



Little Lecture Examines Reporting of Don Blankenship Trial

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Charleston, WV — Since 2001 the Humanities Council has presented the annual Little Lecture Series at their historic MacFarland-Hubbard House headquarters in Charleston. Over the years more than 60 Little Lectures by outstanding scholars and speakers on a variety of topics have been presented to interested audiences. The Little Lectures for 2016 continue that long tradition.

On April 10, award-winning *Charleston Gazette-Mail* reporter Ken Ward Jr. presents “Reporting the Blankenship Trial” for the 2:00 p.m. Little Lecture. An experienced reporter of coal mining issues, Ward has covered the landmark trial of coal executive Don Blankenship. Ward is a three-time recipient of the Scripps Howard Foundation’s Edward J. Meeman Award for Environmental Reporting and in 2000 he received the prestigious Livingston Award for Young Journalists.

Admission to the lecture is \$10 and includes a reception after the program. Seating is limited and people interested in attending should confirm that seats are available by calling 304-346-8500 no later than noon on Thursday, April 7.

The remaining 2016 Little Lectures are:

- May 15 *The Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky* by Jill Malusky
- June 12 *Folklore and Folklorists* by Judy Byers

All Little Lectures are presented on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in the MacFarland-Hubbard House, located at 1310 Kanawha Boulevard, East, in Charleston. For more information call the West Virginia Humanities Council at 304-346-8500, visit www.wvhumanities.org, or contact program officer Mark Payne at payne@wvhumanities.org.
