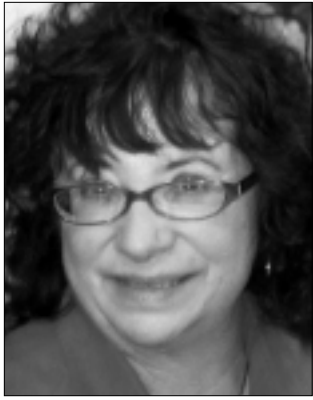


# Board of Directors

Southwest Research and Information Center (SRIC) wants to take this opportunity both to introduce you to our board, and honor their hard work. In each issue we will introduce you to three Board Members.

## JUDITH M. ESPINOSA



Judith Espinosa's first association with SRIC began in the mid-1980s, when she was the New Mexico Secretary of Transportation under Governor Toney Anaya, and as such was one of the members of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Task Force. She met SRIC's Don Hancock

during this time as he monitored the efforts of the Task Force to make sure the health and safety of the public were being considered.

Judith later met former SRIC staffer Lynda Taylor, who also worked on WIPP issues, and was a volunteer with the New Mexico Conservation Voters Alliance (NMCVA). NMCVA was a political action campaign working to protect New Mexico's people and environment and is now known as Conservation Voters New Mexico, a 501(c)(4). Judith worked with and was part of the NMCVA board from the late-1980s until 2003.

Judith has a long history of public service. She has served under three New Mexico Governors, holding the positions of New Mexico Secretary of Environment, Secretary of Transportation, and Interstate Stream Commissioner. She has also served on President Clinton's Council for Sustainable Development, as a Board Member for the National Wildlife Federation and The Energy Foundation, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to sit as a Trustee for the Morris K. Udall Foundation for Environmental Excellence. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of New Mexico, as well as a Masters in Public Health Administration from UCLA.

Judith is currently retired from state government and has started a consulting firm, Policy Connections. In 2009, Judith was asked to join the SRIC Board of Directors, and to everyone's delight, she accepted. In addition to her work with SRIC, Judith is also volunteering her time with two other organizations: the Southwest Network for Economic and Environmental Justice (SNEEJ), working with the Environmental Justice Task Force; and is on the Board of Directors of Ubuntu Green, an organization in Sacramento, California working on community sustainability projects with neighborhoods.

## CANDACE HEAD-DYLLA



Candace Head-Dylla first became associated with SRIC in 1980s as the result of our work with communities in the Grants Uranium Belt. "SRIC was the only technical or community organization that would work with us." When asked about how she got

involved in uranium issues, Candace said because of her parents and the family's work with 4H. Her parents took her to public hearings, and learning about issues affecting her community inspired her to act. While her experience with 4H taught her about growing things, it also taught leadership and community service. The other reason was motherhood: worrying about your children, are they safe and healthy? You need to protect the children.

Candace is a Ph.D. candidate in Educational Leadership at Pennsylvania State University. Her master's thesis was a quantitative study of the effects of a reading intervention she designed for American Indian middle schoolers. Currently, she is the Reading Coach at Bernalillo High School. She has trained reading teachers in New Mexico, Louisiana, Maryland, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico.

Candace's family has deep roots in New Mexico. Her grandparents were homesteaders prior to New Mexico's statehood, settling first in Fort Sumner, and later in Grants. Both Candace and her father, Milton Head, are graduates of Grants High School. Candace and her husband Steve have two daughters, one recently married and attending law school, and the other attending medical school.

Candace also serves as community liaison for the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance (BVDA). BVDA is dedicated to a full cleanup of the communities north of Milan, New Mexico that have been contaminated by uranium mining and milling processes (see pages 4-5). In the 1990s, Candace and other local residents successfully resisted the development of a medical waste incinerator in those same communities. It is because of this work that SRIC's Board of Directors invited her to join in 2009.

## MANUEL F. PINO, PRESIDENT




Manuel Pino first became associated with SRIC in the late 1970s. He was part of the National Indian Youth Council and was addressing coal issues on the Navajo Nation. It was at this meeting that he met SRIC's Paul Robinson and began learning about uranium

issues, inspiring him into looking deeper into this issue that had impacts on his home, the Acoma Pueblo. Manuel met two other SRIC staffers, Chris Shuey and Lynda Taylor, while working with the Mount Taylor Alliance to stop new uranium mining from occurring on the sacred peak.

For the past thirty years Manuel has worked on issues affecting American Indians and the environment, with an emphasis on how uranium mining and nuclear fuel cycle issues. He is working with former American Indian uranium miners in New Mexico, Arizona, Washington and South Dakota on health issues related to radiation exposure, and in Indigenous communities opposing nuclear waste storage and mining on their lands. He served as a delegate of Indigenous Peoples at the 2001 United Nations (UN) World Conference Against Racism, and on numerous other international forums involving Indigenous Peoples. Manuel received the 2008 Nuclear-Free Future Award for activism in Munich, Germany.

Manuel is a professor of sociology and Director of American Indian Studies at Scottsdale Community College in Scottsdale, Arizona. He has published several book chapters, articles in academic journals, environmental publications, and Indigenous publications in both the U.S. and Canada.

It is because of Manuel's work, and our close association over the years, that he was invited to the SRIC Board in 2000. Manuel also serves on the Board of Directors for the Indigenous Environmental Network, Red Rock Foundation, and the Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment, of which he is a founding member. 

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