

2026 NHA Annual Meeting Program

Sunday, March 8

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Connect with fellow conference participants over drinks and light refreshments.

Monday, March 9

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

Laurie Patton, President, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

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.

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.

New Resources for Undergraduate Career Pathways Advocacy

Learn about preliminary findings from NHA's new effort to document the *Humanities Workforce* and explore opportunities for leveraging career outcome data and stories to illustrate the pragmatic value of a humanities education.

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

Concurrent Sessions

Updates From the State Humanities Councils

Advocating for Title VI and Fulbright-Hays on Capitol Hill

Deepen your expertise on the international education programs Title VI and Fulbright-Hays as you prepare to advocate on the Hill.

12:20 - 1:20 p.m.

Lunch

1:20 - 2:10 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Advocating for Humanities-STEM Research Collaborations

Learn about an NSF-funded project to support Humanities-STEM collaborations that address ecological challenges, as well as tips for advocating for this research on and off campus.

Setting an Agenda for Student-Led Humanities Advocacy

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.

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.

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.

Humanities and AI Initiatives

This session will explore how AI is reshaping both the job market and humanities education, examining predictions that humanities skills will gain value even as faculty grapple with AI's challenges and opportunities.

Building Applied Humanities Curricula

Hear about models and strategies from faculty and administrators who have been working to build new applied humanities programs on their campuses to attract more students

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Group Advocacy Meetings

This session is mandatory for those advocating on March 10th.

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.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Hill Reception

Tuesday, March 10

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.

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.