

THE 2019 MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR'S AWARDS IN THE HUMANITIES



The Board of Directors of Mass Humanities invites you to sponsor this year's dinner,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5:00 PM
JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
Columbia Point, Boston

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All sponsors receive recognition on the Mass Humanities website and in printed materials, displays, and announcements at the event.

LAUREATE \$50,000

- 3 front-of-house tables
- Center spread program ad
- Program cover recognition

VISIONARY \$25,000

- 2 front tables
- Full-page ad

LUMINARY \$10,000

- 1 front table
- Full-page ad

CHAMPION \$5,000

- 1 table
- Half-page ad

BENEFACTOR \$2,500

- Half table
- Quarter-page ad

Tables seat 10 people.

Deadline for commitments: July 31, for listing on the printed invitation. The deadline for program ad submissions is October 4.

Proceeds support programs that reach underserved communities, such as the Clemente Course in the Humanities.

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HONORING DANIELLE ALLEN

of Cambridge for groundbreaking scholarship in ethics and history, and for actively using the humanities to improve civic life



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of New Bedford for innovation in the practice of public history through the inclusion and commemoration of those who are disenfranchised



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of Lowell for championing numerous arts- and humanities-focused organizations that enhance the cultural vibrancy of the Commonwealth



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of Nahant for leadership that has strengthened humanities institutions throughout the state including Mass Humanities

MASS HUMANITIES CONFERS THE MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR'S AWARDS IN THE HUMANITIES UPON INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PUBLIC ACTIONS HAVE BEEN GROUNDED IN AN APPRECIATION OF THE HUMANITIES AND ENHANCED CIVIC LIFE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

In addition to highlighting the important role of the public humanities in society, the goal of the Awards is to inspire all of our leaders and institutions to advance the values expressed in the mission of Mass Humanities by spotlighting the achievements of a few.

DANIELLE ALLEN

is the James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard University, and Director of Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. She is widely known for her work on justice and citizenship in both ancient Athens and modern America. Allen is the author of five books, including most recently *Cuz: The Life and Times of Michael A.* (2017). She is a former chair of the Mellon Foundation board, and past chair of the Pulitzer Prize board. She is the principal investigator for the Democratic Knowledge Project at Harvard, providing the knowledge, skills, and capacities that citizens need in order to succeed at operating their democracy.

LEE BLAKE

is president of the New Bedford Historical Society and has worked as a teacher and administrator for over 40 years. Her efforts to reclaim the history of black people in the region include the restoration and preservation of the Nathan and Mary Johnson House, former home of Frederick Douglass and a site on the Underground Railroad. She has secured six grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities for teachers' professional development nationwide, and she received the National Park Service's 2018 Robert G. Stanton Award for promoting and preserving the history of the Underground Railroad.

NANCY DONAHUE

was a founder of the Merrimack Repertory Theater, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, and she currently serves as board chair. She has helped revitalize Lowell over the past four decades as a board member—and in many cases a founder—of regional organizations, including the Cultural Office of Lowell, Lasell College, the New England Quilt Museum, UMass Lowell, the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley (where she served as the first woman board president), the former American Textile Museum, and the Whistler House Museum of Art, where she is now board chair.

JEFFREY MUSMAN

has practiced law for 45 years, the last sixteen as a Partner with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, concentrating in the areas of corporate and commercial law, real estate development, land use, and public and private finance. As a Nahant resident, Musman has served in many civic roles, including as a member of the Nahant Preservation Trust board since 1996. He is chairman emeritus of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts board, and serves as member and former board president of the Northeast ARC. He served on the Mass Humanities board of directors from 2009-2017, including one term as treasurer.

DEMOCRACY DEMANDS WISDOM

PICTURE A DEMOCRACY WHERE EVERYONE VALUES CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE, CIVIL DISCOURSE, AND DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES.

Instead of a society that's increasingly divided, detached, and distracted, we have one that's less polarized, more engaged in civic life, and more willing to listen to others' opinions—to the benefit of all.

BY SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS IN THE HUMANITIES, YOU'RE TAKING PART IN BUILDING THIS COMMONWEALTH OF IDEAS.

Through public programs and grants, Mass Humanities promotes the use of the humanities—history, literature, philosophy, cultural studies and more—to deepen public understanding of current issues, strengthen our sense of common purpose, and enrich individual and community life. The humanities provide us with the ideas and insights, the analytical and interpretive tools, and the empathy and language we need to understand each other and ourselves. Only through such understanding can we discover the shared aspirations and ideals out of which a durable sense of a common good can emerge.

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