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Arizona Humanities Council E-Newsletter

January 2010

Year In Review, Memorable Moments

Take a look at some of the informative and thought-provoking programs that the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) provided last year.

In April, ***Shaking up Shakespeare***, a partnership between AHC, the Black Theater Troupe, and the ASU English Department, looked at Shakespeare's works through the lens of hip hop.

In May, ***Footprints***, a collaborative performance project with Childsplay and ARTspace Afterschool Initiatives, took elementary students at Desert Elementary School, Glendale, on a journey with Arizona historical figures.

In June**, the Arizona Hip Hop Experience** explored the impact of hip hop as a political and social movement through panel discussions, workshops, and performances. The day-long event brought together over 300 attendees and showcased local composers, scholars, disc jockeys, engineers, and performances from local hip hop artists and dancers.

In October, Naomi Shihab Nye, renowned poet and author, conveyed her sense of *Our Shared Humanity: Place Making and Sustainability* through her poetry to a full house at **19th Annual Lorraine W. Frank Lecture & Humanities Awards**. Winifred Bundy received the Juliana Yoder Friend of the Humanities Award, and the Dan Shilling Public Humanities Scholar Award was presented to Dr. Charles Tatum.

In partnership with the Phoenix VA Medical Center, AHC re-launched **Literature and Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care**, an award-winning, hospital-based, reading and discussion program for health care professionals.

The year was rounded out in December with a special initiative of AHC, **Project Civil Discourse**, presenting *Speaking, Not Shouting: A Community Conversation About Health Care*, a town hall on health care that gave those with diverse perspectives a chance to engage with other points of view.

In the coming year...

The Arizona Humanities Council will offer more new and exciting programs throughout this coming year. Later this spring, AHC will host a **3-day film festival** featuring five documentaries by award-winning producer and ASU Professor Paul Espinosa, about the dynamics of the southwest boarder's history and culture.

The public will be further challenged to discuss tough issues with another forum presented by

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Upcoming Book Discussions & Speakers Bureau Programs

Calendar of Events

January 25
The American Presidency, a presentation by Brooks Simpson
City of Scottsdale, Granite

Project Civil Discourse.

Starting in October, AHC presents **Key Ingredients: America by Food**, a provocative and timely Smithsonian exhibit that explores how culture, ethnicity, landscape, and tradition influence foods and flavors we enjoy across the nation.

Visit our website and look for more information about all these and other programs in the coming months!

PROJECT CIVIL DISCOURSE

Speaking, Not Shouting: A Community Conversation About Health Care Reform

On December 1, 2009, Arizona Humanities Council's **Project Civil Discourse** presented *Speaking, Not Shouting: A Community Conversation About Health Care Reform*. The purpose of this event was to help the public better understand the health care issue presently being debated in Congress and more importantly to demonstrate how a hot button issue such as health care reform can be discussed civilly and respectfully.

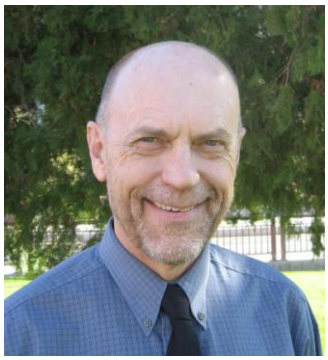
James F. Hodge, Jr. Lincoln Professor of Health Law & Ethics, and Kim VanPelt, Associate Director of St. Luke's Health Initiatives, opened the event by providing useful information on the costs of health care and the current status of the congressional legislative.

Arranged into small round table groups, attendees were then encouraged to discuss their viewpoints and ideas. Comments and results were recorded and compiled into a comprehensive report that has been forwarded on to Arizona's Congressional delegation.

Ultimately, this event taught us that it is possible to bring people together with divergent views, that we can come away with greater and deeper understanding of those differences, and that we can respect those who disagree with us.

Click here to view the health care presentation, read the report, and view photos.

Meet AHC's New Program Manager - Rex Gulbranson



The Arizona Humanities Council is proud to announce and welcome our newest staff member, Rex Gulbranson, who joins us as Program Manager. With over thirty years of experience in managing arts and cultural programs in the state, Rex brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Humanities Council. Projects that Rex will oversee include: the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, Community Book Discussions, Literature and Medicine, and Project Civil Discourse. In addition, he will be developing new program initiatives to broaden the humanities throughout Arizona.

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Reef Senior Center, Scottsdale

"Howard's End," a book discussion
Sedona Winds Retirement Center, Sedona

January 26
On Tour in Arizona: Promoting Early Automobile Travel in the Grand CanyonState, a presentation by Dori Griffin
Salazar-Ajo Library, Ajo

January 30
Adventurous Spirits: Arizona's Women Artists, 1900-1950, a presentation by Betsy Fahlman
Old Town Center for the Arts, Cottonwood

February 1
Abortion and Conscience, a series of public lectures exploring the ethical, medical, and sociological dilemmas surrounding abortion today
ASU West Campus, Phoenix

The American Presidency, a presentation by Brooks Simpson
City of Scottsdale, Granite Reef Senior Center, Scottsdale

February 3
Race Relations and Interracial Unity in America, a presentation by Matthew Whitaker
Chandler-GilbertCommunity College, Chandler

February 4
The Music and Ritual of Arizona's Native Americans, a presentation by Jay Craváth
Arizona Western College, Parker Learning Center, Parker

February 5
Post Card Images of Arizona, 1900-1920, a presentation by Jeremy Rowe
Bullion Plaza Cultura lCenter and Museum, Miami

February 8
The American Presidency, a presentation by Brooks Simpson
City of Scottsdale, Granite Reef Senior Center, Scottsdale

February 9
Rock Calendars and Ancient Time Pieces, a presentation by AllenDart
Heard Museum North Scottsdale, Scottsdale

February 12
Romancing Arizona: Songs of Love and Marriage, a

The Arizona Humanities Council is proud to bring the Smithsonian's Institution traveling exhibition of Key Ingredients: America by Food to Arizona from October 2010 through August 2011. Six rural Arizona organizations will host *Key Ingredients* for six weeks each, and develop local companion programming that will include exhibits, oral history projects, publications, food festivals and cook-offs. *Key Ingredients* inspires the gathering, celebration, and preservation of the finest of what rural America has to offer.

