



NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

# 2025 Annual Meeting Program



National Humanities Alliance

# Meeting Program

## Sunday, March 9

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

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

### **Welcome Reception**

Vivace Ballroom

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 am**

### **Breakfast**

30th floor common area

**8:30 - 9:00 am**

### **Business Meeting**

Observation Hub North

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 am**

### **Annual Meeting Welcome**

Arlington Forum

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

**9:10 - 10:10 am**

### **Keynote: The New Administration and the Humanities in Higher Ed**

Arlington Forum

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

*Speakers: Terry Brown, Vice President of Academic Innovation and Transformation, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; Jody Feder, Director of Accountability and Regulatory Affairs, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; Leanne Hotek, Executive Director of Federal Relations, University of Iowa*

*Moderator: Paula Krebs, Executive Director, Modern Language Association*

**10:25 - 11:15 am**

### **Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Insights From Experienced Advocates**

Colonial Hub

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.

*Speakers: Delainey Boyd, Associate Director, National Arts & Sciences Initiative, Phi Beta Kappa Society; Greg Campbell, Deputy Executive Director, Community College Humanities Association; Amy Woodbury Tease, Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary Curriculum, Chair of Department of Global Humanities, and Professor of English, Norwich University*

*Moderator: Alexandra Klein, Director of Government Relations, National Humanities Alliance*

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## **Careers in Public Policy for Humanities Graduates**

Observation Hub North

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: Noelle Dana, Congressional Staffer; Aaron McClendon, Assistant Director of Government Affairs, Princeton University; Sara Partridge, Associate Director of Higher Education, Center for American Progress*

*Moderator: Cecily Erin Hill, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance*

## **Collaborating to Articulate Career Pathways to Undergraduates**

Observation Hub South

This session will highlight administrators, faculty, staff, scholarly societies, and funders who are collaborating to support strong post-graduate outcomes and show how the humanities promote career success in various fields.

*Speakers: Nicole Monnier, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, University of Missouri; Younger Oliver, Higher Education Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance; Jason Rhody, Senior Director of Engagement Strategy, Modern Language Association; Sydney Thomas, Arts & Science Internship and Career Coach, University of Missouri; Janine Utell, Associate Director of Academic Program Services and Professional Development, Modern Language Association*

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

## **11:30 am -12:20 pm Concurrent Sessions**

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

Colonial Hub

Join three deans to discuss 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.

*Speakers: Forrest Anderson, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, University of South Carolina Aiken; Elaine Carey, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Oakland University; Daryle Williams, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, University of California, Riverside*

*Moderator: Steve Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance*

### **Advocating for the Humanities at Home**

Observation Hub North

This session will provide concrete ways to advocate for federal humanities funding in your home states and districts. Hear from experienced advocates about how they encourage federal policymakers to engage with the humanities and get ideas for how these methods might be leveraged with state and local policymakers.

*Speakers: Cecily Erin Hill, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance; Kimberly Marshall, Faculty Director, OU Arts & Humanities Forum, University of Oklahoma; Anne Tria Wise, Senior Director, National Arts & Sciences Initiative, Phi Beta Kappa Society*

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## **Advocating for Title VI and Fulbright-Hays on Capitol Hill**

Observation Hub South

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 Bellinger, Executive Director, Center for Global Business, University of Maryland; Phiwokuhle Mnyandu, Assistant Director, Center for African Studies, Howard University*

*Moderator: Alexandra Klein, Director of Government Relations, National Humanities Alliance*

**12:20 - 1:20 pm**

## **Lunch**

29th and 30th floor common areas

**1:20 - 2:10 pm**

## **Concurrent Sessions**

### **Advocating for Humanities Research on College and University Campuses**

Colonial Hub

This panel of senior research leaders from a range of universities will share and discuss strategies and initiatives for increasing humanities research funding, support, and visibility.

*Speakers: Shelome Gooden, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research in the Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Related Fields, University of Pittsburgh; Christine Mallinson, Assistant Vice President for Research and Scholarly Impact, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Cindi Logsdon, Associate Vice President for Research & Innovation, University of Louisville; Aimee Kendall Roundtree, Assistant Vice President for Research, Texas State University; Deborah Thomas, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

### **Setting an Agenda for Student-Led Humanities Advocacy**

Observation Hub North

NHA research has shown that students can be exceptionally effective 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.

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

### **Advocating for the National Archives on Capitol Hill**

Observation Hub South

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; Jess Farrell, Committee on Public Policy, Society of American Archivists; Bryan Whitledge, Member, Society of American Archivists*

*Moderator: Alexandra Klein, Director of Government Relations, National Humanities Alliance*

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2:25 - 3:15 pm

## Concurrent Sessions

### **Advocating for the NEH on Capitol Hill**

Colonial Hub

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, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance; Alexandra Klein, Director of Government Relations, National Humanities Alliance*

### **Building Infrastructure on Campus Through Humanities Centers**

Observation Hub North

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.

*Speakers: Dean Allbritton, Director, Colby Center for the Arts and Humanities, Colby College; Tracy Leavelle, Director, Kingfisher Institute for the Liberal Arts and Sciences, Creighton University; Tricia Starks, Director, University of Arkansas Humanities Center, University of Arkansas*

*Moderator: Steve Kidd, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance*

### **Advocating for Applied Humanities Curricula to Attract More Students**

Observation Hub South

This session will feature faculty/administrators who have built and expanded undergraduate curricular initiatives that leverage the humanities to address social and professional challenges through collaboration with other fields of study. Speakers will share concrete strategies they have used to amass support for their initiatives from external funders, upper administrators, collaborators, and community partners. This session is grounded in research funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations on exploring how integrative curricular initiatives attract students to the liberal arts.

*Speakers: Jasmine Alinder, Dean of Humanities, University of California Santa Cruz; Katharine Trostel, Chair, Humanities Unit, Ursuline College; Natalia Santamaria-Laorden, Professor of Spanish, Ramapo College*

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

3:30 - 4:30 pm

## **Group Advocacy Meetings**

Arlington Forum

*This session is mandatory for those advocating on March 11th.*

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: Cecily Erin Hill, Deputy Director, National Humanities Alliance; Alexandra Klein, Director of Government Relations, National Humanities Alliance*

4:45 - 5:00 pm

## **Buses Load for Hill Reception**

Outside Convene

Buses will not return to Convene after the reception.

5:30 - 7:00 pm

## **Hill Reception and Yates Award Presentation**

Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room (2168)

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## Tuesday, March 11

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

**7:30 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**

### **Third Bus to the Hill Leaves**

Buses will begin loading 15 minutes prior to departure

Outside Le Méridian Hotel

Buses do not return.

**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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