

Arizona Humanities Presents

HANDS-ON HUMANITIES

A Virtual Awards Celebration



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Saturday, September 25

1PM MST/AZ Time

Sponsorship Packet

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 Hands-On Humanities: A Virtual Awards Celebration

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.

2021 Award Winners

Michael Brescia – *Humanities Public Scholar*

Christine Marin – *Friend of the Humanities*

Paul Alan Taliercio – *Humanities Rising Star*

Akua Duku Anokye – *Outstanding Speaker*

Zarco Guerrero – *Outstanding Speaker*

James and Judith Walsh – *Outstanding Supporter Award*

Thomas J. Davis – *Founder's Community Partner Award*

Tickets

To register for the event, visit the [Hands-On Humanities Eventbrite page](#)

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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.

MICHAEL BRESCIA



Dr. Michael Brescia is a distinguished historian who specializes in the history of the transnational Southwest, including Arizona, Mexico, and cross-border relations. He has published prolifically in his field and received significant support for his award-winning research. As Curator of Ethnohistory at the Arizona State Museum, Brescia has organized numerous exhibitions for the community featuring the history of the Southwest. As Affiliated Professor of History and Law at the University of Arizona, Brescia demonstrates his breadth of knowledge, teaching courses on a range of topics, from natural resources and the law in the Spanish borderlands to comparative history in North America. In addition to his scholarship, curatorial work, and teaching, Brescia is an advocate for public history, dedicating himself to substantial community outreach, particularly in southeast Arizona. Brescia has led countless public programs, workshops, tours, and lectures on topics related to the ethnohistory and legal history of the Southwest and engaged audiences on the crucial topic of water rights in the region.

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.

CHRISTINE MARIN

Dr. Christine Marin is an archivist, historian, and Professor Emeritus at ASU who has tirelessly promoted the preservation and accessibility of Latinx history in Arizona for the past several decades. As the founder of the Chicano/a Research Collection and Archives at Arizona State University, Marin played an essential role in establishing and growing the collection of archival material critical to Chicano/a history. Her outreach and



collaboration with local communities in Arizona was crucial to the success of the archive. Marin is also Professor Emeritus in the School of Transborder Studies and Women and Gender Studies,

where she taught courses on the history of Mexican Americans and the Latinx community. Marin has published extensively in her field, preserving the history and stories of marginalized groups in Arizona through her work. Outside of ASU and her scholarship, Marin is widely recognized for her public service, including her commitment to outreach in the Latinx community and advocacy for women.

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.

PAUL ALAN TALIERCIO



Paul Alan Taliercio is the Curator of the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center and Director and Chief Curator of the Sapien Museum of Anthropology and Natural History. Taliercio has led the campaign to update the Carver Museum collections. His creation of online exhibits tells the history of the segregated, first all African American School in Phoenix. He has relaunched the website and social media to foster public awareness and engagement of Carver's unique place in Arizona history. Taliercio is cataloging historical items, developing new exhibits, and renovating the physical space with the help of a team of volunteers. When the museum was vandalized with swastikas and racial slurs last year, Taliercio rallied the community and raised \$5000 to restore the museum. Taliercio is dedicated to preserving the history, culture, and art of the African American community in Phoenix and collecting the stories of alumni for future generations.

Outstanding Speaker Award

This award recognizes a speaker who demonstrates outstanding and creative approaches to engaging the public with humanities.

CO- RECIPIENT, AKUA DUKU ANOKYE

Dr. Akua Duku Anokye is a distinguished scholar, educator, and advocate for the humanities, especially through her efforts to promote storytelling and oral history of communities both locally and globally. Anokye is an Associate Professor in the School of Humanities, Arts, and Culture and Director of the Global Learning and Engagement Initiative at Arizona State University. Her scholarly research focuses on oral history and folklore of the African Diaspora and culture, religion, storytelling, and dance of Ghana. As an educator, Anokye encourages

student community activism and engagement. Through her Telling Arizona oral history project, her students travel across the state to collect and preserve the stories of Arizonans. Anokye has lent her outstanding public speaking voice to university and community events such as the March On West and Black History Month at ASU. Anokye has been an AZ Speaks presenter for many years, engaging audiences on a range of topics including the history and lives of African American women in Arizona, and storytelling in Ghana, the US, and Arizona. Anokye's scholarly work, community outreach, and outstanding public speaking has led to the production of several documentaries on local African American women activists



CO- RECIPIENT, ZARCO GUERRERO



Zarco Guerrero is an artist, storyteller, and founder of Cultural Coalition Inc., an organization promoting community engagement through cultural programs, and Xico Inc., a cultural institution serving Latino and Indigenous artists. Guerrero's work focuses on telling the stories and celebrating the cultures of Latinx and Indigenous communities in Arizona through music, poetry, and theatrical performances. Guerrero has been recognized for his creative storytelling, his appeal to diverse audiences, and his dynamic engagement with museums and schools. He

skillfully uses the artform of mask making to confront stereotypes in the Latinx community. His lively and thought-provoking performances connect art, history, and culture, and have inspired audiences of all ages to discuss social issues and social change.

