then, we are going to Joshua Tree to catch some sun on our solar panels, and do some writing. Few if any visiting speakers. Much time for research, writing, and more writing, and maybe even a little exercise and climbing....

Next, Las Vegas for a couple days, then up to the Angel's Ladies Brothel in Beatty, Nevada (which you have already read about), and down into Death Valley via Titus Canyon.

We may or may not spend much time in the Owens Valley, California, on our way home, as originally scheduled. It may be just too darn cold and snowy for our happy trailer. Then it's time to go home.....

**Please note: Much of our time in J-Tree and Death Valley will be unscheduled, to allow time to work on independent projects, which should be about 75% complete by the time we arrive back at the Wilderness Campus on December 1. We will then have several days to complete our projects with library resources at the College. We will remain together as a group (meals, lodging) from the time we arrive at the Wilderness Campus, until the program ends December 1. We will have suburbans to get to and from campus.**

The first epiphanies:

Corey, Sarah G, the Rose by any other name, Kalin, Alfonsa Groovetta, Broadband JBZ, the Holly, and the Ashley.

Second and third night epiphanies scheduled at random, following no apparently logic or reason.