



## **Open House Held for Humanities Council Executive Director**

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Charleston, WV – The West Virginia Humanities Council invites the public to its October 19 open house for executive director Eric G. Waggoner. Waggoner began October 1 as the organization’s new director following the retirement of Ken Sullivan on October 12.

The open house takes place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the historic MacFarland-Hubbard House, Humanities Council headquarters, located at 1310 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston.

Waggoner is a native West Virginian. He earned his PhD in American Literature from Arizona State University, an M.A. in English from Old Dominion University, and a B.A. in English from West Virginia Wesleyan College. Prior to joining the Humanities Council he chaired Wesleyan’s English department, was associate professor of American literature and cultural studies, and served as interim director of the School of Fine Arts and Humanities. From 2012 to 2013, he chaired the Wesleyan faculty senate, serving also as ex officio member of the college board of trustees.

The West Virginia Humanities Council is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and serves West Virginia through grants and programs in the humanities. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council at [wvhuman@wvhumanities.org](mailto:wvhuman@wvhumanities.org) or (304)346-8500. Visit the Council’s website at [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org).

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