The Board of Directors of Mass Humanities and Executive Director Brian Boyles invite you to honor the recipients and hear them in conversation by sponsoring and joining the in-person, livestreamed celebration.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5:00-7:00 PM
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HONORING

CALLIE CROSSLEY
of Boston, for ongoing excellence in journalism and public media, framing news and history from the perspective of people of color around the nation.

FRANCES JONES-SNEED
of Williamstown, for scholarship and community activism connecting the local history of the Berkshires to the struggle for the freedom and equity of African Americans.

BARBARA LEE
of Cambridge, for championing the rights of women and promoting women’s leadership in politics and art through research, public outreach, and philanthropy.

FREDRIC RUTBERG
of Pittsfield, for outstanding jurisprudence and journalistic integrity reaching the people of western Massachusetts and beyond.

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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.

CALLIE CROSSLEY hosts the radio show and podcast, Under the Radar with Callie Crossley, and shares radio essays each Monday on GBH’s Morning Edition. She hosts Basic Black, which focuses on current events impacting communities of color and appears weekly on Boston Public Radio. Crossley presently a board member of the American Heritage Trail and is co-director of the Berkshire County Chapter of the NAACP. She has been named one of “21 Leaders for the 21st Century.” Women’s eNews named Lee one of “100 Most Influential Women in US Politics” in 2010. She is co-director of the “African American Biography,” in 2006; “Of Migrations and Renewals: Harlem/NY & South Side/Chicago, 1915–75” in 2003; and “African American Biography,” in 2011. She is co-director of the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail and is presently a board member of the Samuel Harrison Society, the Clinton Church Restoration Project, and the Berkshire County Chapter of the NAACP. She has been a Fellow at W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University, and served on the Mass Humanities board, 2007-2009.

FRANCES JONES-SNEED is emeritus professor of history and former Director of Women Studies at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She co-directed three NEH grants: “The Shaping Role of Place in African American Biography” in 2006; “Of Migrations and Renewals: Harlem/NY & South Side/Chicago, 1915–75” in 2003; and “African American Biography,” in 2011. She is co-director of the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail and is presently a board member of the Samuel Harrison Society, the Clinton Church Restoration Project, and the Berkshire County Chapter of the NAACP. She has been a Fellow at W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University, and served on the Mass Humanities board, 2007-2009.

BARBARA LEE is founder and president of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation and the Barbara Lee Political Office. The Foundation commissions nonpartisan research to help women candidates succeed on the campaign trail. It has endowed a fellowship at the MA State House for Simmons College students; and the Barbara Lee Women in US Politics Training Program and Lecture Series at Harvard’s Kennedy School. The BLPO has helped elect 197 women in 33 states, including every Democratic woman Governor and Senator, and our first woman Vice President. Women’s eNews named Lee one of “21 Leaders for the 21st Century.” She was named one of Boston Magazine’s “100 Most Influential Bostonians” several times.

FREDRIC RUTBERG has been publisher and president of New England Newspapers, which owns The Berkshire Eagle and three Vermont papers, since 1998. In that time, The Eagle has won dozens of awards, including for three years the award for General Excellence from the New England Newspaper and Press Association. Rutberg’s legal career started as staff attorney for the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Following two decades of general practice law, in 1994, Rutberg was appointed as Associate Justice of the Southern Berkshire District Court. He was named Presiding Justice of the Pittsfield District Court in January 2007 as well as Presiding Justice of Southern Berkshire District Court in November 2013. He retired from the bench in 2015.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

-calls out recipients names-

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