

## Laura Hall – Bio Statement

Laura Hall is a passionate and experienced leader at the University of New Mexico. She has a strong commitment to the University and the opportunities and advancements it creates for New Mexico. Laura's unwavering commitment to student success and academic excellence has been evident throughout her various roles at UNM.

Currently, she serves as the division head for resources, archives, and discovery at UNM Health Sciences Library. In this role, Laura oversees a team of faculty and staff responsible for providing library and information resources, negotiating multi-year and multi-million-dollar contracts in support of the UNM HSC's education, research and clinical care missions.

Laura has a successful track record of overseeing multi-faceted departmental operations, developing new programs, human resources, assessment, and writing and successfully obtaining extramural funding. In the role of interim director for Health Sciences Library, Laura developed a 10-year master plan for Health Sciences Library building, oversaw major remodel of the library's main study floor, and successfully advocated for a budget increase for library collections, which led to a 7% increase in FY21, and an additional 16% increase in FY22.

Laura has a deep understanding of challenges in higher-education today, such as changes in the learning environment, supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged students, and preparing students for life after college. One of her strengths is bringing people together from diverse backgrounds to find creative solutions to these challenges. She has over 20 years of experience managing professional staff, faculty, and student employees, and building highly-productive and strong teams.

As part of her commitment to continuous learning and growth, Laura will be graduating this May with an Executive MBA from the UNM Anderson School of Management. Laura also holds a Master's in Fine Arts from School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Growing up in New Mexico, Laura developed an appreciation for the outdoors and hiking. She enjoys being creative in the kitchen, gardening, reading and writing, and spending time with her children, Pablo (19) and Isabella (17), and four-legged companions, Juno, Cherry and Dahlia.