



NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

2023 Annual Meeting Program



National Humanities Alliance

Meeting Program

Sunday, March 19

Le Méridien Arlington, 1121 19th Street North, Arlington, VA 22209

5:00 - 7:00pm

Welcome Reception

Vivace Ballroom

Reconnect with colleagues after 2 years of virtual programming. Light refreshments will be served.

Greeting: Shelly Lowe, Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities

Monday, March 20

Convene, 1201 Wilson Boulevard, 30th floor, Arlington, VA 22209

8:00 - 9:00am

Breakfast

30th Floor Common Space

8:30 - 9:00am

Business Meeting

Georgetown Boardroom

Open to all NHA member representatives. NHA member representatives will receive a report on NHA's activities and finances, and vote to elect members of the NHA board.

9:00 - 9:15am

Annual Meeting Welcome

Arlington Forum

Steve Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance; Paula Krebs, President, National Humanities Alliance and Executive Director, Modern Language Association

9:15 - 10:15am

Keynote: Engaging Divisive Concepts Legislation on the State and Local Level

Arlington Forum

The session will offer an overview of how various organizations are using legislative advocacy and the judicial system to address legislation that seeks to limit how topics including race and gender are taught. The session will offer practical advice on how individual advocates can get involved in efforts to oppose restrictive legislation.

Introduction: Frederick Lawrence, Secretary/CEO, Phi Beta Kappa Society, Lead Sponsor

Speakers: Jessie Brown, Vice President and Chief of Staff, American Council on Education; Janel George, Associate Professor of Law, Director, Racial Equity in Education Law and Policy Clinic, Georgetown University; Trinidad Gonzalez, History and Mexican American Studies Instructor, South Texas College

Moderator: James Grossman, Executive Director, American Historical Association

10:30 - 11:30am

Concurrent Sessions

Expanding Access to Undergraduate Humanities Education: Investing in New Curricula and Recruitment

Observation Hub South

This session examines successful models for attracting a more diverse range of students to the humanities through innovative curricula and inclusive recruitment strategies.

Speakers: Majdouline Aziz, Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of South Carolina Union; Maura Hametz, Academic Unit Head and Professor of History, James Madison University; Janaya Shaw, Program Director of the Engaged Humanities Initiative, University of Illinois at Chicago; Nia Cunningham, Engaged Humanities Initiative Scholar, University of Illinois at Chicago

Moderator: Scott Muir, Director of Undergraduate Initiatives, National Humanities Alliance

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Community Case Studies: How the Humanities Enrich Community Life

Gateway Boardroom

NHA's Community Case Studies initiative explores the impact the humanities have on community life in the United States. In this session, learn more about how traditional humanities institutions and other organizations are leveraging their humanities skill sets and knowledge to help their communities address major challenges. Through case studies in Charleston, South Carolina; Nogales, Arizona; and Rapid City, South Dakota, this project demonstrates that humanities work is essential to thriving communities.

Speakers: Mariel Aquino, Research Fellow, National Humanities Alliance; Ayesha Casie Chetty, Community Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance; Cecily Erin Hill, Director of Community Initiatives, National Humanities Alliance

Advocating for Humanities Research Funding

Colonial Hub North

This session will explore strategies for increasing funding, support, and visibility for humanities research on campus through coalition building across campuses, cross-campus collaborations, faculty support, and undergraduate research initiatives.

Speakers: Maria T. Iacullo-Bird, Assistant Provost for Research, Pace University; Shelome Gooden, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh; Jason Rhody, Director of Academic Program Services and Professional Development, Modern Language Association

Moderator: Steve Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance

11:45am - 12:45pm Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for the National Archives on Capitol Hill

Georgetown Boardroom

Deepen your expertise on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) as you prepare to advocate on the Hill.

Speakers: Joy Banks, Executive Director, Council of State Archivists; Lee White, Executive Director, National Coalition for History; Bryan Whitledge, Archivist and Manager for University Digital Records, Clarke Historical Library

Moderator: Alexandra Klein, Communications and Government Relations Manager, National Humanities Alliance

Expanding Access to Undergraduate Humanities Education: Creating Pathways and Programs for Underrepresented Student Groups

Observation Hub South

This session will explore initiatives that engage and support students from historically underrepresented groups to forward diversity, equity, and inclusion in undergraduate humanities education.

Speakers: Lena Hill, Provost, Washington and Lee University; S. Brian Jones, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Equity in the Arts, Pace University; Prudence Layne, Director of Elon Freedom Scholars Program and Associate Professor of English, Elon University

Moderator: Scott Muir, Director of Undergraduate Initiatives, National Humanities Alliance

Documenting Impact of the Humanities in Higher Ed: A Workshop

Colonial Hub South

This workshop will focus on how to document the impact of a wide variety of humanities initiatives in higher ed (courses, publicly engaged projects, internships, etc). After an overview of basic methodologies, participants will work in groups to develop actionable plans to document the impact of their own projects.

