

NAVONA GALLEGOS

As a Native New Mexican Latina woman who grew up in a ranching family, I was raised to understand that my life comes from the cycles of the Earth. My passion is soil and I have cultivated a robust technical understanding of the interactions between soil, water, and living creatures informed by Western Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. My focus is to build bridges between communities by highlighting the values we hold in common and co-creating solutions that empower everyone to inhabit ecosystems with equity, abundance, and care towards future generations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Developed and Presented Educational Programs for the following Organizations:

- 2023: Global Soil Restoration Network (Santa Fe, NM), NM Healthy Soil Working Group (Santa Fe, NM), Seeding Regenerative Agriculture (Las Cruces, NM), the Mother Nature Center (Santa Fe, NM), Unison Festival (Aztec, NM), University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM), Flowering Tree Permaculture (Santa Clara Pueblo)
- 2022: US Agency for International Development Farmer2Farmer Program Jamaica, Jamaica Forestry Department, Jamaica Rural Agricultural Development Agency, University of New Mexico
- 2021 & prior: Crestone Energy Fair (Crestone, CO), Four Corners Permaculture Convergence (Durango, CO), Ecotone Landscape Planning (Santa Fe, NM), Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center (Cerrillos, NM), Work in Beauty (Ramah, NM) & others

Consulting Contractor, 2017 to present

- Compost system design and application, soil analysis and remediation and permaculture design for Santa Fe County and private sector clients

Ranch Manager at Quay Ranch, 2018 - Present

- Manage 580 acre ranch with a focus on carbon sequestration and wildlife habitat
- Research, apply for, and manage grants for education and land restoration programming

Operations Management at NewMexicoWomen.Org, 2017-2018

- Administration, operations, and fundraising for statewide granting fund for BIPOC gender justice
- Supported transition from fiscally sponsored project to independent 501(c)(3)

Administration and Paralegal at Stern Law Firm, 2014-2016

- Managed operations including accounting, client relations, legal document writing, and assistance in court and meditations
- Managed inventory and dispersal of multi-million dollar fine-art estate

EDUCATION

University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA
Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Science, 2014
Graduated with Distinction

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Soil Food Web School 2019
Foundation Course, Compost Course, Liquid Amendment Course, Microscopy Course

Earth Activist Training 2017
Permaculture Design Certification

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National Young Farmers Coalition Water Fellow 2022
New Mexico Community Foundation Permaculture Grant 2021
USDA New Mexico Healthy Soil Act Pilot Grant 2020
Quivira Coalition HERD Fellow 2019

LANGUAGES

Bilingual Spanish and English

References upon request.