Board Member Highlight - Sarah Kriehn

Sarah Kriehn was appointed to the AHC Board in 2005 by Governor Janet Napolitano. Upon the ending of her appointed term in 2009, she became an elected member. Sarah has served as Board Secretary and has been a standing member on the Grant Review Panel. She was selected to represent AHC at the Federation of State Humanities Conference in 2006 and served on the City of Phoenix's Historic Preservation Bond Sub-Committee. She currently serves on the Executive Committee as Board Development Chair.

Born and raised in Winslow, Arizona, Sarah moved to Phoenix after receiving her degree from Arizona State University. She taught art in the Washington School District in Phoenix for twenty years. During that time, she received the "Arizona Art Teacher of the Year Award" and the Washington District's "Lamp of Learning Award."

Sarah currently works as a professional artist, and her work has been exhibited at the Phoenix Art Museum, Tempe Center for the Arts, Shemer Art Center and Museum, Herberger Center Gallery and the Cathedral Center for the Arts. She is the recipient of an artist grant award from the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture and the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Sarah's art work can be seen on her website at: www.sarahkriehn.com

Over $67,000 Awarded to Organizations in Arizona

In our most recent grants round, the Arizona Humanities Council awarded $67,035 to 14 organizations for projects that engage the public with the humanities.

Click here for a listing and description of the projects awarded.

Register for our upcoming Programs and Grants Workshop and learn more about AHC's grant and program opportunities.

Thursday, January 28th
10:30am to Noon
Tucson Botanical Gardens

Click here to register.

presentation by Jay Craváth
Salazar Ajo Library, Ajo

February 16
Change and Continuity: 1500 years of Hopi Farming and Land Stewardship on the Colorado Plateau, a presentation by Micah Loma'omvaya
Heard Museum North Scottsdale, Scottsdale

403 Years of Immigration to America: Ethnicity, Public Opinion and Policy, 1607 to 2010, a presentation by Brian Gratton
Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library, GreenValley

February 17
"The Age of Innocence," a community book discussion
Sierra Vista Public Library, Sierra Vista

"The Pick-Up," a book discussion
Queen Valley Homeowners, QueenValley

"House of Mirth," a community book discussion
Prescott Public Library, Prescott

February 19
A Story, A Story: African/African American Oral Tradition and Storytelling, a presentation by AkuaDukuAnokye
Carnegie Center, Phoenix

"Milagro Beanfield War," a book discussion
Copper Queen Library, Bisbee

February 22
Teresa Urrea (1873-1906), a Chautauqua presentation
Sedona Winds Retirement Center, Sedona

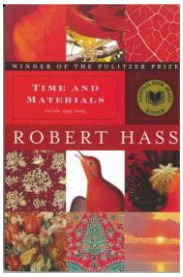
February 23
The Long Walk of the Navajo People, 1864 - 1868, a presentation by EvangelineParsons-Yazzie
Heard Museum North Scottsdale, Scottsdale

Oral and Written Literature Among Southwestern Indigenous Writers and Storytellers, a presentation by LauraTohe
Heard Museum, Central Campus, Encanto Room, Phoenix

February 24
"Animal Dreams," a community

New Titles Added to the Community Book Discussion Library

The following titles have been added to our AHC book discussion library for 2010:



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- Haas, Robert. *Time and Materials*. New York: HarperCollins, 2007. (Pulitzer Prize Poetry winner, 2008)
- Hosseini, Khaled. *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. New York: Penguin Group Inc., 2007.
- Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Poisonwood Bible*. New York: HarperCollins, 1999.
- Mortenson, Greg. *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace*. New York: Penguin Group, Inc., 2006.
- Ríos, Alberto. *Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir*. University of New Mexico Press, 1998. (2009 ONEBOOKAZ)

Interested in hosting a book discussion? Our AHC Community Book Discussion programs are designed to foster discussions of literature among diverse adult audiences throughout Arizona. AHC provides 20 copies of the book, a study guide, and a humanities scholar to lead the discussion. Host organizations select the books, schedule the facilitators, provide the venue, generate an audiencem and evaluate the event.

Interested in attending a book discussions near you? Visit our Calendar of Events for more information about programs near you!

AHC's 2010 Road Scholars Speakers Bureau and Chautauqua Roster Now Online

Click here for a full listing of our humanities scholars ready to hit the road!

The Road Scholars Speakers Bureau program offers humanities-based programming to nonprofit organizations throughout Arizona. These programs are designed to share and explore the ideas that shape our human experience and to foster civil discussions among diverse audiences.

Interested in hosting a Road Scholar? Click here for AHC's guidelines, complete list of speakers and program themes, and program details on hosting a Road Scholar program.

Interested in attending a humanities program near you? Visit our Calendar of Events for more information about Road Scholar programs near you!

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book discussion
Buckeye Community Center, Buckeye

Not All Okies Are White: Randolph, Arizona, 1930s-1950s, a presentation by Geta LeSeur
Salazar-Ajo Library, Ajo

February 25
For God, Gold, and Glory: The Coronado Expedition, 1540-42, a presentation by JimTurner
QuartzsiteTown Hall, Quartzsite