

HANDS ON HUMANITIES

Saturday, November 5 ♦ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm



Experience humanities programming in a whole new way by participating in programs presented by several state councils. Space is limited and registration is required. To register contact Shannon at sloburk@statehumanities.org.

A Tiny Writing Workshop: Micro Memoir and Flash Fiction

Maximum participants: 20

This workshop will provide a series of prompts for participants to generate their own tiny works, fiction or non-fiction, share them with each other, and offer collegial feedback and insights. It is meant to give us a chance to share our common love of language and storytelling.

PRIME TIME: Exploring American Dreams and Realities with PRIME TIME

Maximum participants: 40

The session will begin with a PRIME TIME Sampler, a participatory presentation of how PRIME TIME engages economically and educationally disadvantaged families in a high quality humanities educational experience. An experienced storyteller and scholar team will bring a selected story to life and facilitate a discussion rooted in themes and ideas that matter to adults and children alike. The session concludes with a presentation of an impact study completed on illiteracy and PRIME TIME.

Small Group Discussion: Re-imagining the American Dream through the Humanities

Maximum participants: 25

Participants are asked to read the [Earth Charter](#) before the session and come prepared to discuss one of the Earth Charter's principles in a small group whose mission will be to brainstorm humanities programs that could be developed in their own states that address that principle.

Conversations Bureau: Clear and Present Danger, Free Speech, and the Constitution

Maximum participants: 20

This session will be based on a short text and led by a scholar-facilitator. We'll discuss many aspects of the First Amendment protection of free speech and the issues that can arise in protecting these rights.

History Camp: Hands-on Humanities for Middle and High School Students

Maximum participants: 25

History Camp is a week-long day camp for middle and high school students that explores history through everything but a textbook. In this session, participants will be doing an exercise completed by History Camp students at our 2010 camp. After the activity, we will discuss the History Camp as a whole and also have an opportunity for participants to talk about any programming they do for the middle and high school crowd.

Think & Drink: (re)Writing History Happy Hour Conversations about Big Ideas

Maximum participants: 40

How does the contemporary framing of historical events affect what we call "history?" How do different versions of history fuel divisions in politics? Join your humanities council colleagues for an afternoon conversation about the uses, misuses - and, sometimes, abuses - of history in the political sphere. The event will consist of a conversation between our two presenters on how politicians enlist the lessons of history and how political legacies are constructed, reconstructed, and challenged. Q & A will follow the discussion.

Café Society: Talking to Strangers

Maximum participants: 25

Café Society is a series of conversations in which strangers, neighbors, friends, and colleagues come together to discuss current events and other important political and social issues. A facilitator will guide a discussion and invite people to share their points of view and dig deeper into a given subject. Following the discussion, the facilitator will share best practices and anecdotal experiences from the Café Society series.

Civic Reflection

Please join your colleagues for a text-based discussion led by skilled facilitators associated with the Project on Civic Reflection, where you'll enjoy a stimulating intellectual experience while acquainting yourself with this interactive practice. The text for this session can be found on the [conference homepage](#).