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ARIZONA HUMANITIES ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

PHOENIX, AZ – Arizona Humanities is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to the board of directors. The new members are: Dr. Lydia Breunig, Albert Monreal Quihuis, and Nadine White.

Read more about each member below. For more information about the board of directors, visit the Arizona Humanities website, www.azhumanities.org.



Dr. Lydia Breunig is the Director of Community Outreach and Special Projects at the University of Arizona's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Breunig organizes public events and coordinates the college's involvement with community projects that promote Arizona's cultural, social, and economic vitality. Professionally, Dr. Breunig has held leadership and development positions in both higher education and non-profit organizations. Prior to her current position, she served as Chief Development Office at the Sonoran Institute, an organization that conserves landscapes throughout the West. As a Flagstaff native, Dr. Breunig is committed to organizations that preserve Arizona's unique cultural and natural heritage. She has served as a board member for Native Seeds/SEARCH and as founding

Vice-chair of the Southwest Folklife Alliance. In addition to her work with Arizona Humanities, she currently serves on the author committee for the annual Tucson Festival of Books. A Geographer by training, Dr. Breunig is particularly interested in environment-society interactions and how they are reflected in literature, poetry, and art. Dr. Breunig received her B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies from ASU, Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and Ph.D. from the U of A in Geography and Latin American Studies.



Albert Monreal Quihuis is an award winning author who wrote his first children's book to honor his parents and family traditions. At that time he realized the need for multicultural books and became passionate about writing books that motivate and inspire children to learn about their traditions, culture, history and being proud of their heritage. Albert reads aloud in schools, libraries and gives presentations to educators and organizations. Currently Albert is writing and researching several historical novels and continues to write "Sofia and Pepe the Parrot Adventures Series."

Prior to writing, Albert was a Financial Advisor, and Certified Financial Planner for 25 years with the Quihuis Investment Group. He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Arizona State University and is a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He is a native of Arizona and traces his ancestors to the 1700s in Arizona. Albert is serving or has served on the following Boards of Directors- East Valley Hispanic Business Alliance, Dia del los Muertos Festival at the Mesa Art Center, Chandler Mariachi Festival, Chandler Chamber of Commerce and Diversity Committee, Financial Planning Association of Greater Phoenix and the YMCA Chandler – Gilbert.



Nadine White's passion for helping non-profits, and connecting companies with causes led her to her current position as Corporate Major Gifts Officer for the American Red Cross of Greater Phoenix. A seasoned sales and customer relations executive with over twenty years of experience, Nadine has also worked for Tyson Foods, Arizona Instrument and Ryland Homes. Nadine's volunteer work has included fundraising and event planning for St Mary's Food Bank; procuring in-kind donations for HOPE Worldwide and the Epilepsy Foundation. Nadine holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Non-Profit Leadership and Management and a Certificate in Special Events Management from Arizona State University. She is currently working on her

Master of Administration with a Leadership emphasis from Northern Arizona University. She also has an Associates of Applied Science degree in Electronic Engineering Technology from Glendale Community College. The mother of two college students, Nadine enjoys traveling, baking and new opportunities to give back to her community.

About Arizona Humanities
<http://www.azhumanities.org>

Arizona Humanities (formerly the Arizona Humanities Council) is an independent non-profit organization and the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Arizona Humanities supports public programming in the humanities that promotes understanding of human thoughts, actions, creations, and values. Since its foundation in 1973, nearly \$11 million has been provided to cultural and educational institutions throughout Arizona.

Mission: Arizona Humanities builds a just and civil society by creating opportunities to explore our shared human experiences through discussion, learning and reflection.