



South Dakota Humanities Council

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Become a Humanities Scholar

Communities across South Dakota want to bring the humanities close to home. The South Dakota Humanities Council helps make this happen.

We're now accepting applications for scholars to carry the humanities across South Dakota. Our humanities scholars present with our Speakers Bureau, lead reading discussions with our Reading Group Toolkit and One Book South Dakota programs, and can participate in the 2017 Initiative **Race & Civility**. More details are listed below.

Applications are due Friday, Dec. 15, 2016, to be considered for 2017 programs. Successful applicants will be listed in the printed 2017 SDHC Program Catalog and on the SDHC website. Our committee will review applications in early January, and the catalog will be distributed in February 2017.

To apply online, visit <http://sdhumanities.org/programs-and-events/speakers-bureau/how-to-become-a-scholar/>

For a paper application, send your mailing address to Kyle Schaefer at kyle@sdhumanities.org or call (605) 688-6113.

Scholars accepted into the Speakers Bureau will be able to list one program description in the printed catalog and up to five programs on the website.

OUR PROGRAMS

NEW FOR 2017 – Race & Civility Initiative

In 2017, in collaboration with the **National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Program “Humanities and the Legacy of Race and Ethnicity in the United States,”** the SDHC is encouraging scholars to lead programs that promote conversations about Race and Civility in South Dakota. The NEH initiative supports public programming that addresses persistent social, economic, cultural, and racial issues that divide our communities.

As a part of this initiative, the SDHC has committed \$30,000 in additional funds that will be used to fund grant proposals dealing with **Race and Civility in South Dakota**. The SDHC is actively recruiting scholars for this initiative and especially encourages applications from scholars whose presentations highlight race & civility and/or whose professional work in South Dakota has been dedicated to work examining race relations and civil discourse. Questions can be directed to the SDHC office at 605-688-6113.

Potential programs include:

1. Facilitated conversations on relations between police departments and communities
2. Community conversations on immigration and the changing workforce in South Dakota
3. A community book discussion based on a text that examines race relations, economic issues, or cultural divides that could provide a context for conversations in South Dakota communities
4. Programs discussing history and culture of American Indians, South Dakota's largest minority group, and their past and present relations with other groups, especially the majority white culture

As with all programs funded through the South Dakota Humanities Council, programs should be informed by humanities materials and scholarship. Programs may not advocate for a specific political view or agenda, and the conversations should actively engage South Dakotans in sharing ideas and information.

Amending America – The Bill of Rights and You. Amending America is a national initiative celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Over 50 South Dakota libraries – public, school, and academic – have elected to participate in this program. Participating libraries will receive a pop-up exhibit “conveying the importance of the Bill of Rights, its history and implementation, and its impact today.” Libraries are also encouraged to apply for a Speakers Bureau program to accompany their Bill of Rights exhibit. If you are interested in presenting programs on the Bill of Rights, please select “Bill of Rights Program” on your scholar application.

Speakers Bureau

A collection of humanities scholars who present on a variety of topics comprising the humanities – including, but not limited to, history, culture, language, literature, philosophy, arts and sciences, heritage and traditions, and beyond. Through the council's Speakers Bureau, community groups can easily host a humanities scholar at a local event.

One Book South Dakota and Reading Group Toolkit

These programs pair local reading groups with a discussion leader and a supply of up to 30 books for the group from our lending library.

2017 One Book South Dakota

The 2017 OBSD selection is *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal.

“*Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, about a young woman with a once-in-a-generation palate who becomes the iconic chef behind the country's most coveted dinner reservation, is a witty and hilarious debut novel by Minnesota native J. Ryan Stradal.

When Lars Thorvald's wife, Cynthia, falls in love with wine—and a dashing sommelier—he's left to raise their baby, Eva, on his own. He's determined to pass on his love of food to his daughter—starting with puréed pork shoulder. As Eva grows, she finds her solace and salvation in the flavors of her native Minnesota. From Scandinavian lutefisk to hydroponic chocolate habaneros, each ingredient represents one part of Eva's journey as she becomes the star chef behind a legendary and secretive pop-up supper club, culminating in an opulent and emotional

feast that's a testament to her spirit and resilience.

Each chapter in Stradal's startlingly original debut tells the story of a single dish and character, at once capturing the zeitgeist of the Midwest, the rise of foodie culture, and delving into the ways food creates community and a sense of identity. By turns quirky, hilarious, and vividly sensory, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* is an unexpected mother-daughter story about the bittersweet nature of life—its missed opportunities and its joyful surprises. It marks the entry of a brilliant new talent.”

