

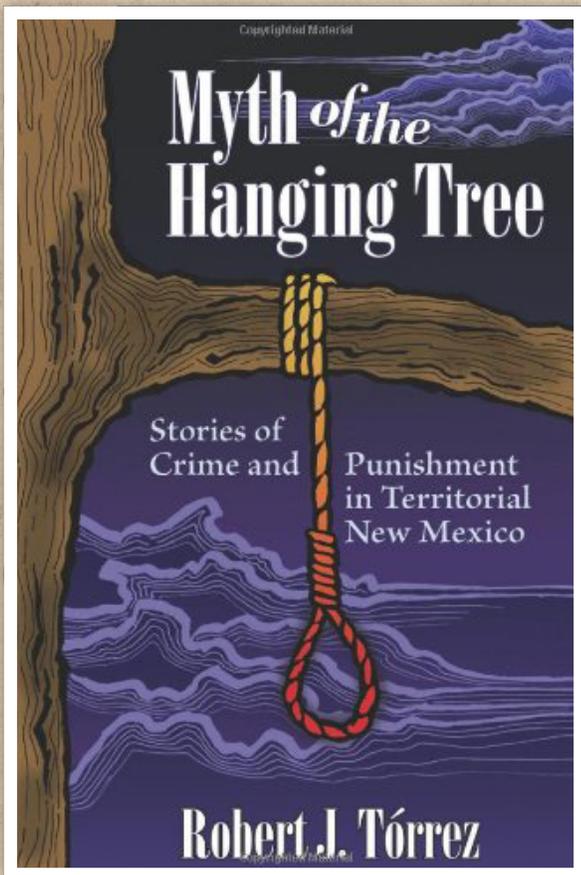
# Myth of the Hanging Tree

BY ROBERT TÓRREZ

Thursday, October 27 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**Bachechi Open Space**

9521 Rio Grande Boulevard NW



Historian and author Robert J. Tórréz presents “Myth of the Hanging Tree: Stories of Crime and Punishment in Territorial New Mexico.” The haunting specter of hanging trees holds a powerful sway on the American imagination, conjuring images of rough-and-tumble frontier towns struggling to impose law and order in a land where violence was endemic. In this thoughtful study, former New Mexico State Historian Tórréz examines several fascinating criminal cases that reveal the harsh and often gruesome realities of the role hangings, legal or otherwise, played in the administration of frontier justice.

The workshops are **FREE**; however, space is limited and participants must register at [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace)



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