



NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

2024 Annual Meeting Program



National Humanities Alliance

Meeting Program

Sunday, March 10

The LINE Hotel DC, 1770 Euclid St NW, Washington, DC 20009

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Welcome Reception

Mezzanine

Join us for hors d'oeuvres and drinks on Sunday evening to connect with fellow conference participants.

Monday, March 11

The LINE Hotel DC, 1770 Euclid St NW, Washington, DC 20009

8:00 - 9:00 am

Breakfast

Banneker Foyer

8:30 - 9:00 am

Business Meeting

Lyra & Lynx

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 - 9:15 am

Annual Meeting Welcome

Banneker Ballroom

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

9:25 - 10:15 am

Concurrent Sessions

Playing Offense to Promote the Humanities

Carina

Join three deans for a discussion about proactive ways to advance the humanities on campuses. Attendees will have ample opportunity to connect with one another and share successes from their campuses.

Speakers: Jeffrey Cohen, Dean of Humanities, Arizona State University; Stephanie Shonekan, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland; Nicholas Vazsonyi, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, Clemson University

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

Advocating for Title VI and Fulbright-Hays on Capitol Hill

Carina East

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: Rebecca Rubin Damari, Director of Research, National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland; Krista Johnson, Director, Center for African Studies, Howard University; MacGregor Obergfell, Associate Director, Governmental Affairs, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; Doug Wasitis, Associate Vice President, Federal Relations, Indiana University

Facilitator: Beatrice Gurwitz, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance

Pursuing Careers in Advocacy and Policy After Graduation

Lyra & Lynx

Learn how DC-based professionals 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: Delainey Boyd, Associate Director, National Arts & Sciences Initiative, The Phi Beta Kappa Society; Peter Gordon, Director, Governmental Affairs, Center for American Progress; Erica Lee, Analyst in Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery, Congressional Research Service; Michael Lundquist, Legislative Assistant to Representative Mike Carey (R-OH), U.S House of Representatives

Facilitator: Cecily Hill, Director of Narrative Strategy, National Humanities Alliance

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10:30 - 11:20 am Concurrent Sessions

Defending Disciplines and Departments from Attacks

Carina

This session will explore approaches to defending disciplines in the face of legislative attacks as well as strategies for defending departments that are under review or threatened with elimination due to institutional budgetary concerns.

Speakers: Jim Grossman, Executive Director, American Historical Association; Nancy Kidd, Executive Director, American Sociological Association; Paula Krebs, Executive Director, Modern Language Association

Facilitator: Beatrice Gurwitz, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance

Building a Student Led Campus Advocacy Agenda

Carina East

Undergraduate and graduate students and those who support them are invited to a conversation to envision a student-led humanities advocacy agenda with the goal of shifting perceptions of the humanities and showcasing the value of studying the humanities.

Facilitator: Stephen Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance

Advocating for the National Archives on Capitol Hill

Lyra & Lynx

Deepen your expertise on the National Archives and Records Administration 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 Whitedge, Archivist and Manager for University Digital Records, Clarke Historical Library

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

11:35 am - 1:00 pm Luncheon and Luncheon Address

Banneker Ballroom

Luncheon Welcome

Frederick Lawrence, Secretary and CEO, The Phi Beta Kappa Society

Luncheon Address

Colleen Shogan, Archivist of the United States, in conversation with Paula Krebs, President, National Humanities Alliance and Executive Director, Modern Language Association

1:15 - 2:05 pm Concurrent Sessions

Showing Not Telling: How Interdisciplinary Gen Ed Initiatives Attract Students to the Humanities

Carina

Explore Gen Ed initiatives that have been effective at introducing students to the value of learning across disciplines and have helped to encourage additional course-taking in the humanities.

