



Nevada Humanities Announces New Board of Trustees' Members

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November 29, 2018—RENO, Nev—Nevada Humanities is pleased to announce the newest members to its Board of Trustees. Nevada Humanities is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees made up of leaders in the humanities and nonprofit entities from around the state. Every year Nevada Humanities seeks nominations for new members to serve three-year terms.

The new 2018 Board of Trustees members include:

Deirdre Clemente is Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Public History Program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She received her PhD in History at Carnegie Mellon University and specializes in museums and material culture and researches the history of fashion. She has curated innovative exhibits of collections ranging from Clara Bow's Walking Box Ranch and Liberace's custom-made ensembles to rescued buttons and striker signs from the Culinary Union collections.

Sally Denton is an author, journalist, and independent scholar from Boulder City. She received the Guggenheim Fellowship, the Woodrow Wilson Public Scholar Fellowship, the Black Mountain/Kluge Fellowship, and was the 2017 Robert Laxalt Distinguished Writer. She is the author of *The Money and the Power*, *American Massacre*, *The Bluegrass Conspiracy*, and *The Profiteers: Bechtel and the Men Who Build the World*.

Claudia Ortega-Lukas is a graphic designer in the Marketing and Communications office at the University of Nevada, Reno. Ortega-Lukas came to Nevada from Georgia where she was Features and Sports Planning Editor at the Savannah Morning News. A native of Mexico, she has a strong interest in connecting members of the Northern Nevada community to global interests.

Scott Seeley is the co-owner, with Drew Cohen, of The Writer's Block in Las Vegas, which is southern Nevada's only independent bookstore. He has been critically involved in developing Las Vegas' humanities infrastructure, local business networks, and youth literacy programming. Seeley and Cohen are currently building a humanities center for literature, literacy, and scholarship in downtown Las Vegas with the partnership of the Rogers Foundation.

"I very much look forward to working with such a high caliber of humanities professionals on the Nevada Humanities Board of Trustees," said Christina Barr, Executive Director of Nevada Humanities. "These new board members will be true assets to Nevada Humanities and our state through the leadership and guidance they will provide."

Nevada Humanities is a statewide organization, and board members are selected for geographic and occupational diversity, their skills and talents, and their interest in, and commitment to, public humanities and civic participation. For more information about the Nevada Humanities Board of Trustees, visit our website at

nevadahumanities.org.

About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to Nevadans and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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