

Arizona Humanities Presents

# HANDS-ON HUMANITIES

A Virtual Awards Celebration



## **Hands-On Humanities: A Virtual Awards Celebration**

**Saturday, October 1**

**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.

## 2022 Award Winners

**Ricardo Guthrie** – *Humanities Public Scholar*

**Jean Baxter** – *Friend of the Humanities*

**Amber McCrary** – *Humanities Rising Star*

**Rosemarie Dombrowski** – *Outstanding Speaker*

**Janice Klein** – *Outstanding Supporter*

**Arizona Jewish Historical Society** – *Founder's Community Partner*

## Tickets

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

## Sponsorship Contact

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- Recognition in all promotional materials
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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.*

#### **Ricardo Guthrie**



Dr. Ricardo Guthrie is Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies at Northern Arizona University and the lead artist for the Historic Southside Mural at the Murdoch Center in Flagstaff. As a communications scholar specializing in ethnic studies and media analysis, Dr. Guthrie focuses on Black and Indigenous presence in racial landscapes and the Route 66 corridor. He has brought to light the untold history of Arizona, such as stories of resilience and achievement of African Americans in Flagstaff's Southside neighborhood. He has published widely in academic journals and books as well as local newspapers, and his academic and public scholarship have been supported by numerous grants. As a public scholar and artist, he actively engages with

the community through town hall presentations, community talks, public murals, art walks, oral histories, and many other humanities-based activities that connect students, campus and community leaders, and residents and visitors of the historic Southside. These activities have encouraged the community to learn about race, class, gender, and culture, and inspired them to action.

### **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.*

#### **Jean Baxter**



Jean Baxter is the volunteer Director of Education at Tucson's Presidio Museum and a former educator in the Flowing Wells School District, where she spent twenty-five years collectively as a reading teacher, staff development specialist and teacher trainer. She has served on the Board of the Presidio Museum since 2011. As Director of Education, she developed Presidio Museum's flagship, award-winning field trip program, Friday-at-the-Fort, which has inspired over 10,000 local children since its launch in 2011. Providing hands-on history activities, including tin-smithing and tortilla-making, Friday-at-the-Fort exposes

children to Tucson's history and multi-cultural heritage. As a professional storyteller, Baxter also visits local schools to tell engaging stories about Presidio that enthrall her young audiences. Baxter wears many hats at the Presidio Museum, from coordinating volunteers to managing monthly lectures, and every role helps to advance the humanities in Arizona.

## **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.*

### **Amber McCrary**



Born in Shonto and raised in Flagstaff, Amber McCrary is a Diné writer, poet, zinester, multimedia artist, and educator. She is the owner and founding editor of Abalone Mountain Press, the first Diné woman-owned press dedicated to publishing Indigenous voices. Over the past several years, she has supported Indigenous writers and artists in Arizona through community-based workshops, independent publishing, and justice-rooted cultural work. As an educator, she has taught creative writing and zine making workshops in colleges, museums, and bookstores. She recently published her debut chapbook of poetry, *Electric Deserts!* (Tolsun Books). Her poems have been published in *Yellow Medicine Review*, *Mayday Magazine*, *AZCentral Poetry Spot*, *Room Magazine*, *Martin Lake Journal*, among others. She is a member of the Saad Bee Hózhó: Diné Writers' Collective; board member of the Northern Arizona Book Festival; and co-chair of the PEN Across America Phoenix Chapter. Dedicated to nurturing, curating, and celebrating Indigenous voices, McCrary is a leader in the cultural landscape of Arizona.

## **Outstanding Speaker Award**

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

### **Rosemarie Dombrowski**



Dr. Rosemarie Dombrowski is the inaugural Poet Laureate of Phoenix, AZ and the founding director of Revisionary Arts, a nonprofit that provides therapeutic poetry workshops for vulnerable populations, the medical community, and the community at large. She has published three collections of poetry including *The Book of Emergencies* (Five Oaks Press, 2014), a lyrical ethnography of the culture of nonverbal Autism. She is also the founding editor of *rinky dink press*, publisher of micro-poetry for the people, and *The Revolution* (Relaunch), a resurgence of the official newspaper of the National Woman's Suffrage Association. Dr. Dombrowski has shared the power of poetry in countless public talks with diverse audiences, from Latinx youth in AGUILA to medical physicians at Banner. Her speaking engagements have had a profound impact on the understanding and appreciation of poetry in Arizona. She is the recipient of an Arts Hero award, a Great 48 award, Academy of American Poets fellowship, and others. She serves on the advisory board of the Narrative Medicine program at the University of Arizona Biomedical campus and teaches courses in literature and the medical humanities at Arizona State University's Downtown Phoenix campus.

