

Curanderismo

Creating a New Health Model. Merging
Traditional and Modern Medicine



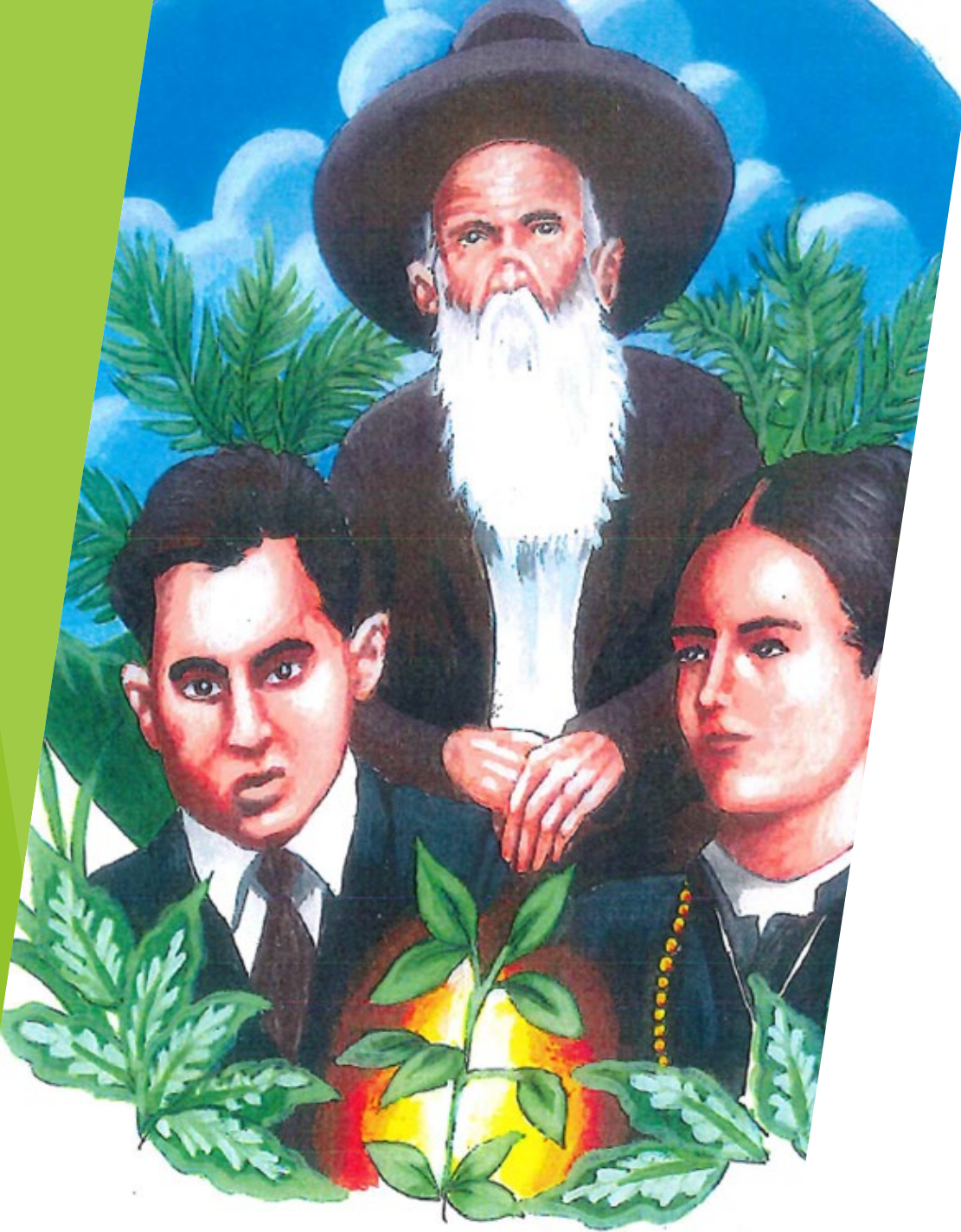
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Learning Objectives

- ▶ Identify three of the most important curanderos in Mexican history who have impacted people in Mexico and the United States.
- ▶ Identify three current leaders in Mexico and the U.S. in providing traditional and holistic medicine access.
- ▶ Appraise the current efforts in Mexico to merge traditional and modern medicine under one healthcare system.





