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### **Hoover Receives Hall of Fame Award**

Austin Hoover, University Archivist and Director of the Rio Grande Historical Collections in the University Library, has received the 1999 Hall of Fame Award of the Doña Ana County Historical Society. Since 1974, Hoover has been responsible for managing all aspects of the University's archives and manuscript programs. The Hall of Fame Award is designed to recognize an individual who is known for his or her exceptional contribution to the preservation of the history and culture of the Mesilla Valley.

A native of Arkansas, Hoover earned an M.A. in history from UTEP in 1967, and an M.A. in librarianship from the University of Denver in 1969. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Simmons University. He has been certified by the Academy of Certified Archivists since 1990. He is active in the Society of American Archivists, the Historical Society of New Mexico, the Society of Southwest Archivists, and the Doña Ana County Historical Society.

Hoover is known throughout the state and region for his close working relationship with a wide variety of individual history buffs, researchers, and organizations. According to the Doña Ana County Historical Society, "The rich resources in the Rio Grande Historical Collections have been garnered, preserved, and organized largely through the alert and continuing attention of Austin Hoover."

As Archivist, he oversees the solicitation, acquisition, arrangement, and description, conservation, bibliographic control, and use of papers and records; the location, transfer and use of the University's noncurrent records; and the collection, preservation, cataloging and use of photographs, taped interviews, memorabilia and ephemeral materials. He also coordinates the activities of the Rio Grande Historical Collections friends group. He has taught graduate courses in archives management, and has authored numerous papers on southwestern history and the management of unpublished historical sources.

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