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BRING A HUMANITIES SPEAKER TO YOUR TOWN

Arizona Humanities Launches New Online *AZ Speaks* Catalog with 70 Speakers and Hundreds of Presentations

Phoenix, AZ – Organizations looking for inexpensive and easy to arrange programs can look no further than Arizona Humanities. *AZ Speaks* is a great way for non-profits, educational institutions, K-12 schools, libraries, and governmental and tribal entities to enjoy interesting humanities-based programs. Each year, *AZ Speaks* presenters travel throughout Arizona to deliver hundreds of engaging presentations.

The 70 speakers represent a diverse range of scholarship and expertise, including anthropology, art history, film studies, history and heritage, and philosophy. Their presentations offer content and insight that inspire discussion and critical thinking among audiences of all ages and backgrounds. There are three categories of speakers: Road Scholars, History Alive, and Speakers in the Schools.

Ellie Hutchison, Programs Manager for Arizona Humanities commented, “We are excited to offer such a diverse collection of presentations from speakers located throughout the state of Arizona. Our talented *AZ Speaks* roster offer topics that span the range of the humanities and most importantly, help to emphasize our mission to build a just and civil society by creating opportunities to explore our shared human experiences through discussion, learning and reflection.”

A sample of presentations includes:

- *African American Pioneers of Arizona*
- *The Secret Ingredient to the Civil Rights Movement*
- *Cowboys and Cowgirls: Icons of the American West*
- *Sedona: From Cucumbers to Leavenworth*
- *Reconciliation: The Power of the Arts and Creative Approaches*
- *Himdak doo Ilna: A Way of Life. How Societies Shape Culture.*
- *Don Chun Wo, Unofficial Mayor of Tucson’s Chinatown*
- *The Original Tweets: Tiny Poems of the Ancient Greeks*
- *And More!*

To view the online catalog and book a speaker presentation, please visit www.azhumanities.org.

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

Arizona Humanities 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.

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