Los 3 Grandes

The Great Ones

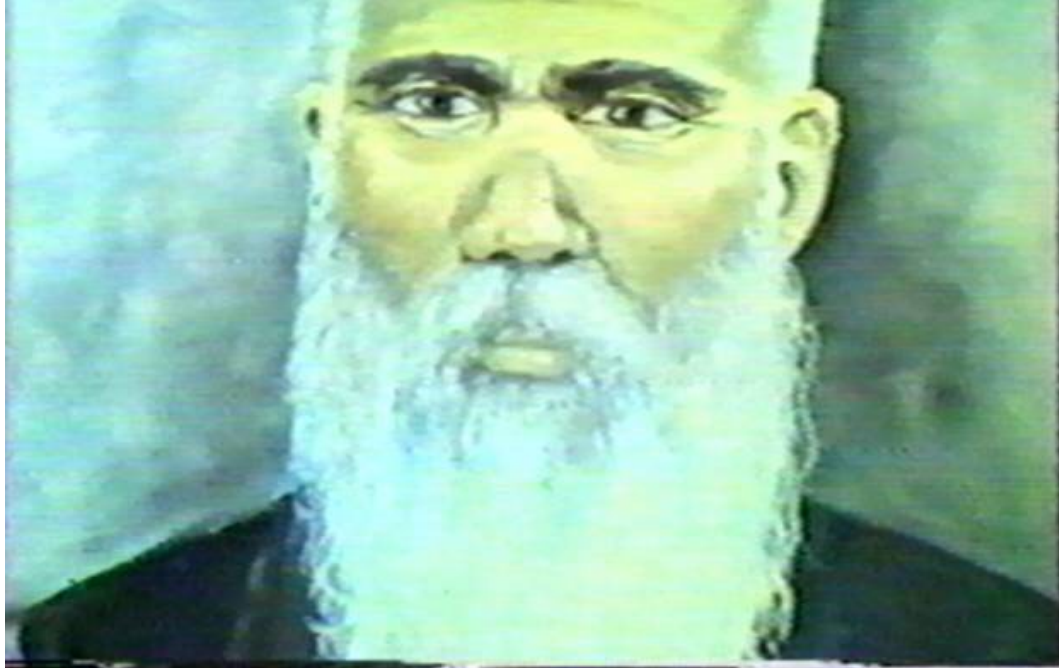
Teresita (1873 - 1906)

- Studied with healer *Huila*
- Hypnosis and prophecy
- Fled Nogales, Mexico to El Paso where she used to see 200 patients a day



Santa Teresa "Teresita" took this photo in New York City at 29 years of age.





Don Pedrito (1829 - 1907)

Healer of Los Olmos

- He prescribed water, baths and clay
- One of the most important healers in the Southwest in the XX century
- Named *The benefactor of Humanity*



Niño Fidencio (1898 - 1938)

- El Niño - childlike personality
- Always happy and laughing
- He healed Mexican President Calles and his daughter
- Compared to Jesus Christ- died at the age of 33 (according to popular belief)
- 2 celebrations
 - Birth- Christmas
 - Death- Easter

National Leaders in Traditional/Integrated Medicine



Dr. Andrew Weil
University of Arizona
Health Sciences Center



Dr. Tieraona Low dog
The University of New Mexico



Dr. Arturo Ornelas
President and Founder of CEDEHC
School of Traditional Medicine
Cuernavaca, Mexico

Sites of Traditional Medicine Health Fairs as part of the 2-week Curanderismo Summer Course



- National Hispanic Cultural Center
- Old Town Albuquerque
- Native American Pueblos
- Community Centers in Albuquerque and Santa Fe
- Heritage Site “El Rancho de las Golondrinas” in Santa Fe
- **HOY Recovery Program** for Addictions in Alcalde, NM.
- The University of New Mexico

Integrated Model of Traditional and Modern Medicine

- Universidad Intercultural. San Felipe del Progreso, Estado de Mexico (Integrated)