## **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.*

### **Janice Klein**



Janice Klein is the Executive Director of the Museum Association of Arizona and a longtime advocate for Arizona Humanities. She has been instrumental in connecting Arizona Humanities with museums, big and small, across the state. She is the face and voice of Arizona museums and the bridge that helps us connect with people statewide. Over the years, she has volunteered her time to Arizona Humanities by serving on many grants, awards, and program committees, sharing her professional expertise and deep knowledge of the cultural organizations and leaders of Arizona. Finally, Janice Klein has supported Arizona Humanities through generous donations. Her support has helped ensure that Arizona Humanities can continue to bring public programs to every corner 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.*

### **Arizona Jewish Historical Society**



The Arizona Jewish Historical Society preserves and celebrates the rich heritage of Arizona's Jewish communities, educates the public about the Jewish historical experience including the Holocaust, and promotes awareness of our state's diverse history through arts, culture, and educational programming. The programs, events, stories and exhibits of this cultural treasure are both timeless and timely. AJHS teaches us that the experiences and lessons of the past are still important and meaningful today. The voices, past and present, help us navigate the challenges of a world still challenged by division, so that we can celebrate and honor humanity, dignity and resilience.

## 2022 Award Nominees

### Humanities Public Scholar Nominees

*Lois Brown, Malcolm Compitello, Betsy Fahlman, Clottee Hammons, Jacob Meders, Juliann Vitullo, Gioia Woods*

### Friend of the Humanities Nominees

*Danielle Adams, Mark Broadley, Anthony Fusco, Thomas Houlon & Patty Barnes, John Liffiton, Ken McAllister, Tyler Meier, Douglas C. Towne & Donna Reiner, Veterans Heritage Project*

### Outstanding Speaker Nominees

*Anthony Fusco, Matthew Goodwin, Win Holden, Bernadine Lewis, Eduardo Pagan*

### Humanities Rising Star Nominees

*Lizbett Benge, Austin Davis*

## Past Awards Recipients

### Humanities Public Humanities Scholar Award

2021 – Michael Brescia, Ph.D.

2020 – Paul Hirt, Ph.D.

2019 – Natalie Diaz

2019 – Joan McGregor

2018 – Liz Warren

2017 – James Blasingame, Ph.D.

2015 – Alberto Álvaro Ríos

2015 – Paul Espinosa, Ph.D.

2014 – David William Foster, Ph.D.

2013 – Gloria H. Cuádriz, Ph.D.

2012 – Nancy Dallet

2012 – Elena Diaz Bjorkquist

2010 – Celestino Fernández

2009 – Charles Tatum, Ph.D.

2007 – Karen J. Leong, Ph.D.

2006 – Laura Tohe, Ph.D.

2005 – Matthew Whitaker, Ph.D.

2004 – Mary Melcher, Ph.D.

2003 – Judy Nolte Temple, Ph.D.

2002 – Elizabeth Larson-Keagy, Ph.D.

2001 – Neal A. Lester, Ph.D.

2000 – Patricia Preciado Martin

1999 – Peter Iverson, Ph.D.

1998 – L. Chris Smith, Ph.D.

1996 – Joann Kealiinohomoku, Ph.D.

1995 – Christine Marin, Ph.D.

1994 – Jay Cravath, Ph.D.

1993 – Robert Trennert, Ph.D.

1992 – James Griffith, Ph.D.

1991 – Mary L. Rothschild, Ph.D.

1990 – James Byrkit, Ph.D.

### Friend of the Humanities Award

2021 – Christine Marin, Ph.D.

2020 – J.J. Lamb

2020 – Aguila Youth Leadership Institute

2019 – Kevin Schindler

2018 – Almira Poudrier, Ph.D.

2017 – Barbara Hatch

2015 – Michael Vincent, Ph.D.

2014 – Project Humanities, Arizona State University

2013 – Gail Browne

2013 – Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation

2012 – Arizona Town Hall

2010 – William Fry, Ph.D.

2009 – Winifred Bundy, Singing Wind Bookshop

2007 – Changing Hands Bookstore

2006 – Arizona Office of Tourism

2005 – James R. Carruthers, Ed.D.

2004 – Noel Stowe, Ph.D.

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 Mulhern



### Humanities Rising Star Award

2021 – Paul Alan Taliercio  
2020 – Rosaura Magaña  
2019 – Rachel Egboro

2018 – Dagoberto Bailon  
2017 – Nancy Liliana Godoy  
2015 – Rivka Rocchio

2014 – Tyler Wayne Vertrees  
2013 – Myrlin Hepworth  
2013 – Jaclyn Roessel

### Outstanding Speaker Award

2021 – Akua Duku Anokye, Ph.D.  
2021 – Zarco Guerrero

### Outstanding Supporter Award

2021 James and Judith Walsh  
2020 Judith Hards  
2019 Rodo Sofranac  
2018 The Shackelford Family

### Founder's Community Partner Award

2021 Thomas J. Davis, Ph.D., J.D.  
2020 Karen O'Keefe  
2019 Morning Star Leaders, Inc. Megan LaRose, Debbie Nez-Manuel, Royce Manuel  
2018 Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

### Distinguished Organizations

2007 Pima County Library  
2006 Phoenix Burton Barr Central Library  
2005 Museum Association of Arizona  
2004 Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott  
2003 Hassayampa Institute for Creative Writing at Yavapai College

2002 Center for Desert Archaeology, Tucson  
2001 Historic Sahuaro Ranch Foundation, Glendale  
2000 Parker Public Library  
1999 Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division  
1998 Scottsdale Cultural Council  
1996 Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum

1995 Arizona State Museum  
1994 The Heard Museum  
1993 Yuma County Library District  
1992 Mohave Museum of History and Arts  
1991 Casa Grande Valley Historical Society Museum  
1990 Glendale Public Library, Apache Junction Public Library (co-recipients)