CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
2022 “Hands-On Humanities” Awards

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 2022 Humanities Award categories are as follows: Humanities Public Scholar, Friend of the Humanities, Humanities Rising Star, and Outstanding Speaker (see below for full descriptions on pgs. 2-3).

The Awards ceremony will be a hybrid event that will take place in September 2022. Please check back for event details at www.azhumanities.org.

Nomination Checklist
A complete nomination packet includes:

✓ Online nomination form with two letters of support submitted online: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRXYSDJ. The form includes the nominee’s name, contact info, bio; 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 outlined below (see full descriptions on pgs. 2-3)
✓ For Outstanding Speaker nominations only: a sample(s) or testimonial(s) of the nominee’s public speaking, e.g. a link to a video/audio recording, audience surveys, etc.

Nomination Guidelines

• Anyone can submit a nomination.
• Past nominators are encouraged to re-submit nominee applications.
• Self-nominators must provide two (2) 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.
• All nomination packets must be completed online through survey monkey. No paper nomination packets will be accepted.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENDED TO APRIL 8, 2022

For questions, call 602-257-0335 or email info@azhumanities.org.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

**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:
- Sustained research (3-5 years), publications, creative activity, and humanities service in Arizona.
- Consistently serves as a humanities scholar, or public advocate for humanities.
- Actively and consistently engages the Arizona public in one or more humanities disciplines.
- 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:
- Actively promotes understanding and appreciation of the humanities in the community through their work, volunteerism, or leadership at cultural, civic, educational, or other organizations.
- Exemplary outreach and/or advocacy supporting the humanities and access to the humanities.
- Significant contribution to the community by promoting civil discourse and/or community engagement.

**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:

• Nominees must be 18-35 years of age.
• 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.
• Evidence of impact on diverse issues/communities.
• 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.

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

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

• Demonstrate popularity with attendees
• Provide insight into humanities topics specific to the state of Arizona and/or of national importance
• Present information in an appealing style
• Appeal to a diverse audience
• Communicate the importance of the humanities to a just society

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