

4th Annual New Mexico Economics Research Day
Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 – 3:30 PM

1:00 – 1:15 *Opening Remarks*

Introductions: Dr. Melissa Binder, Chair, UNM Department of Economics
Welcome: Dr. Jennifer Malat, Dean of the UNM College of Arts & Sciences

1:15 – 1:30 *The Impact of Market Structure and Utility Incentives on Solar PV Adoption in New Mexico*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Yuting Yang, Economics Graduate Student
Assistant: Jiaqing Zhao
Undergraduate student assistants: Rhoan McMaster
Faculty reviewer: Dr. Jingjing Wang

1:30 – 1:45 *The Impact of Energy Price Shocks on the Fiscal Revenue and Economy of New Mexico*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Xiaoyang Wang, Economics
Graduate student assistant: Rashmi Dhakal
Undergraduate student assistants: Daniel Dolman
Faculty reviewer: Dr. Robert Berrens

1:45 – 2:00 *Forests to Airsheds: Investigating Wildfire Smoke Exposure as a Financing Mechanism for Wildfire Risk Mitigation*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Benjamin Jones
Graduate student assistant: Ahmed Amine Jawhari
Faculty reviewer: Dr. Xiaoxue Li

2:00 – 2:30 *Coffee and Posters*

2:30 – 2:45 *Drinking Water Equity in New Mexico: Access, Quality, and Affordability*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jingjing Wang, Economics
Graduate student assistants: Celeste Lucero, Nahid Samimi
Undergraduate student assistant: Alex Kaltenbach
Faculty reviewer: Dr. Yuting Yang

2:45 – 3:00 *Food Security and Nutrition Choices in Urban and Rural New Mexico: The Roles of Public Transportation and Community Dollar Stores*

Principal Investigators: Drs. Xiaoxue Li and Sarah Stith
Graduate student assistant: Swarup Paudel
Faculty reviewer: Benjamin Jones

3:00 – 3:30 *Discussion and Posters*

**Posters also available for viewing 12:30–1:00 and 3:30–4:00 PM*