ARIZONA HUMANITIES Celebrates HANDS-ON HUMANITIES

2020 Awards Sponsor Packet

Heard Museum  Steele Auditorium
2301 N Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ
Sunday, April 5
4:30 – 7:30 pm
Our Mission

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

Arizona Humanities Celebrates…the Humanities Awards

For more than 25 years, Arizona Humanities has honored and celebrated outstanding contributions to the humanities in our state by recognizing individuals and community organizations who have advanced the humanities in Arizona through their scholarship, leadership, support, and advocacy. We are delighted to honor this year’s award recipients and are especially pleased to highlight two special community partners. The award recipients below help us bring the rich cultural history of Arizona to communities everywhere. We hope you will support this festive event and join us in celebrating the work of the award recipients and Arizona Humanities. Your sponsorship creates opportunities for Arizonans to explore our history, culture, and stories.

2020 Award Winners

Paul Hirt – Humanities Public Scholar
Aguila Youth Leadership Institute – Friend of the Humanities
J.J. Lamb - Friend of the Humanities
Rosaura Magaña – Humanities Rising Star
Judith Hardes – Outstanding Supporter Award
Karen O’Keefe – Founder’s Community Partner Award

Event Information

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Sunday, April 5, 2020
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Tickets

$50 per person
Hosted refreshments and entertainment
To purchase tickets/for details visit https://azhumanities.org/awards/

Sponsorship Contact

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**Sponsorship Levels**

**$10,000  Premier Sponsor**
- Opportunity to briefly address the event audience
- Recognition as a Premier Sponsor
- Recognition in all promotional materials
- Stage banner recognition at the Awards Event
- Full-page ad space in event program and webpage ad
- 10 tickets and priority seating for Awards Event
- Unlimited complimentary beverages

**$7,500  Partner Sponsor**
- Recognition as a Partner Sponsor
- Recognition in all promotional materials
- Stage banner recognition at the Awards Event
- Full-page ad space in event program and webpage ad
- 10 tickets and priority seating for Awards Event

**$5,000  Featured Sponsor**
- Recognition as a Featured Sponsor
- Banner recognition at the Awards Event
- Recognition in all promotional materials
- Half page ad space in event program
- 8 tickets and priority seating for Awards Event

**$2,500  Contributing Sponsor**
- Recognition as a Contributing Sponsor
- Banner recognition at the Awards Event
- Recognition in all promotional materials
- Quarter page ad space in event program
- 6 tickets and priority seating for Awards Event
$1,000

**Advocate Sponsor**

- Recognition as an Advocate Sponsor
- Banner recognition at the Awards Event
- Recognition in all promotional materials
- Logo or individual name in event program
- 4 tickets and priority seating for Awards Event
Public Humanities Scholars – Dan Shilling Award

This award recognizes humanities scholars who have distinguished themselves by enhancing public understanding of the role the humanities play in transforming lives and strengthening communities, and have been recognized leaders in promoting the humanities.

PAUL HIRT

A lifelong Arizonan, Professor Paul Hirt is an historian and practitioner of the public and environmental humanities specializing in the American West, environmental history, environmental policy, and sustainability studies. Hirt is Professor of History in Arizona State University's School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and is a Senior Sustainability Scholar in ASU’s Global Institute of Sustainability. Professor Hirt is a quintessential practitioner of the public humanities: his work is intended for a broad audience and seeks to contribute substantively to debates over public policy and the stewardship of Arizona's public resources. A tireless public advocate of the humanities and their relevance for the Arizona public, Hirt regularly gives presentations about water resources, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and more across the state to civic organizations, student groups, retirement communities, and on the Navajo Nation.

Friend of the Humanities – Juliana Yoder Award

This award recognizes individuals who have made a lasting contribution to the cultural life of their communities through their active support of and involvement in promoting the humanities. The award recognizes the dedication and contribution of Julian Yoder during her service and leadership with Arizona Humanities.