Speaker: Younger Oliver, Higher Education Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance

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12:45 - 1:30pm

Lunch

29th & 30th Floor Common Spaces

1:30 - 2:30pm

Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for Title VI and Fulbright-Hays on Capitol Hill

Georgetown Boardroom

Deepen your expertise on the Department of Education's international education programs (Title VI and Fulbright-Hays) as you prepare to advocate on the Hill.

Speakers: Jennifer Grodsky, Vice President for Federal Relations, Boston University; Doug Wasitis, Associate Vice President, Federal Relations, Indiana University

Moderator: Beatrice Gurwitz, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance

Bolstering Inclusion in the Humanities: A Regional Approach

Colonial Hub South

This session will discuss ways to build support for more inclusive and community engaged humanities work through inter-institutional collaboration. It will explore how reaching across institutional boundaries can bolster faculty efforts in teaching and research and how humanities organizations might also benefit from collaboration. The session will be grounded in the experiences of the Inclusion Imperative—a multi-institution collaboration based at the Dresher Center for the Humanities at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County—and NHA's collaboration with UMBC to document the Inclusion Imperative's impact.

Speakers: Jessica Berman, Director, Dresher Center for the Humanities, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Younger Oliver, Higher Education Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance

Pursuing Careers in Advocacy and Policy After Graduation

Colonial Hub North

Learn from D.C.-based professionals about how they leveraged their humanities skills to pursue careers in policy and advocacy. This session is designed for humanities undergraduate and graduate students and anyone who supports them in pursuing careers.

Speakers: Emily Fine, Director of Membership, Strategic Partnerships, and Operations, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration; Leigh Whitaker, Former Legislative Director, Office of Representative David Price, U.S. House of Representatives

Moderator: Steve Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance

An Introduction to State and Local Policies that Support the Humanities

Gateway Boardroom

This session will offer a glimpse into NHA's new report on policies that are used to financially support humanities work at the state and local levels throughout the U.S. We will explore both common and uncommon funding mechanisms, highlighting strategies that have been particularly successful.

Speaker: Cecily Erin Hill, Director of Community Initiatives, National Humanities Alliance

2:45 - 3:45pm

Concurrent Sessions

Debunking False Narratives about Humanities Majors: Leveraging the Latest Data

Georgetown Boardroom

This session will engage new data sources, including the Department of Education's College Scorecard and related efforts to evaluate educational ROI. We will explore strategies for debunking bad faith narratives about the values of humanities education and countering with alternative data that better reflect that value.

Speakers: Younger Oliver, Higher Education Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance; Scott Muir, Director of Undergraduate Initiatives, National Humanities Alliance

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Advocating for the NEH on Capitol Hill

Observation Hub South

Learn about NHA resources that document the impact of the NEH, as well as how to make a compelling case for the NEH on Capitol Hill.

Speakers: Cecily Erin Hill, Director of Community Initiatives, National Humanities Alliance; Alexandra Klein, Communications and Government Relations Manager, National Humanities Alliance

Advocating for a Public Humanities Infrastructure in Higher Ed

Colonial Hub South

This session is designed to offer application points for *Humanities for All's* new resource, *Approaches to Training in the Public Humanities*, which highlights efforts to train undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in public humanities methodologies and skills.

Speakers: Michelle May-Curry, Project Director, Humanities for All; Ricardo Ortiz, Director, Georgetown University's Master's program in Engaged and Public Humanities; Jessica Anderson Turner, Executive Director, American Folklore Society

4:00 - 5:00pm

State Group Advocacy Meetings

Arlington Forum

This session is mandatory for those advocating on March 21st.

Join us for an overview of our goals for Humanities Advocacy Day followed by state group meetings to help you plan for your Hill meetings. NHA staff will be available to answer any questions and offer advocacy tips.

Speakers: Beatrice Gurwitz, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance; Alexandra Klein, Communications and Government Relations Manager, National Humanities Alliance

Tuesday, March 21

Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

8:00am - 5:00pm Waystations

Stop by a waystation to talk to NHA staff, pick up extra materials, or take a break throughout the day.

*Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Shalom Room
212 East Capitol St. NE, Washington, DC 20003*

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*Rayburn Cafeteria
Rayburn House Office Building, Ground Floor*

9:00am - 5:00pm Humanities Advocacy Day

Capitol Hill

Advocates visit congressional offices in state-based groups to advocate for federal support for the Humanities.

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