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### Author Jose Uranga to Do Book Signing

Jose N. Uranga, the author of a new historical novel, *The Buenavida Dilemma: Whether to Become "Gringos,"* will speak at the New Mexico State University Library homecoming reception. Uranga will also do a book signing at the event, which is scheduled to take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 31, at the Kent Hall Museum courtyard on the NMSU campus. The public is invited.

A native New Mexican, Uranga is a NMSU graduate. He earned a J.D. degree from Georgetown University and a master's degree from the University of Texas, San Antonio. A retired environmental attorney, he now lives in Florida.

Uranga is pleased to be returning to his alma mater. He said, "In the late 1960s, when I graduated, New Mexico State University was alive with healthy debate and undergoing change. Coming back to campus for this book signing, I feel good with the growth of the university and its impact on my life."



*Jose N. Uranga*

*The Buenavida Dilemma* (N.Y.: iUniverse, 2003) illuminates the Hispanic struggle to maintain one's culture and language while seeking to succeed in the U.S. mainstream. Five generations of the Buenavida family form the backdrop for subjects such as segregated schools, employment discrimination, English-only laws, environmental justice and police brutality. Uranga experienced firsthand the tension between assimilation and cultural preservation as he grew up in southeastern New Mexico.

The paperback edition of *The Buenavida Dilemma* is available for \$12.95 from sources including the New Mexico State University Bookstore, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com and Booksamillion.com.

In addition to Jose Uranga's presentation, the NMSU Library homecoming reception will provide an opportunity to tour the University Museum's exhibit in Kent Hall, *Border Lives Once Lived*, which features artifacts and documents from the Amador and Armijo families. For more information, please contact the Library's Development Officer, Lesley Mackay, at (505) 646-3642 or email [lmackay@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:lmackay@lib.nmsu.edu).