CO-RECIPIENT - AGUILA YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute (AGUILA) was founded in 2004 based on more than 30 years of research and experience on how to positively impact communities through education. During the past 15 years AGUILA has successfully guided more than 1,400 youth to 135 colleges/universities across the United States, with scholarships totaling more than $120 million beyond federal aid. Eighty-seven percent of AGUILA students are the first person in their family to attend college. Eighty-five percent of students meet or fall below federal poverty guidelines. Many AGUILA students received little or no guidance on college, career and life before
joining the program. Today AGUILA Alumni are employed as teachers, nurses, doctors, engineers, lawyers, business professionals, entrepreneurs, research scientists, and more. AGUILA student success is evident through not only their educational and professional achievements, but also through civic service.

**CO-RECIPIENT – J.J. LAMB**

As Executive Director of the Vail Preservation Society, JJ Lamb has led a multitude of projects that have not only preserved the history of her community, but also involved a wide range of citizens. High school students learned new skills working on the rehabilitation of the 1915 Marsh Station Section Foreman House. Local artists have created the Vail Connects Artist and Artisan Cooperative. Many local individuals have shared their oral histories, now preserved through the *Voices of Vail and Celebrating Every Voice* projects. Lamb’s work has contributed to her community, the state and the nation beyond.

**Humanities Rising Star Award**

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

**ROSAURA MAGAÑA**

Rosaura "Chawa" Magaña is a cultural worker, literary organizer, safe-space creator, healing presence, compassionate listener, principled voice, and the owner/operator of Palabras Bilingual Bookstore. Magaña has created a unique space that has shifted the cultural landscape of Phoenix to be more inclusive, equitable, and artistically enriched. Besides providing a much needed space for Spanish speakers to seek literary works in their language, Magaña has created her monthly "POC It To Me" open mic to center the local voices of people of color. She has also established a book club for women, developed a bi-weekly writing group for women of color, and has invited other organizations to host writing groups, such as Trans Queer Pueblo's "Creatures of Our Dreams." Her tireless advocacy and community-centered approach has impacted many people. She has given a voice to people of color, and also fostered community connections and growth.
Outstanding Supporter Award

JUDITH HARDES

Judith Hardes is a longtime financial supporter of Arizona Humanities and of arts and culture in Arizona. Hardes is a local philanthropist and recipient of the 2018 Governor’s Arts Award for philanthropy for her lifelong commitment to arts and culture, and for her encouragement of others to give to arts and culture. Hardes has donated annually to Arizona Humanities for 20 years. She is the most consistent donor that we can identify. This means a lot to us and the organizations that receive grants and attend our cultural programs across the state. "Those who support arts and culture through their generous philanthropy are deeply vital to the long-term success and vitality of so many nonprofit organizations...Judith is among the most ardent, consistent and important donors in Arizona through her unwavering commitment to and enthusiasm for the performing arts." Rusty Foley, AZ Citizens for the Arts.

Founder’s Community Partner Award

KAREN O’KEEFE

Karen O’Keefe is an outstanding educator with a focus on K-12 literacy, and a unique passion for connecting students to the community through her extensive outreach efforts. O’Keefe seeks out people in the community to support literacy programs including retired and working individuals, illustrators, artists, authors, and even family members of the students. She also enlists the support of countless community-based, nonprofit and corporate organizations. O’Keefe’s community-based events both inside and outside the school, have recast the importance of literacy for Mountain View School. She is the recipient of many awards of excellence from the Washington School District for her innovative/interactive learning programs including PencilPALS, Multi-Cultural Day, Young Authors Day, Family Reading Nights, and Read Across America Day.
2020 Award Nominees

Humanities Public Scholar Nominees
Demion Clinco, Rosemarie Dombrowski, Betsy Fahlman, Björn Krondorfer, Bertha Manninen

Friend of the Humanities Nominees
Marc Ashton, Paul Friedman, John Liffiton, Tyler Meier

Humanities Rising Star Nominees
Lizbette Benge, Seth Schermerhorn, Jake Friedman and Kelsey Pinckney, J. Seth Schermerhorn

Past Awards Recipients

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

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

Humanities Rising Star Award
2019  Rachel Egboro
2018  Dagoberto Bailon
2017  Nancy Godoy-Powell
2015  Rivka Rocchio
2014  Tyler Wayne Vertrees
2013  Myrlin Hepworth
2013  Jaclyn Roessel
### Distinguished Organizations Award

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### Outstanding Supporter Award

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