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**The National Humanities
Center advances research
and discovery about
the human experience,
fosters connections among
scholars and educators,
and empowers all those
who share a passion
for knowledge to better
themselves and the world.**

Fall 2026 Events

September 22 — The Inner Passage

(Presidential Conversation and Artist Reception)

5:30–7:00 p.m.

The National Humanities Center will celebrate the opening of its new exhibit, *The Inner Passage*, with a public conversation between artist Virginia McGee Richards and NHC President Blair LM Kelley, followed by a reception. This event is presented in partnership with the Research Triangle Foundation.

October 27 — The Mending Sampler *(Concert)*

6:30–8:00 p.m.

The Center is pleased to present this vocal performance—an original song cycle curated by Tulane music professor C. Leonard Raybon, based on *The Sewing Girl's Tale* by historian John Wood Sweet (NHC Fellow 2011–12; 2024–25).

November 9 — Need to Know: Conversations

About Stories That Matter (*Virtual Conversation*)

1:30–3:00 p.m.

In partnership with the Stanford Humanities Center, the NHC will host a virtual conversation between Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Kathleen DuVal (NHC Fellow, 2008–09; 2025–26), author of *Native Nations: A Millennium in North America*, and UC Berkeley historian Brian DeLay (SHC Fellow, 2019–20).

November 17 — “Forever Fellows” Alumni Dinner

5:30–7:00 p.m.

Continuing its annual tradition of welcoming back members of the NHC community, the Center will host a dinner for Fellows from 48 fellowship classes to reconnect with one another.

With the exception of the virtual conversation on November 9, all events will be held at the National Humanities Center. Doors open for in-person events a half-hour before listed times.

For more information or to register, visit nationalhumanitiescenter.org/events/

Supporting Scholars

For nearly half a century, the Center has supported the work of scholars producing new knowledge that can open fresh paths of inquiry, reshape fields, and change the world. Over 1,600 NHC Fellows have produced nearly 1,800 books and other scholarly works, advancing knowledge in dozens of academic fields.

Empowering Educators

The Center's extensive instructional resources and professional development experiences help educators at the collegiate and pre-collegiate levels enhance their teaching skills and content knowledge. Last year, the Center's collections of high-quality teaching resources were accessed by over a million users, and educators from across the country earned over 80,000 hours of continuing education credit by participating in NHC webinars.

Engaging and Informing the Public

The Center promotes understanding of the humanities and advocates for their foundational role in a democratic society through a variety of public engagement initiatives and activities. Its programs, like the Being Human Festival (US), encourage and support the public-facing efforts of humanists and humanities organizations across the US.



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