<http://uiem.edomex.gob.mx/>



Need for a Traditional/Allopathic Medicine Clinic for diverse communities

Cultural needs

Immigrant population

**Affordability and
Accessibility**

Integrated Model (Traditional and Allopathic) Health Clinic in Mexico

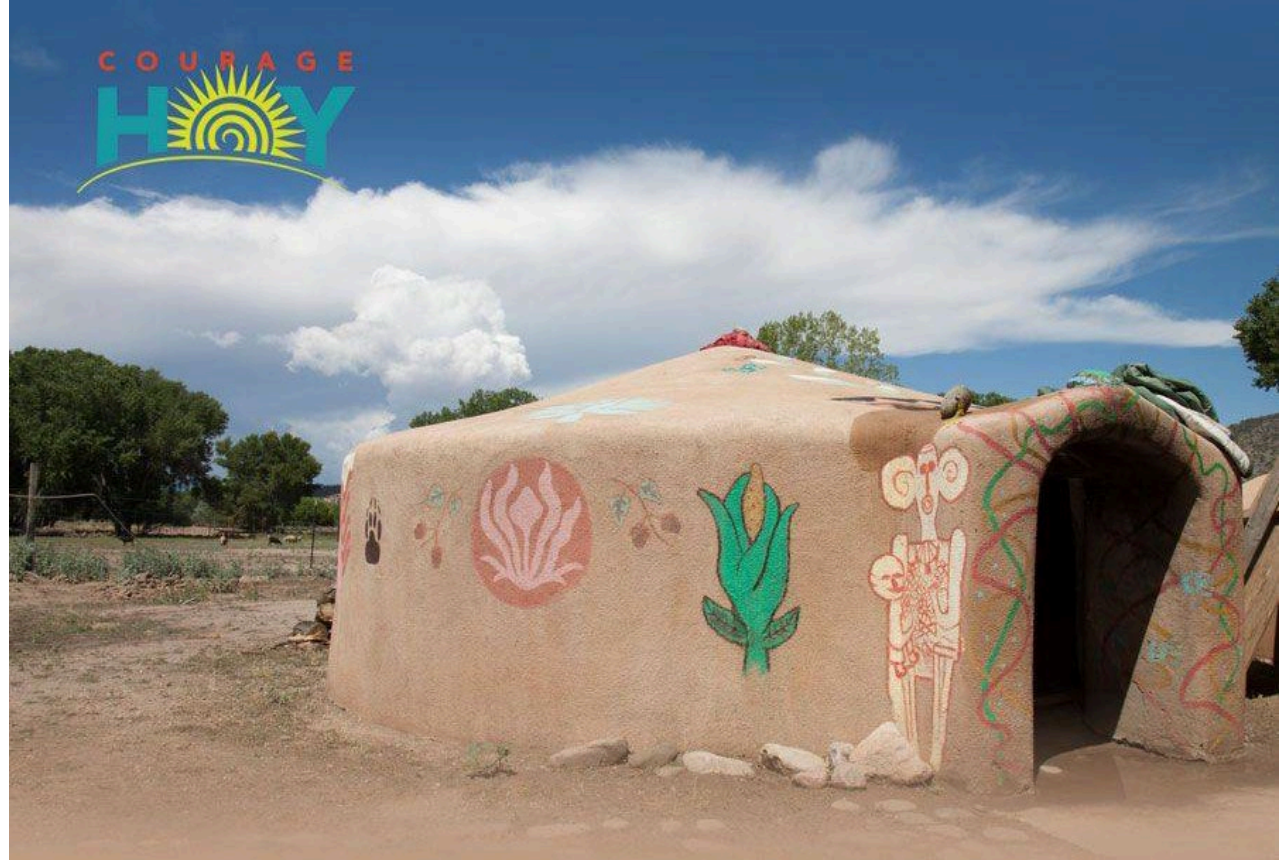


Mission: to offer the communities of Mexico a higher education of academic excellence respecting the cultures, knowledge and traditions of the original communities, maintaining a harmonic balance between types of knowledge.

