THE 2022 MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR’S AWARDS IN THE HUMANITIES #MHGOVSAWARDS22

HONORING

Callie Crossley  Frances Jones-Sneed  Barbara Lee  Fredric Rutberg

Sunday, October 23
John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum
Emcees: Jim Braude and Margery Eagan

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The Board of Directors of Mass Humanities and Executive Director Brian Boyles welcome you to

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GOVERNOR’S AWARDS
IN THE HUMANITIES

A celebration to benefit Mass Humanities

Sunday, October 23
5:00 Reception
6:00 Presentation

WELCOME
Jim Braude & Margery Eagan

CHAIR’S WELCOME
Yves Salomon-Fernández
Mass Humanities Board Chair

2022 IN REVIEW
Brian Boyles
Mass Humanities Executive Director

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREES
Governor Charlie Baker

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Barbara Lee
Callie Crossley
Frances Jones-Sneed
Frederic Rutberg

FINAL REMARKS
Brian Boyles

GBH IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE

Callie Crossley
GBH News Host, Commentator
2022 Governor’s Award in the Humanities

Congrats, Callie!
Passionate producer.
Groundbreaking journalist.
Changemaker.

From your friends at GBH

THE 2022 GOVERNOR’S AWARDS COMMITTEE
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& Marita Rivero
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Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello
Al Griggs
Jeffrey Musman
Nancy Netzer
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of Mass Humanities, welcome to the 2022 Governor's Awards in the Humanities. Thank you for joining us to celebrate this year's honorees, Callie Crossley, Frances Jones-Sneed, Barbara Lee, and Frederic Rutberg.

The humanities bring us together. When we connect through shared learning experiences and conversations, we weave our stories together with the ongoing story of Massachusetts. This year's honorees reflect the ways in which our commonwealth continues to generate ideas and solutions rooted in an appreciation of history, equality, education, and a free press.

Throughout this turbulent year, the communities and organizations supported by Mass Humanities responded to global challenges with local solutions. They turned to storytelling to elevate new leaders and imagine a more inclusive future rooted in critical thinking and engagement with history. Through the Expand Massachusetts Stories initiative, Mass Humanities supported more than 40 projects that will generate new perspectives on the people and places that shape the Bay State. With support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Mass Cultural Council, the Barr Foundation, and friends like you, we awarded grants totaling more than $970,000 to 100 organizations. We applaud the libraries and human services providers, historical societies and immigrant associations, educators and activists who serve their communities with this funding. Mass Humanities grantees do something rare in this age of division: they build common ground.

In six gateway cities, students in the Clemente Course in the Humanities took two semesters of coursework this year in history, art history, creative writing, philosophy, and literature, earning free college credit and developing new leadership skills. In 2022, a record 26 communities embraced the opportunity to read Frederick Douglass's 4th of July speech through an initiative led by Mass Humanities since 2009. And in September, the Smithsonian came to Massachusetts with the start of the Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America,” which will reach six small towns through 2023. These projects form the core of our efforts to deliver on our mission: to create opportunities for the people of Massachusetts to transform their lives and build a more equitable commonwealth.

As we celebrate the careers of this year's honorees, we know that these individuals have more great work in store. We believe the humanities are essential for every resident, from the classroom to the newsroom to the halls of power. Thank you for all you do to support the humanities in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Brian Boyles
Executive Director

Yves Salomon-Fernández
Board Chair

October 2022
Sally and Al Griggs congratulate the awardees on their selection as this year’s Governors Award recipients.

Mass Humanities recognizes leaders whose public actions are grounded in an appreciation of the humanities and who have acted to enhance civic life in the Commonwealth.

**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. GBH’s midday talk show. Crossley has won numerous TV, radio, film, and journalism awards, including the prestigious Gold Baton DuPont Columbia, an Edward R. Murrow Award, an Emmy Award, and an Academy Award nomination as producer of the documentary series, “Eyes on the Prize: America’s Civil Rights Years.” She received two Harvard Fellowships and four honorary degrees, and serves on the board of trustees of her alma mater, Wellesley College.

**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 Renaissances: Harlem/ NY & South Side/Chicago, 1915–75” in 2008; 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 been 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 2016. 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.
YOUR SUPPORT

Proceeds from the 2022 Governor’s Awards in the Humanities support By and For the People, a three-year, $3 million campaign that will culminate with the celebration of Mass Humanities’ 50th anniversary in 2024.

The campaign makes possible these initiatives:

The Clemente Course: Elevating new voices for civic engagement

We are creating new opportunities for more than 500 adults from underserved neighborhoods in Brockton, Dorchester, Holyoke New Bedford, Springfield and Worcester to build new skills, partner with local cultural organizations, and contribute to civic life of their communities. This includes publishing the voices of the Clemente Course in print and digitally.

Reading Frederick Douglass Together: Bringing his words to Massachusetts and the nation.

As the nation confronts the legacy of slavery, we are growing the number of communities hosting annual readings and discussions of Douglass’s 4th of July speech. We partner with the grassroots organizations that host these events to build new digital resources to bring the program to a national audience.

Museum on Main Street: A Partnership with the Smithsonian to Spark Big Conversations in Small Towns

Small towns in Massachusetts have long histories and unique challenges. In 2022-23, Mass Humanities is hosting a traveling exhibition on rural America developed by the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum on Main Street initiative. Funding for six host communities is sparking conversations that bridge differences and identify shared paths for the future.

