

**El Paso Archaeological Society**  
**Award of Distinction Banquet September 16, 2017**  
**Award of Distinction to Prince McKenzie**  
**and Featured Speaker Dr. David Dorado Romo**

The El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS) holds its annual Award of Distinction banquet on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the State Line Restaurant, [1222 Sunland Park Drive, El Paso TX 79922](#). The presentation of the Award of Distinction and the Banquet Speaker will follow the banquet.

Award of Distinction to Prince McKenzie

At the banquet, the Award of Distinction will be presented to long-time supporter of EPAS, Prince McKenzie, for his service to the Society and his dedication to the study and preservation of archaeological sites throughout the American Southwest.

Prince McKenzie, a descendant of a "pioneer family," received a BA in History from UTEP. He served as a Military Intelligence analyst in Vietnam and was promoted to Captain. After graduate studies in Art History at UTEP and Sam Houston State, he operated a commercial and forensic photography business. He participated in the team that designed the building and installed the opening exhibits of the Archaeology Museum in 1977. He served as the Photo Crew Chief in several field schools of the Texas Archaeological Society. He installed exhibits at the City of El Paso museums while working as an Art Museum Curator. After retirement from the City Dept. of Museums he became the Director of the Railroad & Transportation Museum of El Paso in 2001.

Banquet Speaker Dr. David Dorado Romo

Dr. David Dorado Romo speaks on the local topic *Duranguito: 190-year History of El Paso's Founding Settlement and Oldest Continually Inhabited Neighborhood*.

The presentation by historian and award-winning author Dr. David Dorado Romo will focus on the history of one of the oldest continually-inhabited neighborhoods in what is today's City of El Paso. It was officially founded in September 25, 1827 as the Juan María Ponce de León Ranch, located in what is now known as Duranguito. In 1859 this area was first platted by Anson Mills and was designated as the City's First Ward in 1873. The First Ward/Duranguito neighborhood played a central role in the history of transnational migrations including the Chinese, Mexican and Anglo migrations to the region. Dr. Romo, author of *Ringside Seat to a Revolution*, will highlight Duranguito's connection to the Mexican Revolution, the first major social revolution in the twentieth century. He will finish his talk by discussing the current efforts by historic

preservationists and Duranguito residents to declare this neighborhood both a locally and nationally designated historical district despite the City's ongoing efforts to raze it to build a sports arena.

Banquet Information:

Check-in for those registered will start promptly at 6:00 pm with a cash bar. Dinner will follow at 6:30 pm. The cost of the meal will be \$30.00. A child's plate for 12 & under is \$11.00. The deadline for banquet registration is September 14, 2017. Checks should be made out to EPAS and mailed to Berttye Barnhart at 2200 Febrero, El Paso, TX 79935

The all-you-can-eat buffet meal includes: barbecued chicken, sausage, shredded beef brisket or salmon with potato salad, coleslaw and beans and a drink choice of iced tea, Coke, Sprite or Dr. Pepper. The vegetarian plate includes a vegetable kebab of potatoes, bell peppers, onion and zucchini squash with coleslaw and beans. Contact Nena Arias at 915-309-8219 for the registration form. Directions to State Line Restaurant: From I-10 take the Sunland Park Drive exit and head South, just on the other side of Doniphan Drive.