Universidad Intercultural Estado de Mexico

- UIEM



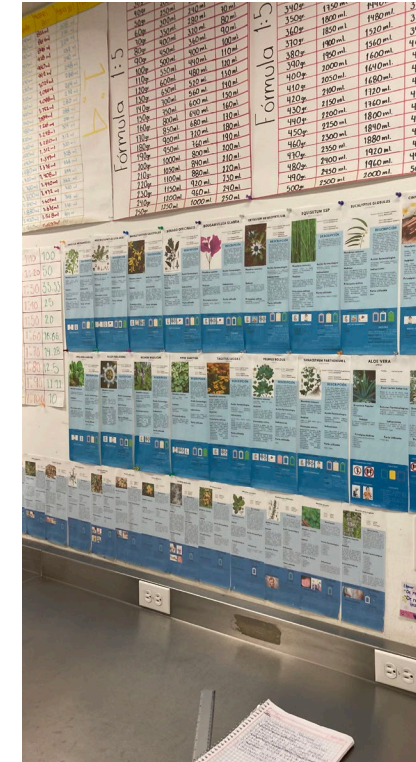
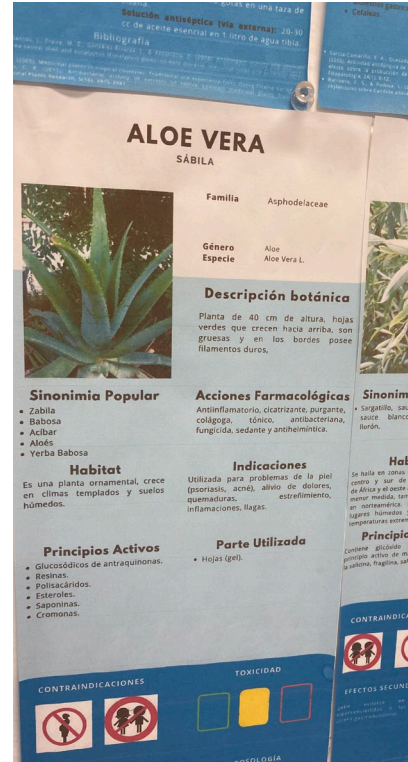


Temazcal in Alcalde, NM HOY Recovery Program Addiction Treatment Center

Universidad Intercultural

Traditional Mexican Herbal Medicine

Laboratory



Schools for Training of Traditional Medicine in Mexico

- CEDEHC. Cuernavaca, Morelos. (Traditional)

<https://www.cedehc.com/>

- Instituto Tzapin (Traditional). Texcoco, Estado de Mexico.(Traditional)

<https://www.institutotzapin.mx>

Universidad de Chapingo, Texcoco, Mexico.





Models of integrated traditional and modern medicine in other countries

“Ayurveda, the Traditional Indian Medicine (TIM) and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) remain the most ancient yet living traditions. These are the two ‘great traditions’ with sound philosophical, experiential and experimental basis.

*(In regard to allopathic-modern medicine)...Increased side effects, lack of curative treatment for several chronic diseases, **high cost of new drugs**, microbial resistance and emerging diseases are some reasons for renewed public interest in complementary and alternative medicines”*

*Treatments that **respond to cultural beliefs** are yet another reason to consider a new integrated health model - Eliseo Torres*

Patwardhan, Bhushan, Dnyaneshwar Warude, P. Pushpangadan, and Narendra Bhatt. “Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine: A Comparative Overview.” *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine* 2, no. 4 (2005): 465-73.

New 1-Year Certificate on Traditional Concepts of Healing

► **Community members:**

- Register through UNM Continuing Education. 3 Curanderismo courses.
 - Curanderismo Part 1: The Art of Mexican Folk Healing
 - Curanderismo Part 2: Global Perspectives of Traditional Healing
 - Summer Institute: Traditional Medicine without Borders (Online or in Person). Online vs in-person will be indicated in the certificate.

