



Lobo Reading Experience
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The Lobo Reading Experience (LRE) at the University of New Mexico is a program designed to be the beginning of a stimulating intellectual journey for each student. Through a common summer reading assignment, members of UNM's incoming freshmen class are invited to join the academic community that is the University of New Mexico. The goals of the LRE are:

- (1) to model and encourage the kind of intellectual engagement to be expected of students at the state's flagship institution; and
- (2) to foster a sense of academic community that embraces students, staff and faculty across the University of New Mexico.

Each annual program cycle will begin with the central task of selecting a reading for that year's activities. Pursuant to the goals above, the 2009 selection committee is seeking suggestions from students, staff and faculty for a book to be read by members of the Fall 2009 UNM freshman class. We're looking for books that:

- (1) deal with a social issue of relevance to New Mexico and the Southwest,
- (2) are intended to engage, rather than instruct – i.e., that aspire to be read for pleasure by a broadly literate audience – and
- (3) are reasonably contemporary, published within the active memory of the student participants.

Fiction or fact, comedy or drama, journalism or literature, are all on the table at this point. The reading will be recommended, not required; but the specific kinds of programming that will accompany the selected work are still to be decided.

We encourage suggestions from any members of the UNM community. Please email us your ideas by March 16 at lre@unm.edu. For best consideration include a brief description of the book, and if possible, an objective review. The URL <http://nrc.fye.sc.edu/resources/reading/read.php> contains a list of books used in similar programs across the country. We hope to have our own website up and running shortly, where you'll be able to see a complete list of all the recommendations we receive.

Thanks for your participation in this exciting new initiative.