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# **Spanish Connections: My Diplomatic Journey from Venezuela to Equatorial Guinea**

## **Mark L. Asquino**

U.S. Ambassador (Ret.) and President, Global Santa Fe

**Thursday, May 18, 2023 4:00 p.m.**

**Botts Hall, Albuquerque Special Collections Library**

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The Albuquerque International Association is pleased to present a lecture by **Mark L. Asquino** titled **Spanish Connections: My Diplomatic Journey from Venezuela to Equatorial Guinea** discussing his book of the same name. The book is a memoir about his diplomatic journey to Equatorial Guinea, a small Spanish-speaking country in West Africa. In his talk, he will discuss the many stops along the way that finally led to serving as U.S. Ambassador to Spain's only former colony in sub-Saharan Africa. His assignment to Equatorial Guinea was the last piece needed to complete a full circle in a professional life that began in Franco's Spain.

**Mark L. Asquino** is a retired U.S. Ambassador and President of Global Santa Fe and has served as an American foreign service officer in Spain, Romania, Chile, Sudan, Uzbekistan and a variety of other places around the globe. His memoir *Spanish Connections* is an insightful and easy-to-read memoir that follows his many travels as a diplomat for the U.S. government, as well as tracing the intersections between his personal life and his job along the way.

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