

2025 NHA Annual Meeting Program

Tuesday, February 25

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Virtual New Advocate Training - Zoom

Required for all new advocates, previous advocates welcome.

This session is designed for new advocates and anyone who would like an overview of the appropriations process and the mechanics of a meeting with a congressional office.

Sunday, March 9

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

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Connect with fellow conference participants over drinks and light refreshments.

Monday, March 10

Convene, 1201 Wilson Blvd. 30th floor, Arlington, VA 22209

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting

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 - 9:10 a.m.

Annual Meeting Welcome

9:10 - 10:10 a.m.

Keynote

10:25 - 11:15 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Insights From Experienced Advocates

Hear from seasoned advocates about their experiences advocating for humanities funding on Capitol Hill. This session is designed to provide new advocates with additional training and confidence before advocating on Tuesday.

Advocating for Integrative Curricula to Attract More Students

In this session, we will launch a resource designed to support faculty and administrators in advocating for support to build and sustain undergraduate curricular initiatives that integrate the humanities with other fields of study. Participants will hear from leaders of successful integrative curricular initiatives highlighted through our research funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

Careers in Public Policy for Humanities Graduates

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.

11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for Title VI and Fulbright-Hays on Capitol Hill

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.

Playing Offense to Promote the Humanities: More Strategies From the Dean's Office

Join three deans for a discussion about strategies they have developed to advance the humanities on their campuses. Attendees will have ample opportunity to share successes from their campuses and raise questions about how to address specific challenges.

Advocating for the Humanities at the State and Local Levels

Learn about advocating for humanities funding in your city, district, and state. Hear from leaders of state humanities councils and local nonprofits about their efforts to strengthen support for the humanities in states and cities.

12:20 - 1:20 p.m.

Lunch

1:20 - 2:10 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for the National Archives on Capitol Hill

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

Advocating for Humanities Research on College and University Campuses

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

Setting an Agenda for Student-Led Humanities Advocacy

NHA research has shown that students can be exceptionally effective advocates. Hear about individual success stories that highlight the largely unrealized potential of student advocates. In this interactive session, we invite students, faculty, administrators, and others to discuss strategies for mobilizing student advocates at local, regional, and national levels.

2:25 - 3:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for the NEH on Capitol Hill

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.

Building Infrastructure on Campus Through Humanities Centers

Join humanities center directors for a conversation on how humanities centers can be innovative forces for engaging undergraduates in the humanities and advocating for humanities research.

Collaborating to Articulate Career Pathways to Undergraduates

This session will feature examples of how administrators, faculty, staff, scholarly societies, and funders are collaborating to communicate how the

humanities promote career success in a variety of fields and support strong post-graduate outcomes.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Group Advocacy Meetings

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.

4:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Buses Load for Hill Reception

Busses will not return to Convene after the reception.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Hill Reception and Yates Award Presentation

Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room

Tuesday, March 11

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Humanities Advocacy Day

Capitol Hill

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