

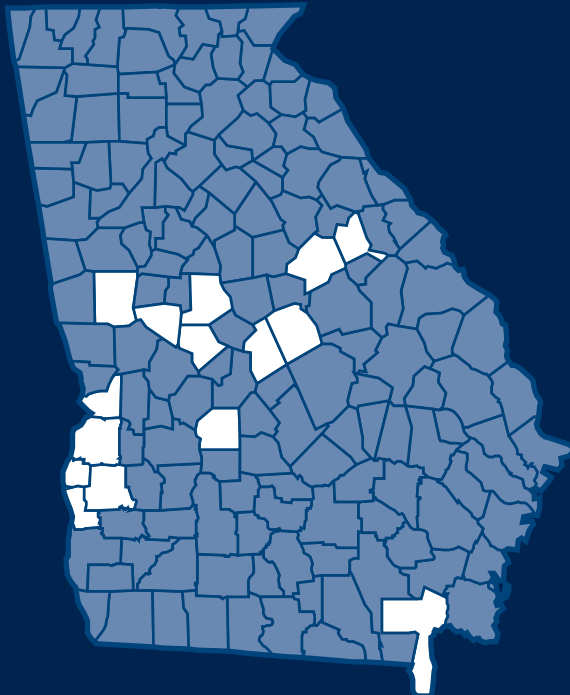
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Founded in 1971, the Georgia Humanities Council seeks to build community, character and citizenship in Georgia through humanities education, specifically through promoting the appreciation of diverse values, experiences, traditions and cultures of the past and present, particularly of Georgia's people.

The counties served in 2003 and 2004 by the Georgia Humanities Council are shown below in blue:



GREETINGS FROM THE GEORGIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

We present this report to the people of Georgia. Seeking to serve over eight million Georgians with a staff of five is no easy task. In fact, it would be all but impossible if not for the invaluable partnerships and collaborations we formed over the years with like-minded organizations and individuals across our state and the nation. In our efforts to extend the reach of the humanities in Georgia, we must continue to work with you, our community, to achieve measurable impact. To this end, 2003 and 2004 were exciting years.

Eight thousand students conducted original research through National History Day in Georgia. Over 400,000 Georgians participated in GHC funded local humanities projects, and in just one short year the New Georgia Encyclopedia has welcomed over one million visitors and topped four million hits.

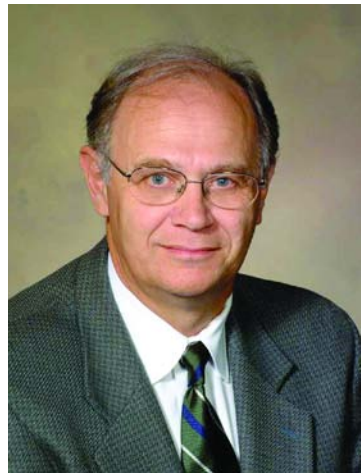
We sincerely thank each of you, our program participants, generous partners, sponsors and supporters for 2003 and 2004. We also acknowledge our Board of Directors and Staff for their vision and hard work. We are especially grateful to the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Georgia for their support which undergirds all that we do.

As we move forward in 2005, it is our promise that we will continue to seek partnerships to serve our state and continue to support and conduct humanities education that impacts your community. We are currently working with the Southeastern Council of Foundations on Thoughtful Giving as a follow-up initiative to our Annual Leadership Forums in the Humanities. We are also partnering with the Carter Presidential Center and Jimmy Carter National Historic Site to host our second joint summer teacher institute for Georgia's middle and high school teachers. These are just two of the many collaborative activities in store for the coming year, which has every indication of being just as successful as our past two.

Thanks again for your support in 2003 and 2004.

Jamil Zainaldin, President

Steve Wrigley, Chair



THE NEW GEORGIA ENCYCLOPEDIA

On February 12, 2004, the New Georgia Encyclopedia debuted publicly at www.georgiaencyclopedia.org. During its inaugural year, the project soared, garnering 4,000,000 hits and receiving high praise from users across Georgia and beyond.

Developed in partnership with the University of Georgia Press, the University System of Georgia/GALILEO, and the Office of the Governor, this comprehensive, authoritative online resource provides a window to Georgia through original articles and a variety of multimedia. Available free of charge to anyone with internet access, the NGE includes virtual destinations such as the Okefenokee Swamp, authors and poets like Bettie Sellers (talking about why she writes...and why you should too), and snippets of Georgia's musical heritage, from Ray Charles to Harry James to Tricia Yearwood to the B-52s.

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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN GEORGIA

8000 students.
600 teachers.
500 judges.
365 days.

With the help of several regional coordinators and one gracious corporate sponsor, the 2003 and 2004 National History Day in Georgia contests succeeded in immersing 8,000 students in meaningful historical research.

Students in grades 6-12 research historical topics and develop exhibits, papers, documentaries and performances based on a different theme each year. Competing regionally and statewide, Georgia's best winners then compete at nationals in late spring. Our full list of state contest winners is available on the web at www.georgiahumanities.org.

