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# Arizona Humanities Council

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### [Upcoming Book Discussion & Speakers Bureau Programs](#)

**02/05/2011**  
*History, Hip Hop, and  
American Culture, a  
presentation by Matthew  
Whitaker*  
11:00 AM  
Musical Instrument  
Museum, Phoenix

### Project Humanities

Arizona State University is set to shine the spotlight on the humanities with a year-long, university-wide celebration by launching **Project Humanities** focusing on "**Humanities at the Crossroads: Perspective on Place.**"



"Place is integral to the humanities because it encompasses so much of how people define themselves and their relationships to and with each other," said **Neal A. Lester**, dean of humanities in ASU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and board chair of the Arizona Humanities Council who is leading the project. "Project Humanities will examine the way place allows people to create, share and organize, as well as practice inclusion and exclusion and foster unity and alienation."

Project Humanities will explore the *humanities in action* through lectures, performances, film screenings, and other activities designed to excite discussion and address such questions as: *How do we live ethically? What does it mean to be a global citizen? How can civil discourse be used to address conflict?*

Project Humanities kicks off **February 7<sup>th</sup>**, with a talk by noted author and screenwriter **Sherman Alexie** at the Tempe Center for the Arts. This event, like many others planned throughout the year, is **free and open to the public.**

A complete list of events and more information is available at - <http://humanities.asu.edu>

**02/06/2011**

*The Grapes of Wrath, a  
book discussion*  
10:30 AM  
Sierra Vista Public Library,  
Sierra Vista

**02/09/2011**

*Songs of the Cherrycows, a  
presentation by Greg Scott*  
11:30 AM  
Tempe History Museum,  
Tempe

*Comprehending our Past  
Life-ways and Thoughts  
about a Hopi Archaeology,  
a presentation by Micah  
Loma'omvaya*  
7:00 PM  
Good Shepherd Episcopal  
Church, Cave Creek

**02/10/2011**

*Geronimo's Surrender: The  
1886 C. S. Fly  
Photographs, a  
presentation by Jay Van  
Orden*  
12:00 PM  
Elsie S. Hogan Community  
Library, Willcox

**02/12/2011**

*Along the California Trail, a  
presentation by Jay  
Cravath*  
10:00 AM  
Salazar-Ajo Branch Library,  
Ajo

**02/15/2011**

*Japanese-American  
Internment in Arizona, a  
presentation by Karen  
Leong*  
2:00 PM  
Joyner-Green Valley  
Library, Tucson

**02/16/2011**

*Japanese-American  
Internment in Arizona, a  
presentation by Karen  
Leong*  
9:30 a.m.  
Heard Museum Steele  
Auditorium, Phoenix

*Buckeye Public Library  
Book Discussion Series,  
The Ghostway*  
1:00 PM  
Buckeye Public Library,  
Buckeye

*House Made of Dawn, a  
book discussion*  
6:00 PM  
Prescott Public Library,  
Prescott

## Humanities on the Hill



Next month, the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) will participate in a spring ritual, **Humanities on the Hill**. During this three-day event, March 14-16, board and staff members from state humanities councils across the country go to Washington, D.C. to visit the offices of their state's Congressional delegation.

The purpose of these meetings is to inform Congress about the importance of the humanities in helping preserve our nation's history, traditions and values and the immeasurable impact of AHC programs on the lives of local citizens. Ultimately, the goal is to encourage continued and increased funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), of which AHC is an independent, nonprofit affiliate. During these economic times when so many programs are being cut, the funding that AHC channels into our communities through libraries, museums and other cultural organizations is important.

You can help us continue our work by contacting your congressional representative to ask them to support increased NEH funding and remind them that AHC is a lifeline to Arizona communities and local organizations.

### Board Member Highlight - Carrie Gustavson



Growing up, **CARRIE GUSTAVSON** spent many years learning about other cultures and people around the world as her father was a member of the United Nations living in Mexico, Iran, Columbia, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. One of Carrie's favorite memories was, at the age of 9 while living in Mexico City, sitting on an old Bendix washing machine to keep it from "dancing" across the room during the spin cycle while reciting America poetry.

After returning to the United States, she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Near Eastern

Studies from UCLA/University of California, Berkeley, University of Toronto and another master's degree in Museum Studies from Arizona State University.

