



Georgia Humanities Announces New Leadership

Laura McCarty Named President

ATLANTA—February 20, 2018. Georgia Humanities announces the appointment of Laura McCarty as the organization's new president, effective February 1, 2018. McCarty succeeds Jamil Zainaldin who, as previously announced, retired on January 31.



McCarty is a collaborative leader who brings more than 20 years of experience and expertise in the humanities. Before beginning her career with Georgia Humanities, McCarty, a South Carolina native, earned her bachelor's degree from Wofford College and her master's degree from the University of Georgia. In 2014, she completed the Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Organizations at the University of Georgia's Fanning Institute for Leadership Development.

McCarty has served in various leadership roles throughout her career with Georgia Humanities. As executive vice president, McCarty was head of operations, development, and program management. She also played an active role in developing and helping guide the organization's strategic plan over the past five years.

"Laura's innovative leadership style and fresh perspective will bring Georgia Humanities to the next level," commented Jeanne Cyriaque, chair of the Georgia Humanities Board of Directors. "She is focused on the future of the organization and helping achieve its long-term strategic goals."

Throughout her career at Georgia Humanities, McCarty has also connected with the wider humanities community, including service on the boards of the Georgia Center for the Book (based at the DeKalb Public Library) and the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. She is a past president of the Georgia Association of Historians and the Georgia Council for the Social Studies. Additionally, McCarty is the co-state coordinator for National History Day in Georgia and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Atlanta Chapter as well as the Kiwanis Club of Atlanta.

"Jamil's leadership has paved the way for us to follow and build upon," says McCarty. "We will continue to strengthen and grow our programs and partnerships and continue to bring people together and promote the humanities across Georgia."

About Georgia Humanities

Georgia Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization that gathers, preserves, and shares our state's distinctive stories through a range of cultural and educational programs and resources. Georgia Humanities partners with scholars and educators across the state to bring people together in learning and conversation. Founded in 1971, Georgia Humanities is the statewide affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. To learn more, please visit GeorgiaHumanities.org.

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