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## **Arizona Humanities Council Announces Election of New Members**

(Phoenix, AZ) – Three new members have been elected to the Arizona Humanities Council Board of Directors: **Carrie Gustavson** (Bisbee), **Clayton Hamilton** (Tucson), and **Krista K. Rodin** (Yuma).

### **Carrie Gustavson (Bisbee)**

Since 1992, Carrie Gustavson has been the director of the Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum. Prior to that she worked with the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting in Phoenix, The Heard Museum, and conducted research as a project director in Germany, Palestine, Iran, Syria, Turkey, Jordan, and England. She is a member of the American Association of Museums, American Association of State & Local History (AASLH), the Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona (CCHA), the Museum Association of Arizona (MAA), and the Smithsonian Institution.

### **Clayton Hamilton (Tucson)**

Clayton Hamilton is a financial consultant for AXA Advisors, LLC. He is a founding member and chair of the City of Tucson Technology Policy Advisory Committee, and he also serves on the Pima County Workforce Investment Board, Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO), OneTucson Project, and the Joint Technological Education District. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Arizona. Hamilton notes that he has had a life-long commitment to education and the arts and his “particular interest and involvement at the moment are in economic development, workforce development and education, and I welcome the opportunity to branch out in the arts and culture of our state.”

### **Krista K. Rodin (Yuma)**

Dr. Krista Rodin is associate vice president and campus executive officer at NAU-Yuma. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English and German at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where she also received her teaching certificate in English, German and Social Sciences. She earned her PhD in English/American Studies, Political Science and Philosophy, from the University of Salzburg in Austria. Previous to her position at NAU-Yuma, she was vice provost for

university outreach, dean in the College of Continuing Studies, and a professor of music at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Rodin believes, "our civilization's future is dependent upon honest intellectual discourse stimulated by humanities oriented programs. It would be an honor to be part of AHC and be able to play a small role in helping keep that discourse alive."

Retiring board members include Frank Irr (Yuma) a retired educator who served as the chair of the membership committee, and Susan Braunstein (Phoenix/Flagstaff), a member of the marketing Committee. The AHC Board of Directors and staff acknowledged their hard work and dedication to AHC's mission at the February board meeting.

The Board of Directors also elected a new slate of Executive Officers in February. The new chair is Kim Fernández (two-year term), a principal with ABA Architects in Tucson. Vice chair is Neal Lester, the chair of the English Department at Arizona State University. The board secretary is Maire Simington with Banner Health System, and the treasurer is Karen Underhill, the head of archives at the Cline Library at Northern Arizona University. The new at-large Executive Committee member is Bruce Meyerson, an attorney with Miller, LaSota & Peters, in Phoenix. Roger Lidman, executive director of the Pueblo Grande Museum is the immediate past chair and will continue to serve on the Executive Committee for one year.

### **Mission**

*Stories convey our histories, traditions, social mores, beliefs and insights about what it means to be human. The Arizona Humanities Council creates opportunities for sharing these diverse stories through critical thinking and public discussion, to better understand and appreciate one another, so that we can make informed decisions about our collective future.*

Founded in 1973, AHC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. AHC is not a state agency.

AHC supports public programming in the humanities that promotes understanding of human thoughts, actions, creations, and values. The Council works with museums, libraries, and other cultural and educational organizations to bring humanities programs to residents throughout Arizona. All AHC-supported activities involve the humanities disciplines—history, literature, philosophy, and other studies that examine the human condition.

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