



**Humanities Council Little Lecture:  
"Controversies in Modern Art"**

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Charleston, WV — The West Virginia Humanities Council's Little Lecture Series offers the final installment for 2019 on June 23, at 2:00 p.m. with Marshall University art history professor Dr. Heather Stark talking about "Controversies in Modern Art." The program is presented at the Council's headquarters, the historic MacFarland-Hubbard House, 1310 Kanawha Blvd E, in Charleston.

The 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries introduced a plethora of new forms of visual representation to the public, many of which were rejected or their legitimacy as art challenged. Dr. Stark will discuss three such controversial works and the controversies they provoked – James Whistler's 1877 libel suit against critic John Ruskin, Constantin Brancusi's 1926 modern sculpture *Bird in Space* that led to a trial over what constitutes a work of art, and Maya Lin's design of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial that was dedicated in 1982.

Admission to the lecture is \$10 and includes refreshments 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 Wednesday, June 19.

For more information visit [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org) or contact Tricia Stringer at 304-346-8500 or [stringer@wvhumanities.org](mailto:stringer@wvhumanities.org). *The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

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