- From Penguin Random House

Reading Group Toolkit

Scholars are needed to facilitate reading groups throughout South Dakota for Reading Group Toolkit programs. The South Dakota Humanities Council has many reading programs available for book clubs organized by individuals, libraries, book stores, museums and other non-profit organizations. The SDHC especially encourages reading group toolkit programs from our “Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys.” The books in this collection explore Muslim culture, including its relationship to Christianity and Judaism.

You can read more about the titles in our lending library here:

<http://sdhumanities.org/programs-and-events/reading-group-toolkit/titles-a-f/>. Please note that some titles in our lending library only have a limited number of copies available. Questions about book availability can be directed to our office at 605-688-6113.

Groups that participate in a reading program will receive up to 30 copies of any title and can have a scholar lead their book discussion. Scholars will be sent the book chosen by the group (and agreed on with the facilitating scholar) about a month before the program begins. Over forty titles are available for loan; for a full listing of those titles, please visit the SDHC website.

Suggestions for books to be added to our lending library on Race & Civility can be emailed to kyle@sdhumanities.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the Humanities?

"The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life."

(From: www.NEH.gov) --National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

What constitutes a “Humanities Scholar”?

This is a person trained in one of the humanities disciplines, having earned an M.A. or a Ph.D., or an individual whose career and personal history shows commitment to the humanities. In addition to our traditional scholar call, the SDHC will consider applications from individuals who have experience in the fields of race relations or in matters of civic engagement and civil

discourse. Professionals in human resources, workforce development, immigration, community policing and other relations-based professions are encouraged to apply. We also encourage those who have lived Race & Civility experiences – for example, immigrants, minorities, and public elected officials – to apply to share stories and facilitate conversations.

What does an SDHC scholar do?

SDHC scholars travel throughout the state to present Speakers' Bureau programs and/or host reading discussions. Scholars can lead book discussions about the One Book SD (<http://sdhumanities.org/programs-and-events/obsd/>) or choose a book from our Reading Group Toolkit library (<http://sdhumanities.org/programs-and-events/reading-group-toolkit/>).

Speakers Bureau scholars present programs on a wide variety of topics suitable for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Chautauqua speakers make history come alive by replicating characters such as first South Dakota governor Arthur Calvin Mellette, President Theodore Roosevelt, the daughter of Sitting Bull and many others.

Our speakers also present traditional programs in several humanities disciplines. They explore topics such as traditional Lakota spirituality and the role of ceremony in today's ever-changing world; the high-profile criminal trials presided over by Peter C. Shannon, Chief Justice of the Dakota Territory Supreme Court; the history of stained glass in South Dakota and more.

Organizations apply to host a scholar through the South Dakota Humanities Council. Typical applicants include libraries, museums, historical sites, historical societies, parks, tribal entities, K-12 schools, colleges and universities, as well as community centers and agencies that are open to the public. Applicant organizations do not need to be located in South Dakota, but programs must take place within the state.

We encourage SDHC scholars to advertise and promote their programs.

What does an SDHC scholar get paid for doing a program?

The typical stipend for one day, for one program is \$150. South Dakota Humanities Council pays the state rate for mileage (0.42/mile) and lodging (\$55.00 plus tax per day from check-in on September 1 through check-out on June 1; \$70.00 plus tax per day from check-in on June 1 through check-out on September 1) when necessary. If a scholar conducts more than one program in one day OR travels more than 200 miles (round-trip), the stipend increases to \$200. The scholar is awarded an extra \$75 for each additional day of presentation. SDHC no longer pays for meal costs. If you have questions about payment guidelines, please contact Kyle, kyle@sdhumanities.org or 605-688-4530.

Can I apply to be an SDHC scholar if I do not live in South Dakota?

Yes. However, SDHC only pays mileage for scholars while they are in state. For example, if an SDHC scholar were traveling from Nebraska to South Dakota, SDHC would pay mileage from the state border to the location of the program and then mileage on the return from the location of the program to the South Dakota state border. All programs sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council must take place in South Dakota.

Additional Questions?

Please contact Kyle Schaefer, Program and Development Officer for the South Dakota Humanities Council, at kyle@sdhumanities.org or 605-688-4530.