► **University of New Mexico Students:**

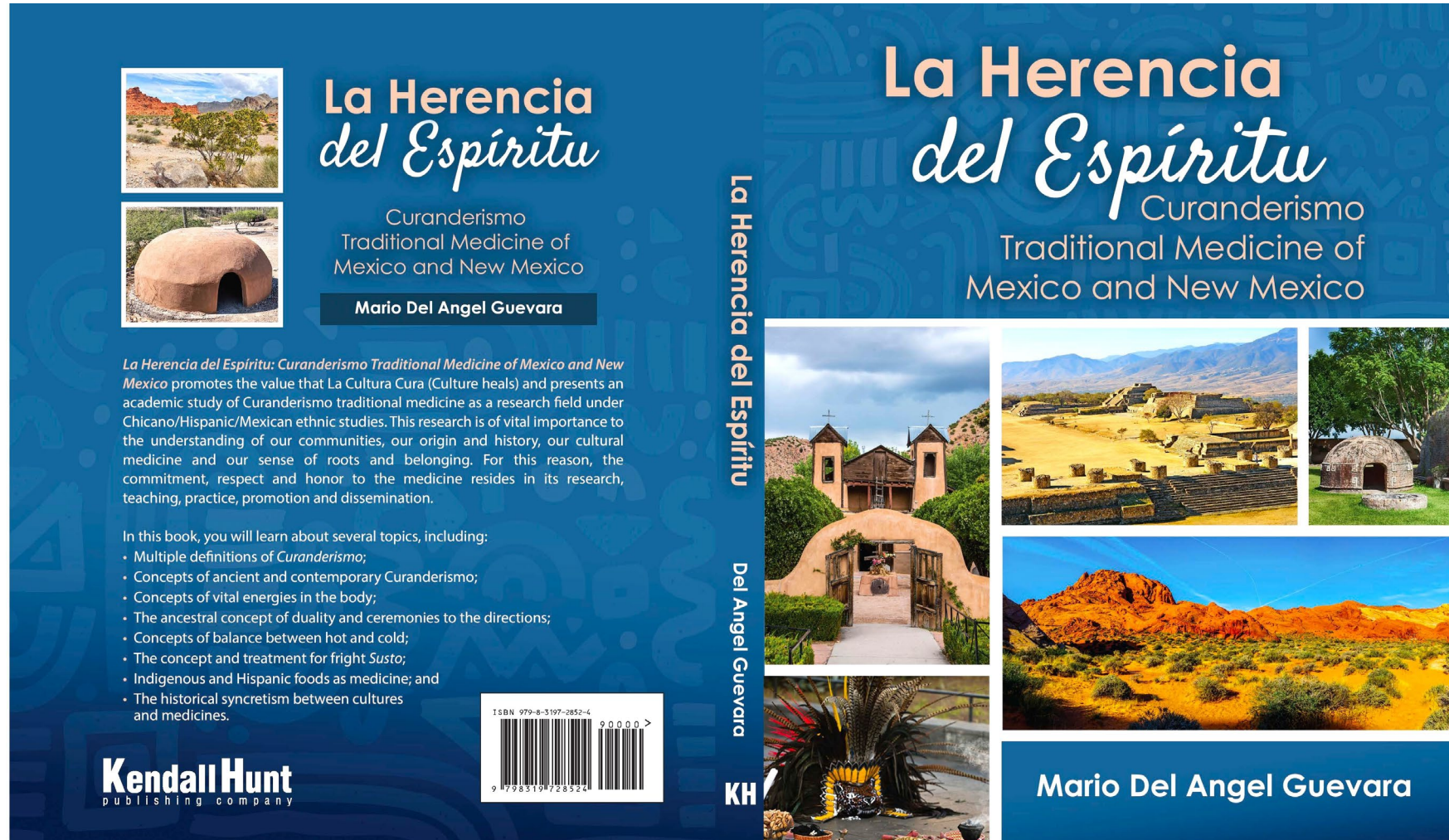
- Register through My UNM. 3 Curanderismo courses and 2 Chicana/o Studies Courses. (5 courses total)
 - Curanderismo Part 1: The Art of Mexican Folk Healing
 - Curanderismo Part 2: Global Perspectives of Traditional Healing
 - Summer Institute: Traditional Medicine without Borders (Online or in Person). Online vs in-person will be indicated in the certificate.
 - Introduction to Chicana/o Studies
 - Community-based Learning in Chicana/o Studies.

