

Announcement

Lois P. Rudnick Writing Residency at the Mabel Dodge Luhan House

The Mabel Dodge Luhan House in Taos, New Mexico will host a two-week writer's residency in Lois Palken Rudnick's memory in January 2026. Lois' association with the MDL house began not long after the publication of her biography Mabel Dodge Luhan: New Woman New Worlds and resulted in her second book on Mabel, Utopian Vistas, The Mabel Dodge Luhan House and the American Counterculture. Her research for this work also resulted in the MDL House becoming listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lois was a long-time cultural historian of Southwestern literature, art, and modernism. Her greatest passion was mentoring young scholars and educators. Preference will be given to applications that in some way reflect these ideas and ideals.

The Mabel Dodge Luhan House has long served as a home for writer's workshops and retreats and as a place of solitude for writers. There are few amenities and no distractions such as televisions.

Details: The residency will be at the Mabel Dodge Luhan House Historic Inn and Conference Center, 240 Morada Lane, Taos, NM 87571, January 4, 2026, through January 18, 2026. Accommodation will be in Auntie's Cottage with two bedrooms, one bathroom, and a kitchenette with sitting area.

Buffet breakfast is available each morning in the main house. In addition to the room and breakfast, a \$600 stipend will be provided to the recipient. (Additional funds are being sought to cover travel costs. It may be necessary to stay in Santa Fe or Albuquerque one night, there are limited transportation choices to Taos.)

Application Requirements:

1. A one-page description of the applicant's project including its current status.
2. A one-page biography.
3. CV, not to exceed 5 pages.
4. Samples of past work, not to exceed 10 pages. Abstracts and summaries are preferred.
5. Names, affiliations, e-mails, and telephone numbers for two references.
6. An indication of whether travel funds will be required to accept the residency and an estimate.

The candidate must agree to the full two-week stay.

The resident will be expected to submit a minimum two-page summary of the product of the residency and any other observations. No other deliverables are expected.

Applicants must hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a liberal arts field (American Studies or American literature desirable) awarded by the residency date.

Jane Robbins Mize, the first residency recipient wrote "My time at the Mabel Dodge Luhan House provided me with the invaluable opportunity to finish a draft of my dissertation in an inspiring landscape. I enjoyed having breakfast with the guests in the morning and taking long walks around Taos in the afternoons. Auntie's Cottage was cozy and comfortable. I strongly recommend this residency for anyone in need of the time, space, and isolation to write."

Michele Fazio, the most recent recipient said "The Lois P. Rudnick Writing Residency at the Mabel Dodge Luhan House exceeded my expectations both in terms of what I imagined the experience to be and in my research productivity. The staff went above and beyond taking care of me. The residency was productive, regenerative, and inspiring both personally and professionally."

The application deadline is August 1, 2025, and the selection will be made no later than September 1, 2025. All materials should be in the form of either Word documents or PDF files. Completed applications should be sent to: steven.rudnick@umb.edu. Applicants will be considered based solely upon the content of their applications and will not be discriminated against on any basis.