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MILLER LIBRARY TO HOST BOOK SIGNING FOR LOCAL AUTHOR

Silver City, NM – Western New Mexico University’s Miller Library and the Millennium III Honors Program will host an author lecture and book signing event for Dr. David A. Remley on Thursday, September 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Remley, a local Silver City resident and prominent scholar, will present a lecture on his latest book, *Kit Carson: The Life of an American Border Man*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

In his new book, Remley explores the many facets of Kentucky-born Christopher “Kit” Carson, one of 14 children who headed west as a young man after his father’s untimely death. Kit was transformed from a poor, restless youth into a legendary figure who was equally admired and disdained during his lifetime.

Remley will share the genesis of his inspiration for writing the book, and his journey in pursuing his research on Kit Carson. He will discuss little known facts such as how Carson’s Scottish-Irish heritage influenced his values and ethics, and details of his marriage to Waa-Nibe, an Arapaho woman, prior to his high-profile union to the prominent Josefa Jaramillo in Taos, New Mexico.

Other books written by Dr. Remley include *Crooked Road: The Story of the Alaska Highway* (originally published in 1976 and re-released in 2008); *Adios Nuevo Mexico: The Santa Fe Journal of John Watts in 1859* (1999) and *The Bell Ranch: Cattle Ranching in the Southwest, 1824-1947* (2000).

Copies of *Kit Carson: The Life of an American Border Man* will be available for purchase.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Miller Library at 575-538-6358.

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