UNM Study-abroad Global Education Office

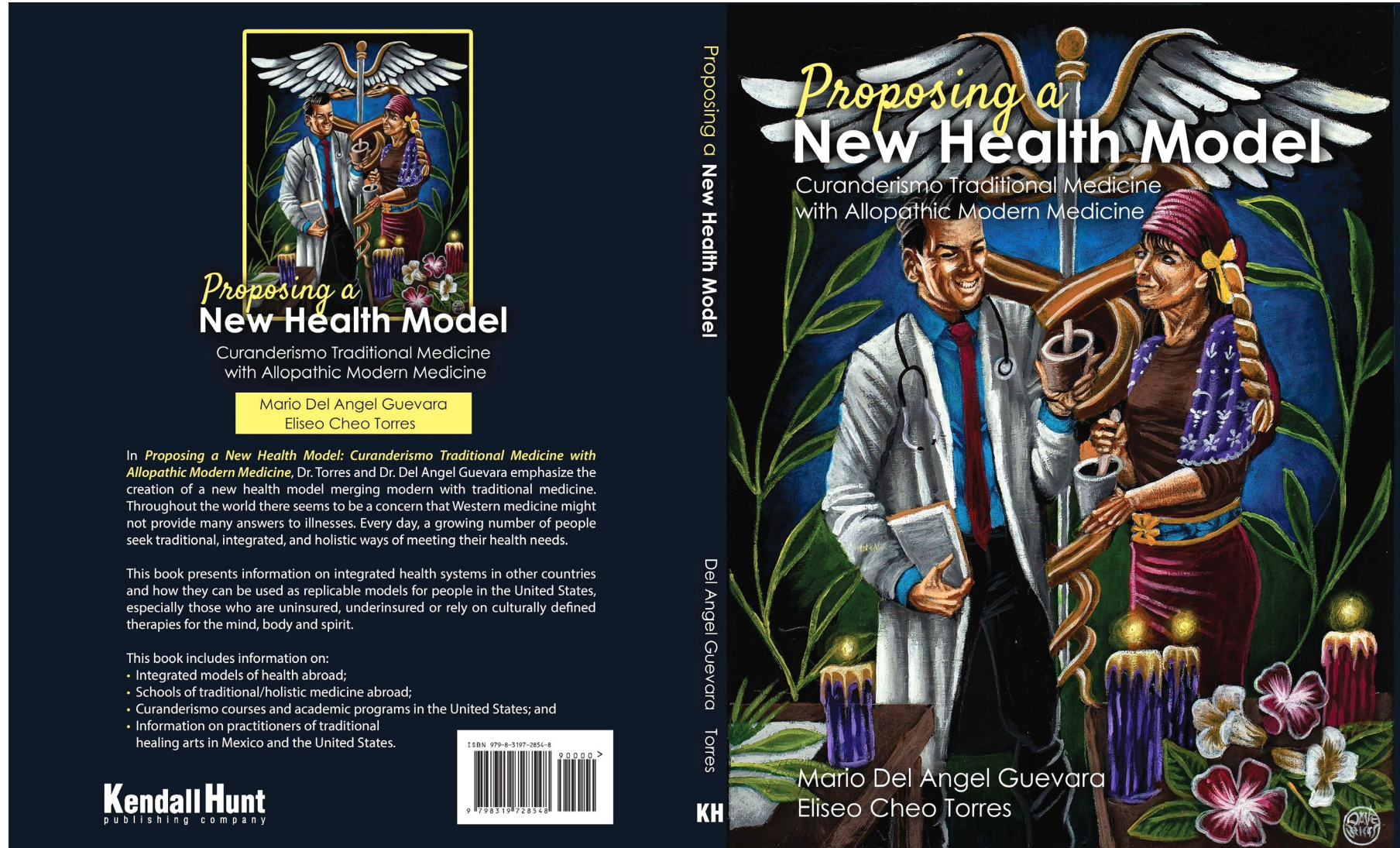
- ▶ Every May (dates TBA) the Curanderismo program offers a 9-day study-abroad program in Oaxaca, Mexico led by Dr. Mario Del Angel Guevara and Maestro Curandero Laurencio López Núñez.
- ▶ Open to all UNM students and community members.
- ▶ Details available in early August. Send email to curanderismo@unm.edu
- ▶ **Academic credit available for UNM students.** CCS 395 / 595 intercession course.



New Publications by Chicana/o Studies Faculty



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