Speakers: Curtis Maughan, Director, World Languages and Digital Humanities Studio, University of Arkansas; Amy Woodbury Tease, Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary Curriculum and Chair, Department of Global Humanities, Norwich University; Katherine Trostel, Chair, Humanities Unit, Ursuline College

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

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Advocating for the Humanities on the State and Local Level

Carina East

Hear from leaders of state humanities councils and local nonprofits about their efforts to strengthen support for the humanities in states and cities. Learn about policies for funding humanities work, partnerships that strengthen humanities advocacy, and how to make the case for public humanities work to policymakers at different levels.

Speakers: Kimberly Bender, CEO & Museum Director, Heurich House Museum; Matthew Gibson, Executive Director, Virginia Humanities; Rebecca Lemos Otero, Executive Director, Humanities DC

Facilitator: Cecily Hill, Director of Narrative Strategy, National Humanities Alliance

Roundtable Discussion: Collaborating with Advocacy Experts on Your Campus to Engage Policymakers

Lyra & Lynx

Join college and university government relations officers to hear their insights on conducting effective Hill meetings and how to build relationships with the government relations office on your campus to raise the visibility of the humanities year-round.

Speakers: Heather Bloemhard, Associate Director of Federal Relations, Vanderbilt University; Jennifer Grodsky, Vice President for Federal Relations, Boston University; Aaron McClendon, Assistant Director, Office of Government Affairs, Princeton University; Carl Welliver, Assistant Director, Federal Relations, University of California San Diego

Facilitator: Beatrice Gurwitz, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance

2:20 - 3:10 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for the NEH on Capitol Hill

Carina

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 Hill, Director of Narrative Strategy, National Humanities Alliance; Alexandra Klein, Communications and Government Relations Manager, National Humanities Alliance

Advocating for Humanities Research

Carina East

This session will explore strategies for increasing funding, support, and visibility for humanities research on campus.

Speakers: Tim Harte, Provost and Professor of Russian, Bryn Mawr; Kristy Nabhan-Warren, Associate Vice President of Research, University of Iowa; Sarah Workman, Associate Director, Research Development (Humanities), Syracuse University

Facilitator: Stephen Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance

Connecting Humanities and Professional Education: Perspectives on Partnerships

Lyra & Lynx

Hear perspectives from both sides of successful collaborations between humanities faculty and business and medicine faculty that engage a broader range of students in the humanities and prepare students for specific professions.

Speakers: Tracy Leavelle, Director, Kingfisher Institute for the Liberal Arts and Professions, Creighton University; James Smith, Professor of Medicine, Creighton University; Elizabeth McCrea, Associate Professor of Management, Seton Hall University; Abe Zakhem, Professor of Philosophy, Seton Hall University

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

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- 3:30 - 4:45 pm** **Group Advocacy Meetings**
Banneker Ballroom
This session is mandatory for those advocating on March 12th.
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
- 5:15 pm** **Buses to Hill Reception Leave**
Buses will begin loading 15 minutes prior to departure.
- 5:45 - 7:00 pm** **Hill Reception and Yates Award Presentation**
Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room (Rayburn 2168), Washington, DC
The reception will feature the presentation of the Sidney R. Yates Award for Distinguished Public Service to the Humanities to Senator Susan Collins and Representative Chellie Pingree and remarks by Shelly Lowe, Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 7:00 pm** **Return Bus to The Line Hotel Departs**
Limited capacity. Only one bus will be returning to The Line from Capitol Hill.

Tuesday, March 12

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

- 7:45 am** **First Bus to the Hill Leaves**
Buses will begin loading 15 minutes prior to departure.
- 8:30 am** **Second Bus to the Hill Leaves**
Buses will begin loading 15 minutes prior to departure.
- 9:00 am** **Last Bus to the Hill Leaves**
Buses will begin loading 15 minutes prior to departure.
- 8:30 am - 5:30 pm** **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
*Our use of space at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation does not indicate endorsement or sponsorship by the church.
- Rayburn Cafeteria**
Rayburn House Office Building, ground floor
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** **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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