



Humanities Council Adds New Committee Members

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council announces citizen members recently elected to its program committee. The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities.

Three members who now serve on the program committee were re-elected to a new term. They are Leslie Baker, the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Beckley; Bob Bonar, President of the Calhoun County Historical Society; and Chuck Keeney, Professor of History at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

The newly elected citizen members are Jason Phillips, Eberly Professor of Civil War Studies at West Virginia University, and Gabriel Rieger, professor of Medieval and Renaissance English literature at Concord University. Rieger also directs Concord's Appalachian Shakespeare Project. The new members will serve a three-year term from June 1, 2018, to June 1, 2021.

The Humanities Council budgets more than \$800,000 for grants and programs each year. The program committee recommends funding decisions to the Humanities Council board of directors. The 22-member committee includes 11 members drawn from the Council board and 11 citizen members who represent education and the public.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council and its programs visit www.wvhumanities.org or call (304) 346-8500.

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The West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors whose members are drawn from all parts of West Virginia. It is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and by contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.