

**PRESS RELEASE FOR STAN'S BOOK (FOR THE LINK) FREE**

**The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society is sponsoring a book-signing event for Dr. Stanley Hordes on Sunday, August 14 at the JCC at 2PM. Admission is free of charge and books will be available for purchase.**

**The title of the book is "To the End of the Earth: A History of the Crypto-Jews of New Mexico" and is a pathfinding work of collective biography.**  
(Columbia University Press)

**Stanley M. Hordes is an Adjunct Research Professor at the Latin American and Iberian Institute of the University of New Mexico, and former New Mexico State Historian. He received his B.A. in history from the University of Maryland, his M.A. in Latin American History from the University of New Mexico, and his Ph.D. in Colonial Mexican History from Tulane University.**

**Dr. Hordes has been researching the historical phenomenon of crypto-Judaism for thirty years. His doctoral dissertation, "The Crypto-Jewish Community of New Spain, 1620-1649: A Collective Biography" (1980), established an important historical context for the presence of a secret Jewish element in Mexico. When he served as New Mexico State Historian (1981-1985), he began to explore the existence of a crypto-Jewish presence on the far northern Mexican frontier in New Mexico in the sixteenth and seventeenth century. His recently-published book, *To the End of the Earth: A History of the Crypto-Jews of New Mexico* (Columbia University Press, 2005), is based on research performed in the archives of New Mexico, Mexico, Spain, Portugal and France, supported by a generous grant from the Estate of Eva Feld.**

**Dr. Hordes was one of the founding members of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and has served three terms as president.**

**If you are interested in joining the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and learn more about events like this, please contact Bobbi Jackson, Administrator, at 348-4471.**