Carrie has worked at and directed numerous archaeological excavations and research studies in the Middle East, focusing on the Chalcolithic cultures along the Fertile Crescent the Mediterranean littoral. Currently, she is the [Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum](#) Director. Under Carrie's leadership, the Museum became the first rural affiliate nationwide of the Smithsonian's Affiliation Program and was nominated by Congress to the Library of Congress Local Legacy program.

In 2008, she joined AHC's Board of Directors and has contributed her valuable talents to the Grants, Board Development and Marketing & Development Committees.

*Buffalo Girls, a book discussion*  
3:30 PM

Queen Valley Homeowners Association, Queen Valley

**02/20/2011**

*Shady Women and "Respectability" in Territorial Arizona, a presentation by Ann Hibner Koblitz*  
2:00 PM  
Prescott Public Library, Prescott

**02/22/2011**

*Images of Grandeur: Artists and Photographers of the Grand Canyon, a presentation by Jim Turner*  
5:30 PM  
Copper Queen Library, Bisbee

**02/23/2011**

*William Mulholland (1855-1935), a Chautauqua presentation*  
10:30 AM & 1:30 PM  
Sedona Public Library, Sedona

*The Quest for True Friendship: Meaningful Lessons from the Middle Ages, a presentation by Albrecht Classen*  
3:30 PM  
Nanini Branch Library, Tucson

**02/24/2011**

*Teresa Urrea (1873-1906), a Chautauqua presentation by Elena Díaz Björkquist*  
6:30 PM  
Flagstaff Public Library, Flagstaff

*The Music and Ritual of Arizona's Native Americans, a presentation by Jay Cravath*  
5:00 PM  
Elsie S. Hogan Community Library, Willcox

**02/28/2011**

*Armed with our Language, We Went to War: The Diné/Navajo Code Talkers, a presentation by Laura Tohe*  
6:30 PM  
Golden Ranch Fire District Station, Tucson

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## Speakers Bureau Highlight

### *Road Scholar: Micah Loma'omvaya*

Micah Loma'omvaya joined the ranks of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau in 2010 and has quickly become one of AHC's most requested presenters. A Hopi tribal member of the Bear Clan from Songoopavi Village on Second Mesa, Arizona, Loma'omvaya also works as a consulting anthropologist based on the Hopi Indian reservation.

Loma'omvaya will be presenting, "Comprehending our Past Life-ways and Thoughts about a Hopi Archaeology," on February 9 at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Cave Creek. [Click here for more information about Micah and abstracts of his additional presentations.](#)



Interested in hosting a humanities program in community? [Click here for guidelines about AHC's Road Scholars Speakers Bureau program and a full listing of our available humanities scholars.](#)

## Free Grants & Programs Workshops

The Arizona Humanities Council invites you to attend our upcoming Grants & Program Workshops. The workshops are **free** of charge, and open to anyone interested in learning more about the Arizona Humanities Council, its available resources, or how to write a competitive AHC grant proposal.

**When:** Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** **Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center**  
122 E. Culver St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

**When:** Tuesday, February 22, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** **Arizona History Museum**  
949 E. 2nd Street., Tucson, AZ 85719

**When:** Tuesday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Tempe Historical Museum**  
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Call for New Members to the Board of Directors

The Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. AHC's board of directors is made up of members who share a commitment to enhancing the cultural life of Arizona and whose background, expertise, and contacts provide the tools AHC needs to remain a successful, dynamic and entrepreneurial organization.

[Click here to Download the Board Application and for More Information on AHC's Board of Directors](#)

If you would like more information on becoming a board member, please contact Brenda Thomson, Executive Director, at 602-257-0335 x22 or [bthomson@azhumanities.org](mailto:bthomson@azhumanities.org)

## Humanities Trivia

**February's Question:** Who was Winnie Ruth Judd?

Tell us your answers on [AHC's Facebook page](#).

*Answers will be revealed in next month's e-newsletter.*

### **Answer to January's Trivia**

**Question:** Name at least four Arizona authors.

**Answer:** You probably had numerous answers and you're are correct. Here are just a few well-known authors from Arizona:

- [Zane Grey](#)
- [Larry Schweikart](#)
- [Susan Sontag](#)
- [Erma Bombeck](#)
- [Stephenie Meyer](#)

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