



Head of National Endowment for the Humanities to Visit Charleston

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Charleston, WV — Jon Peede, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will visit Charleston on February 21 and 22 at the invitation of the West Virginia Humanities Council. Chairman Peede plans to learn more about the work of the Humanities Council and the people and nonprofit organizations the Council works with across the state. While here Peede will take part in West Virginia History Day events at the state capitol, which the Humanities Council helps to sponsor.

The West Virginia Humanities Council is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH financial support is essential to the Council's work in serving West Virginia through grants and hundreds of educational programs in the humanities.

The NEH also provides grants to other West Virginia organizations. This year, grants totaling more than \$445,000 were awarded to Marshall University, Shepherd University, the West Virginia Mine Wars Museum in Matewan, and West Virginia University.

Chairman Peede is a native of Mississippi and former publisher of the *Virginia Quarterly Review* at the University of Virginia. He previously oversaw the National Endowment for the Arts funding of literary organizations and was director of the NEA "Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience" program. For seven years he led writing workshops for U.S. troops in Afghanistan, Bahrain, Kyrgyzstan, the Persian Gulf, and elsewhere.

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