

Dear 21 Club members:

This is a preliminary announcement concerning the next quarterly meeting of the 21 Club. This meeting, now scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, will be the annual joint meeting of the 21 Club and the UNM Fulbright Chapter. The speaker will be Dr. Andre Larroque and the meeting will be held in the UNM SUB in the Mirage-Thunderbird rooms. In the very near future, I will send an update that includes the abstract of the presentation and a brief biography, as well as posting this and other relevant information on the club's website (<http://21club.unm.edu/>). The main dinner entrée to be provided by the SUB caterers (along with the usual excellent appetizers) will be Moroccan spiced beef; the vegetarian plate will be the always popular 4-cheese lasagna. In addition, UNM catering will also be serving the usual excellent beer and wine choices selected by club treasurer, Daniel Finley. You can pay as usual by going to the meetings area of the club webpage site noted above, then click on the current meetings date; scroll to the bottom of that webpage to the PayPal area, where you can either pay using PayPal or your personal credit card. If you do want vegetarian, as always, just contact me via email at [lmcfadnm@unm.edu](mailto:lmcfadnm@unm.edu) so I know the proper number to provide to the appropriate SUB associates. Please get your orders in by **Nov. 6th**, so I can deliver an accurate estimate to the SUB -- enabling them to prepare properly for our event. While you are on the club website, consider going to the Dues area, and use PayPal to pay your annual \$ 21 membership fee if you have to do so (recall that these fees subsidize the cost of the wine, venue rental, etc.). You can simply mail a check to Club treasurer Dan Finley:

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### **Abstract of Presentation**

Panama' Public Cemeteries: Memory & Messages.

Cemeteries reflect the changing history, culture, economic conditions, and social structure of the city. How it accommodates and preserves the final disposition of its inhabitants' remains sends a

message about its people. That message can be visualized through individual funereal art or collectively from the state of related infrastructure and services.

This presentation will briefly explore these expressions of memory and message through the experience of a New Mexico architect working under a Fulbright Specialist grant with the city government of Panama City, Panama. The purpose of the grant was to help develop a master plan for preserving and improving the system of public cemeteries owned by the City. Selected photos taken in the field will help illustrate their character and condition while giving insight into the challenges faced by one of the most interesting cities in the Western Hemisphere.

Such a unique project covering the realities of Life and Death so directly is also bound to generate stories and observations couched in the community history and daily life. Some of these project-related stories will be shared during the presentation, including any that were unexpectedly resurrected from the past personal memory of the one who recorded them.

### **Speaker Biographical Sketch**

Andre Larroque, AIA,NCARB, CSI, CEFP

Mr. Larroque is a licensed architect and owner and principal with Facility Insight, LLC, a consulting firm located in Cedar Crest, NM. He is a CSI Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) and Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) and holds an Advanced Certificate in Educational Facility Planning. As the former Building Standards Coordinator for the New Mexico Public School Facilities Authority (NMPSFA), he developed and maintained facility design standards and guidelines for K-12 public schools. Past experience includes positions as staff architect for both Albuquerque and New Orleans public school districts and with private design firms in the Southwest, Gulf Coast and New England regions. He has presented on design and construction topics at various forums sponsored by education groups and industry organizations. Mr. Larroque is President-Elect of the New Mexico Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and has served as president of the Albuquerque Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and the East Mountain Historical Society. He is currently a roster member of the Fulbright Specialist program in the discipline of Urban Planning and recently returned from Panama where he provided advisory services to the Municipio de Panama as a grantee.