

Every year Arizona Humanities honors and celebrates outstanding contributions to the humanities in our state. Since the inaugural awards in 1990, Arizona Humanities has recognized individuals who have advanced the humanities in Arizona through their scholarship, leadership, support and advocacy.

The Awards Committee, comprised of Arizona Humanities board members and public members, reviews nominations. The Humanities Award categories are: Humanities Public Scholar, Friend of the Humanities, and Humanities Rising Star.

The Arizona Humanities Awards event will take place in Spring 2020. Please check back for event details at www.azhumanities.org for event details.

Nomination deadline: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Nomination Checklist

- A complete nomination packet includes:
 - Online nomination form with two letters of support submitted online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5T5ZQHV>. The form includes the nominee's name, contact info, bio, and brief explanation for the nomination, and the nominator's contact info, signature and date.
 - Two (2) letters of support are required for each nomination. The letters should describe the specific accomplishments and contributions that qualify the nominee for the award in accordance with the criteria below. The nominator must submit two letters of support. Only two letters will be accepted. For self-nominations, both letters of support must be from individuals other than the person up for the award.

Humanities Public Scholar Award

Purpose

This award recognizes a distinguished humanities scholar who enhances public understanding of the humanities, transforms lives and strengthens communities through civil discourse and community engagement. The award recognizes the dedication and contribution of former executive director Dan Shilling's 19 years of service to Arizona Humanities from 1984-2003.

Criteria

Letters of support should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Sustained research (3-5 years), publications, creative activity, and humanities service in Arizona.
2. Consistently serves as a humanities scholar, or public advocate for humanities.
3. Actively and consistently engages the Arizona public in one or more humanities disciplines.
4. Actively and consistently promotes opportunities for people to learn, experience, and

explore diverse issues through public programs that foster civil discourse and community engagement.

Friend of the Humanities Award

Purpose

This award recognizes a public individual who makes a lasting contribution to the cultural life of Arizona communities through active support of, and involvement in, promoting the humanities. The award recognizes the dedication and contribution of Juliana Yoder during her 21 years of service to the Arizona Humanities.

Criteria

Letters of support should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Actively promotes understanding and appreciation of the humanities in the community through their work, volunteerism or leadership at cultural, civic, educational or other organizations.
 2. Exemplary outreach and/or advocacy supporting the humanities and access to the humanities.
 3. Significant contribution to the community by promoting civil discourse and/or community engagement.
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Humanities Rising Star Award

Purpose

This award recognizes a young professional, student, or volunteer who demonstrates outstanding and creative approaches to engaging the public with the humanities, and whose humanities scholarship and public service, has enhanced public understanding of the humanities.

Criteria

Letters of support should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Nominees must be 18-35 years of age.
2. Actively promotes awareness and understanding of the humanities in the community through scholarship, creativity, leadership or volunteerism, and actively advocates for others to support the humanities.
3. Evidence of impact on diverse issues/communities.
4. Actively and consistently promotes opportunities for people to learn, experience, and explore diverse issues through public programs and creative activities that foster civil discourse and community engagement.

Nomination Guidelines

- Anyone can submit a nomination.
- Self-nominators must provide two support letters from outside sources.
- The nominator must submit two letters of support. Only two letters will be accepted.
- Only complete applications will be accepted.
- Please do not submit supplementary materials.
- Past nominators are encouraged to re-submit nominee applications.
- All nomination packets must be completed online through survey monkey.
- No paper nomination packets will be accepted.
- Deadline is Monday, September 16.
- For questions, call 602-257-0335 or email info@azhumanities.org.

Submit your nominations at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5T5ZQHV>

Past Humanities Award Winners

Public Humanities Scholar – Dan Shilling Award

2019 – Joan McGregor	2009 – Charles Tatum, Ph.D.	1999 – Peter Iverson, Ph.D.
2019 – Natalie Diaz	2007 – Karen J. Leong, Ph.D.	1998 – L. Chris Smith, Ph.D.
2018 – Liz Warren	2006 – Laura Tohe, Ph.D.	1996 – Joann Kealiinohomoku, Ph.D.
2017 – James Blasingame	2005 – Matthew Whitaker, Ph.D.	1995 – Christine Marin, Ph.D.
2015 – Alberto Álvaro Ríos	2004 – Mary Melcher, Ph.D.	1994 – Jay Cravath, Ph.D.
2015 – Dr. Paul Espinosa	2003 – Judy Nolte Temple, Ph.D.	1993 – Robert Trennert, Ph.D.
2014 – Dr. David William Foster	2002 – Elizabeth Larson-Keagy, Ph.D.	1992 – James Griffith, Ph.D.
2013 – Dr. Gloria H. Cuádriz,	2001 – Neal A. Lester, Ph.D.	1991 – Mary L. Rothschild, Ph.D.
2012 – Nancy Dallet, Ph.D.	2000 – Patricia Preciado Martin, author	1990 – James Byrkit, Ph.D.
2012 – Elena Diaz Bjorkquist		
2010 – Celestino Fernández, Ph.D.		

Friend of the Humanities – Juliana Yoder Award

2019 – Kevin Schindler	2007 – Changing Hands Bookstore	2001 – Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records
2018 – Dr. Almira Poudrier	2006 – Arizona Office of Tourism	2000 – The Arizona Republic and Jack W. Whiteman (posthumous award)
2017 – Barbara Hatch	2005 – James R. Carruthers, Ed.D.	1999 – Arizona State Representative Carolyn Allen and United States Congressman Jim Kolbe
2015 – Dr. Michael Vincent	2004 – Noel Stowe	1998 – Elsa Paine Mulhern
2014 – Project Humanities	2003 – KAET-TV, Channel 8	
2013 – Gail Browne, Director	2002 – Salt River Project	
2013 – Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation		
2012 – Arizona Town Hall		
2010 – William Fry, Ph.D.		
2009 – Winifred Bundy		

Humanities Rising Star Award

2019 – Rachel Egoro	2015 – Rivka Rocchio	2013 – Jaclyn Roessel
2018 – Dagoberto Bailon	2014 – Tyler Wayne Vertrees	
2017 – Nancy Liliana Godoy	2013 – Myrlin Hepworth	

Community Awards

- 2019 – Rodo Sofranac, Outstanding Supporter Award
- 2019 – Morning Star Leaders Inc, Founder's Community Partner Award
- 2018 – The Shackelford Family, Outstanding Supporter Award
- 2018 – Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records – Founder's Community Partner Award

Distinguished Organizations

2007 – Pima County Library	1998 – Scottsdale Cultural Council
2006 – Phoenix Burton Barr Central Library	1996 – Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum
2005 – Museum Association of Arizona	1995 – Arizona State Museum
2004 – Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott	1994 – The Heard Museum
2003 – Hassayampa Institute for Creative Writing at Yavapai College	1993 – Yuma County Library District
2002 – Center for Desert Archaeology, Tucson	1992 – Mohave Museum of History and Arts
2001 – Historic Sahuaro Ranch Foundation, Glendale	1991 – Casa Grande Valley Historical Society Museum
2000 – Parker Public Library	1990 – Glendale Public Library and Apache Junction Public Library
1999 – Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division	