The Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies is pleased to announce the creation of its new website. This website will be fully integrated into the University Website system and be consistent with UNM’s new branding effort. The website will be an important communication channel and increase the visibility of the Ortiz Center.

The new website is being built with the help of this year’s Ortiz Fellow, Holly Brause, as part of the public anthropology focus of the Fellowship program. Expanding the visibility of the Ortiz Center will facilitate the Center’s mission of promoting collaboration across the UNM campus and with the surrounding community, and sharing the results of such collaboration publicly so that the benefits extend beyond campus. Maintaining the website will be part of the Ortiz Fellow’s public outreach duties in years to come.

Who is Alfonso Ortiz and What Does The Ortiz Center Do?

Alfonso Ortiz was a member of the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh, Professor of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico and a MacArthur fellow. Born in Espanola to an inter-cultural family, Ortiz graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Anthropology in 1961. He went on to earn a masters degree in 1963 and his Ph.D. in 1967 from the University of Chicago. Ortiz believed that scholarship about American Indian people should not be limited to universities and academics, but that members of Indian communities should undertake it as well.

The collaborative vein that the Alfonso Ortiz Center promotes is one that shares research and practice to bring about learning and growth in understanding similarities and differences in outlook. Alfonso Ortiz was also responsible for supporting many Indian communities throughout the Southwest and nationally, and in that spirit of his legacy the Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies was created.

We Invite You To Use the Website To...

- Learn about Alfonso Ortiz and the Ortiz Center’s mission.
- Keep informed about Center’s news, upcoming events, projects, and exhibits.
- Learn about our major recent projects, including our role in the Totem Pole Project, the Chaco Heritage Project, and the Hopi Carvers Consultation and Public Presentation.
- Look through the archives to familiarize yourself with the kinds of events, research, and projects the Ortiz Center sponsors.
- Find out who administers and supports the center, and who our collaborators are.
- Look through our new guidelines for funding requests and think about how YOU can engage in collaborative projects with the Ortiz Center!