



# Moving Forward, Looking Back: Journeys across the Old Spanish Trail



A project that explores the Spanish heritage in the Southwest of the US, a route that linked the colonial outposts of New Mexico and California.

*Moving Forward, Looking Back: Journeys Across the Old Spanish Trail* started in March 2014 with a road trip across the Southwest of the Spanish photojournalist [Janire Nájera](#).

She and her assistant Matt Wright followed the footsteps of trader Antonio Armijo, who opened the route of the Old Spanish Trail between the states of New Mexico and California in the 19th century.

During her trip, Janire met and interviewed Spanish descendants to analyze how the traditions of the first settlers have merged with local cultures influencing the creation and identity of today's pueblos and cities, revealing some traces of Spanish intangible heritage that remains across these states.

Nájera has captured her experience along the route in a [daily log](#), a [book](#) and a photography exhibition that premiered at the Former Residence of the Ambassadors of Spain in Washington, D.C. and that will be presented in March at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

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Fri, April 01–  
Fri, September 30, 2016

## Venue

National Hispanic Cultural Center, HLA  
Research Library, 1701 4th St SW,  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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## Admission

Free. Open from 10 am to 5 pm.

## More information

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## Credits

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