Expand Massachusetts Stories

Massachusetts is complex and evolving. We need new stories and new storytellers to help us navigate our challenging times. The EMS initiative provides grant funding for projects that surface new narratives about the past, present, and future of Massachusetts, with an emphasis on the voices and experiences of historically marginalized communities.

You Can Contribute to Improving Civic Engagement

When we come together to learn, to share our stories and reckon with the past, we take the vital first steps towards civic engagement at the local level. Mass Humanities invites you to join us by making contributions that help sustain this important work.

2022 GRANTEES

Mass Humanities provided grants to 100 organizations in 2022. We thank the staffs and supporters of these partners for all their hard work in bringing new ideas to reality across the commonwealth.

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Andover Center for History & Culture
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Berkshire County Historical Society
Blues to Green
Boston Dance Alliance
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Mattapoisett Museum
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Museum of Russian Icons
NAACP Worcester
Natick Historical Society
National Association for Armenian Studies and Research
Nevins Memorial Library
New Art Center
New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center
New Bedford Whaling Museum
Newburyport Preservation Trust
Newton Historical Society
North Shore Juneteenth Association
Ohketeau Cultural Center
Old Colony Historical Society
Old Parish Preservation Volunteers
Old Sturbridge
Padres Latinos de Somerville
Public Schools Partnership of the Historic Bostons
Pit Theatre Company
Plainfield Reads
Plimoth Patuxet Museums
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation
Preservation Worcester
Primary Source
Salem State University Foundation
Self Evident Media
Sharon Historical Society
Sheffield Historical Society
Shirley-Eustis House Association
Somerville Museum
Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts
Springfield Museums
The Armenians of Whinsville
The Black Arts Sanctuary
The Flavor Continues
The Helene Johnson and Dorothy West Foundation For Artists In Need
The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ Boston
The Jar
The Wayside Inn Foundation
The Wistariahurst Foundation
United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum
Upstander Project
UU Urban Ministry
Wellspring House
Winchester Historical Society
Worcester Youth Center
Congratulations to
Callie Crossley, Frances Jones-Sneed, Barbara Lee, and Frederic Rutberg

Howard and Fredericka Stevenson

Lia & William Poorvu wish to honor Callie Crossley and Barbara Lee for their selection as 2022 Governor’s Awards recipients

Thank you to the Governor’s Awards recipients for your impact on our commonwealth and the humanities.

Laura Roberts and Edward Belove
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Congratulations to this year’s awardees and the board and staff of Mass Humanities for all they contribute to Massachusetts.

Mr. John Burgess
and Dr. Nancy Adams

We are proud to support the 2022 Massachusetts Governor’s Awards in the Humanities.

Congratulations to this year’s honorees!

Wellesley College

Congratulations to Callie Crossley, Wellesley College trustee and alumnna, and to all of this year’s winners of the Governor’s Awards in the Humanities.

She lives our motto everyday.
Non ministrari sed ministrare.
Not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Seyfarth

We are proud to support the 2022 Massachusetts Governor’s Awards in the Humanities.

Congratulations to this year’s honorees!

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Governor’s Award Honoree

MCLA

Congratulations to Frances Jones-Sneed and Fredric Rutberg for your contribution to civic engagement in the Berkshires!

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Strengthening our communities through philanthropy and leadership
SPECIAL THANKS

The 2022 Governor’s Awards Committee would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions toward making this evening a truly memorable one for our honorees and guests.

Bruce Grinnell
Ben Avishai and Tim McCoy, Northern Light Productions
The Honorable Charles D. Baker, Governor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Diane Feltner and Enix Zavala
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THANK YOU BRIDGE STREET FRIENDS!

The Bridge Street Friends support Mass Humanities as well-informed ambassadors, donors, and volunteers in other capacities, in advancement of the MH mission and goals. They share the belief that we must continually amplify and fund the cause of the public humanities by increasing investments of time, talent, and dollars, as well as grow awareness among the public and decision-makers of Massachusetts.

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HELPING COMMUNITIES THRIVE

Across the Commonwealth, communities rely on the strong partnership between healthcare and humanities organizations working together to serve the public good.

Berkshire Health Systems is proud to join Massachusetts Humanities in recognizing this year’s Governor’s Award recipients, especially Berkshire County’s own inspiring leaders who help our local community thrive:

Frances Jones-Sneed, History Professor, former Director of Women’s Studies at MCLA and
Frederic Rutberg, President & Publisher, New England Newspapers

Congratulations!

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MASS HUMANITIES creates opportunities for the people of Massachusetts to transform their lives and build a more equitable commonwealth through the humanities.

Founded as a private foundation in 1974, we provide grants and partnerships to non-profit organizations for programs and projects that build civic engagement through the humanities. Our key initiatives include the Clemente Course in the Humanities, Reading Frederick Douglass Together, and the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum on Main Street, with an emphasis on serving residents from historically marginalized communities. Our work takes shape in big cities in small towns from the Berkshires to the Cape.

Mass Humanities serves as the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Our partnership with Mass Cultural Council supports our thriving grants program. Funding from individuals, foundations and corporations helps us grow our impact and reach more people.

ENGAGE WITH US!
There are many ways to stay in touch with Mass Humanities:

- Please subscribe to our monthly eNewsletter to stay informed about events around the state, ideas and issues related to the humanities, and all our news.
- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and through Mass Moments, a capsule of curious and compelling anniversaries in the Commonwealth’s history delivered daily to your inbox.
- You can always write us at: info@masshumanities.org

We look forward to checking in with you throughout the year!

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