Siemens Corporation contributed personnel and financial resources for the 2003 and 2004 state contest. Our 2003 and 2004 Regional Coordinators were:

- James Bagwell and Glen Robbins, *Georgia Southwestern State University*
- Holly Beasley, *Okefenokee Heritage Center*
- Jonathan Bryant and Sandra Peacock, *Georgia Southern University*
- Mia Knight-Nichols and Pat Morris, *Coastal Georgia Historical Society*
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- Kay Reeve, *Kennesaw State University*
- Fred Van Hartesveldt, *Fort Valley State University*
- Mary Lue Walser, *University of Georgia*



GRANT PROGRAM

A collaborative endeavor by definition, the grant program is our way of ensuring quality humanities programming across Georgia. Supporting 44 communities large and small, in 2003 and 2004 the Council awarded \$419,934 to local organizations. These grants were then leveraged by the recipient organizations to raise additional dollars for the support of humanities programming. During the past two years, total additional dollars raised reached \$1,576,338.

We support these organizations through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Projects funded in the past two years include:

Dixie Chicks: Strong Women in Southern Fiction

Bartow County Public Library, Cartersville- \$2,000 Special Program Grant

A four part facilitated discussion, this series explored images of strong Southern women in works of fiction like Tina Ansa's *The Hand I Fan With*.

Biscuits and Cornbread: Interpreting Georgia Piedmont Baking Traditions

University of West Georgia, Carrollton- \$7,000 Public Program Grant

Based on a series of oral history interviews, this travel ready exhibition explored southern baking traditions, traveling to at least ten venues, including Carrollton's Mainstreet Festival and a "Lunch and Learn" at the Atlanta History Center.

Teaching History through Paper

Robert C. Williams American Museum of Papermaking, Atlanta- \$10,000 Teacher Enrichment Grant

This workshop for teachers conveyed the importance of paper throughout history and showed how to teach history through the history of paper. Traveling to eight host museums, it served hundreds of teachers around the state.

A full list of GHC funded programs is available on online.



GOVERNOR'S AWARDS IN THE HUMANITIES

Approximately one thousand guests joined the Council and Governor Sonny Perdue in honoring 22 individuals and organizations with the Governor's Award in the Humanities during 2003 and 2004. Winners of this award were recognized for making significant contributions towards furthering the humanities in Georgia. They represent over a dozen communities across the state.

Congratulations to:

- Dr. Walter Allen, Athens
- Mrs. Anne Dismukes Amerson, Dahlonega
- Ms. Cornelia Walker Bailey, Sapelo Island
- Mr. Charles Donald Beall, Columbus
- Ms. Beth Burney, Atlanta
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- The Three Rivers Regional Library, Brunswick
- The William Bremen Jewish Heritage Museum, Atlanta

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Our own Dr. Jamil Zainaldin and 2003 MacArthur Fellow Dr. Eve Troutt Powell delivered the 2003 and 2004 Annual Humanities Lectures, respectively, at each event. Our event sponsors are listed at the end of this publication and at www.georgiahumanities.org.

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Co-sponsored by the Georgia Servant Leadership Alliance, the 2003 Leadership Forum in the Humanities brought together the largest audience of any of our prior such events.

The event, called “Serving Students and the Common Good” lured more than 100 leaders in the higher education, philanthropic, nonprofit and corporate sectors to the Carter Center to consider the concept of leadership and how theories of human development might impact their own efforts to build student leaders. Mr. Andrew Fleming of Fleming Consulting Group moderated the day-long conversation. Dr. Jim Fowler of Emory University and Dr. Brian Hall of Values Technology offered keynote presentations and moderated small and large group discussions.

The ultimate goal of this event was to take this conversation and have it extend throughout the state as the participants returned home. To that end the GHC developed a publication and distributed hundreds of print copies around the state. In addition, the digital version on our website continues to be downloaded for use within classrooms and organizations.

WE THE PEOPLE

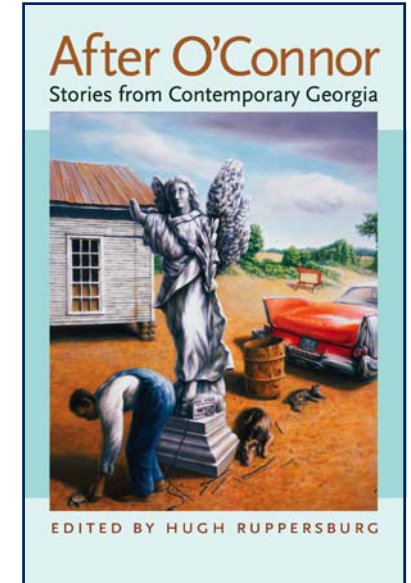
In 2003 the National Endowment for the Humanities began an initiative called *We the People* to strengthen the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture. The Georgia Humanities Council received an \$83,000 grant from NEH to support *We the People* endeavors in our state. These funds were designated to award grants related to American history and also supported our 2004 summer teacher institute, “The Jimmy Carter Landmarks: Change in America, 1932-1986.”



Held in partnership with the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site, this institute gave 37 teachers an opportunity to learn about the places and events that shaped President Carter’s life as he brought about profound changes in Georgia and the rest of the United States. These teachers have now returned to their classrooms to share these resources and stories with thousands of students all across the state.

AFTER O’CONNOR

After O’Connor: Stories From Contemporary Georgia, published by the University of Georgia Press with support from the Georgia Humanities Council, features short stories by 30 authors whose works demonstrate the various ways the state’s tradition of literary excellence is continuing today. The anthology became the subject of a multi-part series of episodes of Georgia Public Radio’s Cover to Cover, during which host St. John Flynn interviewed writers about their work and moderated book discussions with listeners from across the state.



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