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Moises Gonzales is an Assistant Professor in the Community and Regional Planning Program at the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico, and is the Director of the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Design Degree Program. He also serves as the Director of the Resource Center for Raza Planning, which is a community outreach center within the School of Architecture and Planning whose mission is to provide technical assistance in the areas of community development, design, and natural resource planning for traditional communities throughout New Mexico.

Moises holds a Master's Degree in Urban Design from the College of Architecture and Planning from the University of Colorado, Denver as well as a Professional Planning Degree in the Master of Community and Regional Planning Program from the University of New Mexico. In 2008, Moises was awarded the prestigious Post Graduate Loeb Fellowship at the Harvard Graduate School of Design where he studied sustainable urban design.

Mr. Gonzales is the Principal and owner of Chimal Designs which had over 12 years of experience in community planning and design projects throughout the state of New Mexico. Recently, his work has focused on urban redevelopment strategies for Albuquerque's International District. In 2000, He received the Distinguished Alumni award from the University of New Mexico for his work on cultural landscape preservation of traditional communities in Northern New Mexico. His work in design strategies for agricultural conversation in Rio Arriba County is featured in the book, True West, Authentic Patterns for Small Towns and Rural Areas by Christopher Duerksen and James Van Hermert published by the APA Planners Press in 2003. In addition to many professional design and planning awards, Chimal Designs received the Best Planning Practices award in 2009 by the New Mexico Infrastructure Conference for its work newly branded International District.

Moises Gonzales teaches courses in the Physical Planning Concentration of the Community and Regional Planning Program which include: Advanced Planning Studio, Human Settlements, Urban Systems, Urban Design, and Introduction to GIS. He is a specialist in urban design, rural town design, cultural resources inventory, landscape design, GIS mapping and analysis, as well as three-dimensional digital modeling. His research focus is on southwest urbanism, urban form morphology, as well as the informal settlement condition in global cities. His research is devoted to developing a vernacular appropriate urban design strategy that can improve urban performance in response to the dry arid climates of the southwestern region of the United States.