



**WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES 2017 FELLOWSHIP AWARDS**

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded nine new fellowships. The \$2,500 grants are awarded annually to college faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects in the humanities. The Humanities Council offers a variety of grants to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming and budgets nearly \$700,000 for grants and programs each year. Humanities Council fellowships, unique in West Virginia, are among its most competitive offerings.

The 2017 Fellows and their subjects are:

Charles Damien Arthur, Huntington, *Architect of Appalachia: Senator Robert C. Byrd's leadership on the Appropriations Committee, 1959-2009*

Anne McConnell, Institute, *Literary Interrogation: A study of contemporary literature*

Michele Stephens, Morgantown, *Criminal Women in Yucatan, Mexico, 1900-1940*

Janet Snyder, Morgantown, *What's the Story? Twelfth-century sculpture and the perception of narrative*

Catherine Gouge, Morgantown, *Divergent Paths: Paying attention to nonadherence to prescribed health guidelines*

Matthew Jacobmeier, Morgantown, *Demographic and Political Influences on Participation in the Arts and Humanities*

Jamie Shinn, Morgantown, *Culture and Conservation in the Okavango Delta, Botswana: The implications of a World Heritage Site designation*

Anna Rose Casey, Morgantown, *Intellectual Property and Collaborative Female Authorship in Zoe Wicomb's "David's Story"*

Jesse Wozniak, Morgantown, *Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan*

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org.

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Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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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.