



Call for Presenters 2009

The Delaware Humanities Forum, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is actively seeking scholars to facilitate lecture/discussion presentations for its Speakers Bureau and Visiting Scholars Programs. The Delaware Humanities Forum is looking for presentations in the following areas:

Anthropology
Archaeology
Architectural History
History, Criticism, and Theory of Art
History
Historic Preservation and Conservation
Delaware's Industrial Past
Linguistics
Literature

Modern and Classical Languages
History, Criticism, and Theory of Music
Ethics
Folklore and Folk Life
Jurisprudence
Philosophy
Political Science
Comparative Religion
World Civilizations

Speakers Bureau and Visiting Scholar presentations are utilized by all types of community groups including schools, civic associations, service clubs, historical societies, senior centers, and libraries. Both programs reach a wide audience throughout Delaware and our speakers promote a better understanding of the world in which we live.

Our Presenters construct hour-long programs tailored to a particular interest or scholastic concentration with a strong humanities focus. We encourage contemporary, interactive conversations, which can include slides, handouts, sound clips, or any other form of integrated media. Presenters should include material for varying ages, and you may customize your program to fit any particular age group.

We also strongly encourage presenters with knowledge of a foreign language to develop bilingual presentations to reach out to a diverse community as well as school-aged children learning a second language.

Our presenters are paid an honorarium, plus travel, to compensate for their work and we encourage presenters to promote their programs. There is a cost-share fee to enroll as a scholar, and all presenters must audition the program to the staff of the Delaware Humanities Forum and their invited evaluators.

Please visit our website at www.dhf.org to learn more about the Speakers Bureau and Visiting Scholars Program and to view our current offerings. You may contact the Program Administrator at the Delaware Humanities Forum at (302) 657-0650 for more information.



How to Apply

Complete and submit one Application per proposed presentation.

1. Provide home and business information (if applicable), preferred phone number, and email address. Please indicate which address to publish in the online catalog.
2. Provide the title of your presentation, indicate the humanities content, and select desired program (Speakers Bureau and/or Visiting Scholars). (DHF reserves the right to make the final program decision.)
3. Attach a copy of your resume, or curriculum vitae, and a short biography.
4. Attach two current letters of professional reference from individuals who know your scholarship, expertise, and/or presentation skills well.

On a separate sheet of paper, provide the following information in the order below.

1. Summarize your presentation in 2-3 sentences. This description should “sell” your presentation, i.e., be appropriate for use in our virtual catalog. Please include the title of your presentation.
2. Describe in detail the proposed presentation, explaining how you plan to incorporate one or more humanities disciplines. Describe what is “different” about your interpretation of the information or your approach to the topic. Explain how you plan to maintain a balanced perspective. Include at least three questions to stimulate audience discussion. The goal is to “connect people, culture and ideas,” therefore, take this opportunity to indicate any multicultural or intergenerational facets of your presentation.
3. Specify the format (lecture, dialogue, film, slide, or dramatic presentation). How will these tools guide or stimulate audience participation and group discussion? What is the length of the program and discussion?
4. To what audience(s) would your presentation appeal and why?
5. Append a sample list of no more than five resources (readings, websites, films, and/or podcasts) for participants that extend their knowledge of your topic. Please use a standard bibliographic format.

Complete applications should be postmarked by July 20, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Presenter Application 2009

Please include one application per presentation.

Application Information (Please select the address to publish in the online catalog.)

____ Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

____ Work Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Title of Proposed Presentation

To what humanities subject(s) does this presentation apply (circle all that apply):

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| Anthropology | Modern and Classical Languages |
| Archaeology | History, Criticism, and Theory of Music |
| Architectural History | Ethics |
| History, Criticism, and Theory of Art | Folklore and Folk Life |
| History | Jurisprudence |
| Historic Preservation and Conservation | Philosophy |
| Delaware's Industrial Past | Political Science |
| Linguistics | Comparative Religion |
| Literature | World Civilizations |

I request that DHF include this presentation in (check one or both):

____ Speakers Bureau Program

____ Visiting Scholars Program* (*I certify that I am a qualified scholar (BA, MA, or PhD) in my field of presentation. _____ Initials)

Signature

Date