

# Palace of the Governors

## MEDIA ALERT

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### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RARE BOOK AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LECTURE

**WHAT:** "Patriots, Poets, and Pranksters: A Personal Take on America's Rare Book Collection," a lecture presented by Mark Dimunation, chief of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division at the Library of Congress.

Chief of the division since 1998, Mr. Dimunation is responsible for the development and management of the Rare Book Collection, the largest collection of rare books in North America. He is currently completing an extensive project to reconstruct Thomas Jefferson's Library at the Library of Congress. As a specialist in 18th and 19th century English and American printing, Dimunation has considerable experience working with antiquarian, fine press and contemporary artists' books. He is past Chair of the Rare Book and Manuscript Section of American Library Association, and is a member of The Grolier Club, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, and the English Short Title Catalogue Board. He serves on the Special Collections Task Force of the Association of Research Libraries and the board of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), and is currently on the faculty of the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia.

This free event is the closing keynote lecture of the Palace of the Governors' exhibition, *Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico*. It is presented in cooperation with the Press at the Palace of the Governors and with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** St. Francis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, 107 West Palace Avenue 87501

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*The Palace of the Governors, built from 1609 to 1610, is the state history museum for New Mexico and is housed in the oldest continuously occupied public building in the United States. The museum's collection of more than 17,000 historical objects documents the Spanish Colonial, Mexican, American Territorial, and recent eras in New Mexico history. Items date from the time of the earliest Spanish explorations in the 16th century and chronicle 223 years of Spanish administrative control, 25 years as part of Mexico, 66 years as a territory of the United States, and from statehood in 1912 to the present. The Palace also administers the Fray Angélico Chávez History Library and Photo Archives, the Palace Press, and the Portal Program.*

The Palace of the Governors is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

Information for the Public: The Palace of the Governors is located on the Plaza in Santa Fe at 105 West Palace Avenue. Call 505-476-5100 for more information, or visit the Palace website, [www.palaceofthegovernors.org](http://www.palaceofthegovernors.org).

Museum hours are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Palace of the Governors is open Tuesday through Sunday, except from Memorial Day to Labor Day, when it is open every day.