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SPEAKERS BUREAU AND VISITING SCHOLARS OVERVIEW FOR NEW PRESENTERS

Speakers Bureau Program

Since 1978

The Delaware Humanities Forum's signature program, the Speakers Bureau, provides lectures/discussions to Delaware non-profit organizations, including community groups, service clubs, historical societies, senior centers, and libraries, at a cost of \$50 per program. To become a presenter for the Speakers Bureau, it is not necessary to have an academic degree in the humanities, however, speakers must be able to demonstrate their humanities experience/background in the field in which they want to present. Approved Speakers Bureau presenters currently receive an honorarium of \$150 for each presentation.

Visiting Scholars Program

Since 1986

The Delaware Humanities Forum's Visiting Scholars Program enables approved humanists to provide lectures/presentations in elementary and secondary schools throughout Delaware. Scholars must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in their field of presentation. Approved Visiting Scholars currently receive an honorarium of \$200 for each presentation.

Procedures

The Forum has formal procedures for arranging Speakers Bureau and Visiting Scholars presentations, including advance reservation forms and a one month reservation deadline to which both requesting groups and presenters must adhere.

Approved speakers sign an agreement with DHF and pay an annual \$50 administrative fee to participate in one program or \$100 to participate in both programs. The fiscal year begins on November 1st and ends on October 31st of the following year.

The Delaware Humanities Forum holds auditions for new Speakers Bureau and/or Visiting Scholars presentations each year. If you would like to audition a presentation for the Forum, please see dhf.org for an application. When DHF receives your application you will be contacted about the audition schedule.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS NEW SPEAKERS BUREAU/VISITING SCHOLARS PRESENTATIONS

I. APPLICATION FORM

- A. *Attach a copy of your resume or CV* which will document your experience/background as a humanist in the field in which you want to make a presentation. A short biography will be requested at a later time.
- B. Provide home and office information, phone numbers, and email addresses—please print clearly.
- C. You can submit information about several different programs you wish to present, but please *use a separate form for each*. Provide the title of your presentation, specify the humanities content, and indicate for which program (Speakers Bureau or Visiting Scholars) you are applying. DHF reserves the right to place an approved presentation in the program it deems most appropriate.

II. NARRATIVE

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide the following information, labeling each section of your narrative with the letters below:

- A. Give the title of your presentation. Summarize it in 2-3 sentences. This description should “sell” your presentation and be appropriate for use on our website.
- B. Describe in detail the proposed presentation, explaining how you plan to incorporate one or more humanities perspectives. Emphasize what is unique about your interpretation of the material or your approach to the topic. Explain how you plan to maintain a balanced perspective. Our goal is to use the humanities to “connect people, cultures and ideas”. Take this opportunity to point out the relevance (interdisciplinary, multicultural, intergenerational, etc.) of your presentation.
- D. Specify format (lecture, discussion, film, slide or dramatic presentation). Please indicate the length of the presentation. Typically, presentations are one hour—45 minutes of program followed by 15 minutes of discussion.
- E. To what audience(s) would your presentation appeal and why? Will you actively “market” this presentation? How will you reach a diverse audience?
- F. Please include any supporting material pertinent to the application.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Catherine Homsey

Program and Grant Officer

Delaware Humanities Forum

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PRESENTER APPLICATION FORM

I. A. Please **attach a copy of your resume or CV** documenting your experience/background in the humanities field(s) in which you want to make a presentation(s).

B. *Personal Information.* PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

C. *Describe your presentation.* PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORMS FOR EACH PRESENTATION.

Title of Presentation: _____

Which humanities subject(s) does this presentation involve (circle all that apply):

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| Anthropology | Literature | Linguistics |
| Archaeology | Ethics | Philosophy |
| Architectural History | Folklore & Folk Life | Political Science |
| Comparative Religion | History | History, Criticism & Theory of Art |
| Modern & Classical Languages | Jurisprudence | |

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

- Speakers Bureau Program
 Visiting Scholars Program — I do have at least a Bachelor's degree which qualifies me as a Visiting Scholar in the field in which I am presenting.

II. *Narrative:* On a separate sheet of paper provide the information requested in section II of the preceding instructions and label your answers A through F.

Signature

Date