



¡ I Count. So Do You !

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SCHEDULE

November 8, 2019

Global Resource Center, Western New Mexico University

8:30-8:45

Welcome and Introductions / Barrett Brewer

8:45-9:15

Christine Hemp will open the meeting and outline the activities and themes of our Community Conversation: Census/Connection/Support. She will address how crucial a role the census plays in individual, organizational and community resilience. Christine will also speak about language and how it affects the way we see ourselves, each other, and the world.

9:15-9:30

Jeff Goin leads a meditation, focusing on Place, to center ourselves before we get into the work of the day.

9:30-10:30

Stacey Cox will speak about individual, organizational and community resilience and the specific ways in which communities can heal. She will illuminate the way New Mexico communities are already resilient, and how to expand on existing strengths.

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-11:30

Christine Hemp will invite everyone—experienced and novice writers alike—to write a poem inspired by Stacey's presentation.

11:30-12:30 Breakout sessions

Yoga – Patricia Stone

Visual Art – Melanie Zipin & Diana Ingalls: We will begin this breakout session by thinking about how we can capture the essence of resilience using poetry and images. Together we will create a vision that will ultimately result in the creation of a public mural for our community. The vision will be the connection between the words of our poetry and the pictures we envision as we reflect on and explore the concepts of resilience and collaboration.

Poetry – Christine Hemp: Using the words and insights of the day, Christine will lead participants (no experience necessary) into a poetry-writing adventure called “Count up, Count down!”

Tai Chi – John and Anna Dye

12:30-1:15 LUNCH

1:15-2:00

Cathy Frey, Executive Director of the New Mexico Association of Grantmakers, introduces Robert Rhatigan and Allan Oliver, who will present on **New Mexico Counts 2020**.

2:00-2:15

Census Q&A

2:30-3:30

Christine Hemp will moderate the group in a closing discussion (with presenters) and the audience: Where do we go from here? What have we learned? What does it mean to be counted? What are the next steps to build a stronger community?