

**SkeptiCamp
New Mexico**

**May 2nd,
2026**



**Cold Reading
Eating the Sun
Komet Krazies**

**Political
Pseudoscience
NM Mysteries
and more!**

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May 2nd, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00PM. Location: 1634 University Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, North Building Room 123

The lineup for *SkeptiCamp New Mexico* includes a variety of speakers with unique expertise:



Ruth Frazier is a retired community organizer, former ceo of a nonprofit working with Native Americans, and a consultant for international groups on board development and fund-raising. Ms. Frazier slept with the editor of *Skeptical Inquirer*, Kendrick Frazier, for his 45 years there, and even more as they happily had 58 years of wedded bliss. She also helped their daughter Michele Baldwin with an end of life adventure: Michele paddleboarded down the Ganga River in India for 25 days, setting a world distance record. This was called the Starry Ganga Expedition to promote awareness of and treatment for cervical cancer. Michele died of this after the journey and a film was made and premiered at the United Nations: *Lady Ganga: Nilza's Story*, which can be seen on Youtube. Ken's page on Wikipedia:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kendrick_Frazier

<p>Melanie Trecek-King, Melanie is a speaker, writer, and educator dedicated to helping people think more clearly. She is the creator of Thinking Is Power—a twist on the adage "knowledge is power"—and author of the forthcoming book, A Field Guide to Spotting Misinformation: How to Survive and Thrive in the Digital Age (August 4). She is also a columnist for Skeptical Inquirer and a Fellow of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry.</p>	
	<p>Susan Gerbic, Susan Gerbic founded and runs the crowd-sourced project Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia (GSoW) which has written over 2 thousand Wikipedia articles concerning science, pseudoscience and people of science. Susan runs the popular YouTube channel “Psychics Explained - Grief Vampire Edition.” She will be speaking on how professional psychics employ a technique called cold reading.</p>
<p>Mark Boslough, Mark is an American physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, research professor at University of New Mexico, fellow of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, and chair of the Asteroid Day Expert Panel. He is an expert in the study of planetary impacts and global catastrophes. He will be taking a critical look at claims of an ancient asteroid impact popularized by the “Cosmic Tuskers.”</p>	
	<p>Lunch will be served in house! There are nearby options available also.</p>
<p>Dave Thomas, adjunct professor at New Mexico Tech, will talk about the Flat Earth movement and “The Final Experiment” in Antarctica. Dave is a physicist and mathematician, and is president of the science group New Mexicans for Science and Reason (http://www.nmsr.org). He is also is a Fellow of CSI (Committee for Skeptical Inquiry), the publishers of Skeptical Inquirer. Dave teaches courses on Critical Thinking at New Mexico Tech, and coding for kids at the local elementary school.</p>	



Kurly Tlapoyawa is an archaeologist, ethnohistorian, and filmmaker. His research covers Mesoamerica, the American Southwest, and the historical connections between the two regions. He also co-hosts the Tales From Aztlantis podcast, which explores Chicano, Mexicano, and Mesoamerican history and archaeology, and challenges the pseudohistorical distortions and disinformation that too often surrounds these very topics. His latest book “Never Will it Be Lost” was recently released by Chimalli Media. He will be speaking on "Debunking New Mexico's "Hispanic" Myth.

David Weinberg MD is a retired academic physician and Professor Emeritus at Medical College of Wisconsin. He has been author or co-author of approximately 100 peer-reviewed publications. His interest is in exploring the boundaries between science and pseudoscience in medicine. He has produced content for Science-Based Medicine, The Skeptic, and Skeptical Inquirer. He will discuss on the bizarre practice called “Eating the Sun.”



Matthew Lee Loftus will make a presentation on public and/or institutionalized pushback against scientific consensus, especially on topics with big impacts on society and public health. Matthew is a pro-science skeptical activist and the founder of "The Credible Hulk," a science communication personality, Facebook page, and WordPress blog. His work focuses on rebutting science-denialist claims—particularly regarding technical topics with immense societal impact, such as vaccines, climate science, GMOs, and public health policy—interspersed with satire, lighthearted humor, and science lessons. Matthew holds a Master’s degree in Physics from UNM, as well as Bachelor’s degrees in both Musical Performance (from Berklee College of Music) and Astrophysics, graduating summa cum laude from UNM with a double minor in Chemistry and Mathematics. He has also earned Associate degrees in Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and General Studies from CNM. He is currently working toward his PhD candidacy in Biophysics at the Lidke Lab at UNM, focusing on interdepartmental molecular oncology research.

Benjamin Radford is an investigator and author of 20 books including “Scientific Paranormal Investigation: How to Solve Unexplained Mysteries.” He will be talking about the August 2016 sighting of a mysterious figure at a gas station south of Lima, Peru at about 3:50 AM. What, exactly, happened remains in dispute to this day, but basically an unknown figure— variously interpreted as a ghost, a robot, an ancient evil god, or an alien—was seen by several gas station employees and—crucially— recorded on video. Radford was asked to review the footage for the television show *Strange Evidence*, and later visited the location to conduct field experiments. For the first time he reveals the solution to this decade-old mystery.



A field trip is planned for Sunday, May 3, to visit the site of the “Los Lunas Decalogue,” claimed to be a pre-Colombian inscription chiseled out by Hebrew immigrants. Radford, Thomas, and Tlapoyawa will be on hand to offer commentary. We have the required permit. Make plans to carpool or caravan if possible. We will meet at 10:30 am Sunday at the Los Lunas Starbucks, it’s about a 20 minute drive from there to the site.