Outstanding Supporter Award

At the discretion of Arizona Humanities, this award recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided outstanding funding or support of the humanities that has expanded the reach of public humanities throughout Arizona.

JAMES AND JUDITH WALSH

James "Jim" Walsh is a former AZ Humanities board member and friend of founder Lorraine Frank. Jim and Judy regularly attend humanities programs, and especially the annual humanities awards event established in Frank's honor. Jim



helped develop the concept for "FRANK" Talks with Executive Director Brenda Thomson in 2014, popular community conversations on timely social issues. FRANK Talks, launched in 2016, were developed to continue Frank's legacy of civic engagement and public discourse. Finally, for over four decades the Walsh family has supported AZ Humanities through generous annual donations. This support has allowed Arizona Humanities to grow, prosper, and offer free public programs statewide that explore the rich cultural legacy of the people and places of Arizona.

Founder's Community Partner Award

At the discretion of Arizona Humanities, this award recognizes an individual or organization that has partnered with Arizona Humanities or other cultural organizations to further public humanities through sustained collaboration and exemplary community outreach.

THOMAS J. DAVIS



Dr. Thomas J. Davis "T.J." is Professor Emeritus of History at Arizona State University, where his research and teaching focused on U.S. constitutional and legal history. Davis is an internationally recognized legal scholar. He has shared his expertise with the public and continually advocated for the humanities in Arizona for decades. Since 1997, Davis has supported Arizona Humanities in numerous capacities: first as a member of the Speakers Bureau, as an early "Road Scholar" when the program was first introduced. He continues to serve as an AZ Speaks presenter to this day, traveling to cultural organizations across Arizona. Davis also helped launch FRANK Talks, now in its 5th year. He was an inaugural program facilitator, and his unique and engaging style continues to receive high praise from host libraries and community members. In 2020-21 Davis served as project director for the Voices and Votes: Democracy in America traveling Smithsonian exhibit, where he advised host sites across the state and conducted trainings. Davis has been an eloquent and outstanding humanities ambassador, engaging and inspiring people from all backgrounds to learn about democracy, our nation's laws and civic engagement.

2021 Award Nominees

Humanities Public Scholar Nominees

Malcolm A. Compitello, Thomas J. Davis, Betsy Fahlman, Aviva Dove Viebahn, Gioia Woods

Friend of the Humanities Nominees

Jean Baxter, Paul Friedman, Thomas Houlon and Patty Barnes, John Liffiton, Ken McAllister, Barbea Williams

Outstanding Speaker Nominees

Anthony Fusco, Marshall Shore, Sareya Taylor

Humanities Rising Star Nominees

Jude Schroder, Sareya Taylor

Past Awards Recipients

Humanities Public Humanities Scholar Award

2020	Paul Hirt	2012	Elena Diaz Bjorkquist	2000	Patricia Preciado Martin
2019	Natalie Diaz	2010	Celestino Fernández	1999	Peter Iverson
2019	Joan McGregor	2009	Charles Tatum	1998	L. Chris Smith
2018	Liz Warren	2007	Karen J. Leong	1996	Joann Kealiinohomoku
2017	James Blasingame	2006	Laura Tohe	1995	Christine Marin
2015	Alberto Álvaro Ríos	2005	Matthew Whitaker	1994	Jay Cravath
2015	Dr. Paul Espinosa	2004	Mary Melcher	1993	Robert Trennert
2014	Dr. David William Foster	2003	Judy Nolte Temple	1992	James Griffith
2013	Dr. Gloria H. Cuádriz	2002	Elizabeth Larson-Keagy	1991	Mary L. Rothschild
2012	Nancy Dallet	2001	Neal A. Lester	1990	James Byrkit

Friend of the Humanities Award

2020	Aguila Youth Leadership Institute, J. J. Lamb	2010	William Fry	2001	Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records
2019	Kevin Schindler	2009	Winifred Bundy, Singing Wind Bookshop	2000	The Arizona Republic and Jack W. Whiteman (posthumous award)
2018	Almira Poudrier	2007	Changing Hands Bookstore	1999	Arizona State Representative Carolyn Allen and United States Congressman Jim Kolbe
2017	Barbara Hatch	2006	Arizona Office of Tourism	1998	Elsa Paine Mulher
2015	Dr. Michael Vincent	2005	James R. Carruthers		
2014	Project Humanities	2004	Noel Stowe		
2013	Gail Browne	2003	KAET-TV, Channel 8		
2013	Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation	2002	Salt River Project		
2012	Arizona Town Hall				

Humanities Rising Star Award

2020	Rosaura Magaña	2017	Nancy Godoy-Powell	2013	Myrlin Hepworth
2019	Rachel Egboro	2015	Rivka Rocchio	2013	Jaclyn Roessel
2018	Dagoberto Bailon	2014	Tyler Wayne Vertrees		

Distinguished Organizations Award

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

Outstanding Supporter Award

2020	Judith Hardes
2019	Rodo Sofranac
2018	The Shackelford Family

Founder's Community Partner Award

2020	Karen O'Keefe
2019	Morning Star Leaders, Inc. Megan LaRose, Debbie Nez-Manuel, Royce Manuel
2018	Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records