

## Humanities Now

June 2010

### Message from the Executive Director



Hello Arizona! The heat is on, but lots of cool things are happening at the Arizona Humanities Council this summer. We have just launched three new summer programs, one for kids, one for teens, and one for teachers.

We are busy planning a full month of exciting new programs for our October Humanities Month. In addition to the unique talks and book discussions we offer every month, we will have BookPALS volunteers reading a special selection to school children in classrooms across Arizona, and host a reception and artist lecture for the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee's Annual International Arts Competition: One Nation, One Home, One Family. We will bring the Border Film Festival to the Yuma Arts Center, and kick off the traveling exhibit Key Ingredients: America By Food. This is just a small sampling of the events we are planning for each county.

On the home front we are sprucing up our humble 1917 abode, the Ellis Shackelford house, to make it more accessible to you. The City of Phoenix Historic Preservation department will lead the renovation, and in the near future we hope that you will come by and say hello, listen to a little poetry, and check out the art. Lots of good things are happening here, and we want to share them with you!

## PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME

The Arizona Humanities Council was recently selected to participate in the national expansion of the award-winning family reading and discussion program, Prime Time Family Reading Time. Arizona was one of only five states selected nationwide to participate.

Based on illustrated children's books, **Prime Time Family Reading Time**

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### Upcoming Events

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The Recycling of Visual  
Symbols in Political Cartoons,  
a presentation by Don and  
Alleen Nilsen  
Granite Reef Senior Center,  
Scottsdale

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is designed to help low-income families bond around the act of reading and talking about books. **It models and encourages family reading and discussion of humanities topics**, aids parents and children in selecting books and encourages them to become active public library users.

Four Tucson libraries will participate with AHC in the 2010-11 Prime Time project in the fall 2010 and spring 2011: **Mission Branch Public Library, Quincy Douglas Branch Library, Southwest Branch Library, and Valencia Branch Library.**

Each library will host a series that will meet once a week for six weeks. Through a discussion leader and a storyteller, children ages 6 to 10 and their parents or guardians will hear classic children's stories, engage in reading aloud demonstrations, discuss humanities themes in each book and learn about library resources and services. Younger siblings, ages 3 to 5 years, will participate in separate pre-reading activities.

Prime Time Family Reading Time is a national project of the **Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities** and is made possible through a grant from the **National Endowment for the Humanities**.

Hopi Pönawit ~ Along Ancient Trails and the Cultural Landscape of the Hopi People, a presentation by Micah Loma'omvaya  
Native American Education Program, Mesa

**August 10**

Charles Fletcher Lummis: The Great Southwesterner, a presentation by Dick George  
Butterfly Lodge Museum, Greer

**August 17**

The History of the River Runners of the Grand Canyon, a presentation by Todd Weber  
Prescott Fine Arts Association Gallery



## 2010 Humanities Awards

The Arizona Humanities Council is now accepting applications for the Dan Shilling Public Humanities Scholar Award and Juliana Yoder Friend of the Humanities Awards.

[Download Criteria & Nomination Form](#)

**The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2010.**

For more information, please call 602-257-0335 x26 or email [ekinias@azhumanities.org](mailto:ekinias@azhumanities.org)

## Welcome New Board Members

The Arizona Humanities Council welcomes six new board members including five gubernatorial appointees.

**Dr. Robert Ashcraft** is the Executive Director of ASU's Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation and associate professor of nonprofit studies in ASU's School of Community Resources and Development. He also teaches courses in youth development fundraising/philanthropy and nonprofit management as the Executive Director of American Humanics at ASU.

**Dr. Carol Crockett** is a national expert consultant in the field of educational research, evaluation, policy and development in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. She has worked with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Governor of Arizona. Arizona's Secretary of State and recently retired from her position as Director of Advancement at Xavier College Preparatory.

**Dr. Everett Peralta** is a Professor of Education and Department of Education Chair at the American Indian College in Phoenix. His greatest honor was being naturalized as a US citizen and his greatest role has been teacher-scholar. Dr. Peralta's aspirations are to serve the US as a higher education executive, a public education advocate and speaker on American Studies.

**Dr. Maire Simington** is the Director of Physician Resources/Care Management Services, Care Management and Organizational Performance for Banner Health. She also has extensive experience as a marketing and communication executive with Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Samaritan Health System, and Phoenix Home and Garden Magazine.

**Sam Tenakhongva** is the Marketing and Special Events Manager for the Hopi Education Endowment Fund. Sam is from the village of Sichomovi located on First Mesa and a member of the Kachina/Parrot Clans. As a member of the Hopi Tribe, Sam is very involved with his Hopi cultural activities and responsibilities, while also engaging in his other interests, which include farming, ranching, and art.

**Dr. Michael Stevenson** is Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Northern Arizona University. Trained in Developmental Psychology at Purdue University, his scholarly work has consistently appeared in a wide variety of books, interdisciplinary periodicals, and psychology journals.

Also elected to the board of directors is **David Rubi**, a previous gubernatorial appointee. He is a residential faculty member in Spanish and Humanities at Paradise Valley Community College. David's interests include scholarly research, writing, international and multicultural educational issues, and civil and human rights.

The newly appointed board members join a distinguished group of professors, attorneys, professionals, and community leaders. The Arizona Humanities Council Board of Directors is led by Chair Dr. Neal A. Lester and Vice Chair Tom Wilson.



Carol  
Crockett

Marie  
Simington

Robert  
Ashcraft

Sam  
Tenakhongva

Michael  
Stevenson

## Summer Humanities Programs

With support from the National Endowment for the Humanities' We the People program, AHC is offering three new pilot summer programs designed to encourage and enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history, culture, and democratic principles.

### Engaging Teachers

In collaboration with the **Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education**, Project Citizen will provide professional development training in civics and public policy. Teachers will learn new and innovative perspectives on problem-solving in their communities. Techniques include: identifying a public problem, research of the problem, evaluate solutions and creating a political action plan which ultimately helps young people become active citizens.

### Inspiring Teens

In July, AHC will support a special civil discourse -based program titled

*Resolana* at the 3rd annual **Aguila Youth Leadership Institute**. *Resolana*, which translates as "the place where the sun shines," will engage college-bound Latino/ Latino youth in the many issues and diverse perspectives in public policy.

### **Encouraging Youth**

**Artspace**, a program of the **City of Phoenix Office of Cultural Affairs**, will partner with AHC to offer a Summer Humanities Program for students. The program is designed to engage students in imagining Arizona through the eyes of diverse groups and promote the process of civil discourse. The Summer Humanities Program will also feature storytelling, folklore presentations, performances, and oral histories to connect today's youth to Arizona's history and culture.



### **Free Grants & Programs Workshop**

This workshop is 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.

**What:** AHC Grants and Program Workshop (free of charge)

**When:** Tuesday, June 6th, 2010, from 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

**Where:** The Ellis-Shackelford House  
1242 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 85004

Register today at: <http://www.azhumanities.org/workshops2.php>

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