

Kansas Humanities Council Call for Proposals New Speakers Bureau for 2018-2020

Application Deadline

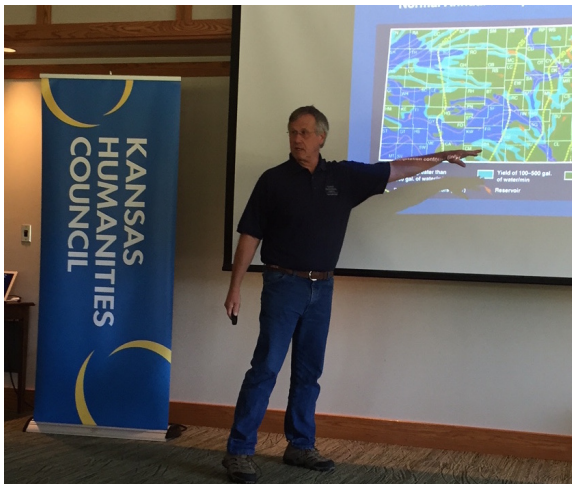
5:00 PM Friday, September 22, 2017

In Winter 2018, KHC will launch its new Speakers Bureau catalog showcasing both traditional and innovative lectures and civic engagement opportunities for Kansans. This is an open call for strong humanities-based presentations.



Speakers Bureau events are

- Informal, 30-minute lectures followed by audience questions and discussion. (Audience participation is key!)
- Designed for an adult, out-of-school audience.
- Hosted by public libraries, historical museums, and other community organizations.
- Cover a wide range of humanities topics—about Kansas and beyond.



KHC scholars are respected for their depth of knowledge, humanities perspective, public service, and ability to answer questions through scholarship and experience.

Discussion leaders are paid a stipend that includes mileage and lodging expenses. You must live or work in Kansas to be eligible.

Qualifications to be a KHC Speakers Bureau Presenter

Preference will be shown to applicants that fit within at least one of the following categories:

- Professionals who teach, research, and/or write in a humanities discipline.
- Individuals with at least a Masters degree in a humanities discipline and public speaking experience beyond the classroom.
- Museum curators, librarians, or other skilled professionals with proven public speaking experience and knowledge of the specific humanities-centered topic.

What Makes a Successful Proposal?

- The presentation tells a specific story and is clear and concise.
- The topic appeals to a general audience.
- The proposal is grounded in current, quality scholarship.
- The presentation uses a humanities approach. *What do we mean by this? For KHC, a humanities program moves beyond facts (what, where, when) to interpretation and analysis (Why is this important? How can we learn from this?).*

Please note that the process is competitive and not every submission will be selected.

How to Apply

Submit the following information:

1. Name, mailing address, telephone number, email, and travel restrictions (if any).
2. The title and a 250-word narrative description of each proposed talk.
3. Abbreviated 3-page resume or CV
4. *Individuals new to KHC:* Names and contact information for two professional references, along with notes on their knowledge of your skills as a presenter.

Important Consideration: All selected discussion leaders *must* attend a mandatory orientation in Topeka in January 2018. (Date to be determined.)

Email application materials to Leslie Von Holten, leslie@kansashumanities.org

Contact

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