Humanities in the 8th Congressional District

Who benefits from your support?

Local Communities
Your support delivers high-quality programming to your community and others throughout the state. Every dollar we spend leverages at least $4 at the local level.

Featured Grant:
The History and Heritage of Thomasville’s Jewish Community
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Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America
A Smithsonian-quality exhibit pairs with local programming to engage small-town audiences and to serve as a catalyst for revitalized community partnerships and tourism.

- Local partners: Moultrie Sports Hall of Fame, Colquitt County Board of Education, Moultrie Recreational Department, Moultrie-Colquitt Chamber of Commerce

- Projected attendees: 200,000 statewide

The exhibit will be on display in Moultrie at Colquitt County Arts Center in spring of 2017.
**Teachers, Students, and Lifelong Learners**

Your support enriches K-12 education and promotes knowledge and appreciation of local, regional, and national history and heritage.

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**NEW GEORGIA Encyclopedia**

A publication of Georgia Humanities, in partnership with University of Georgia Press, University System of Georgia/GALILEO, and Office of the Governor. An award-winning, authoritative digital resource with content correlated to 8th grade Georgia Performance Standards.

www.georgiaencyclopedia.org

Valdosta State University is one of the top 20 users of the New Georgia Encyclopedia.

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**Veterans**

Talking Service Veterans Project is a program for veterans transitioning to civilian life. Participants read and discuss selections from the anthology *Standing Down: From Warrior to Civilian* on military themes throughout history, at times relating the book’s subjects with their own experiences. With support from National Endowment for the Humanities, Georgia Humanities sponsored this pilot program in our state and is seeking additional sponsors to continue the program.

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**PRIME TIME Family Reading Time**

Community literacy program targeting at-risk families. A partnership with Georgia Public Library Service.

- Coastal Plain Regional Library, Nashville and Tifton
- Ben Hill County Library, Fitzgerald
- Moultrie-Colquitt County Library System, Moultrie
- Worth County Library System, Sylvester

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**NATIONAL HISTORY DAY**

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**Faces and Places in the 8th District**

**Recent Georgia Humanities Board of Directors Members from 8th District**

- Ruth Knox
  President, Wesleyan College (Macon)
- Larry Rivers
  Professor of History, Valdosta State University (Valdosta)

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**Recent Book Publications on Georgia history and culture**

*Historic Rural Churches of Georgia* (co-published with UGA Press)

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In a spirit of collaboration, Georgia Humanities gathers, preserves, and shares our state’s distinctive stories through a range of cultural and educational programs and resources. Our work nurtures Georgians’ understanding of themselves and of our state’s place in history and in the world. Our work fosters thoughtful and engaged citizenship.
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• 10 million page views serving an estimated 4 million people statewide, including Thomasville City Schools, Coffee, Cook, Colquitt, Houston, and Lowndes County Schools, Moultrie Technical College, Houston County Public Library

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• Finalists compete at state contest in Macon

• Regional contest held at Thomas County High School in Thomasville

• Finalist, 6th place, at national competition: Brooklyn Reese, Thomas County High School in Thomasville (senior individual exhibit) *Outstanding state entry, senior division

• Outstanding state entry, junior division: Emma Goff and Zach Goff, Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville (junior group website)

Museum on Main Street, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition
A Smithsonian-quality exhibit pairs with local programming to engage small-town audiences and to serve as catalyst for revitalized community partnerships and tourism.

• Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America (May 2016–Nov 2017)
  - On display in Moultrie at Colquitt County Arts Center (Apr 22-June 3, 2017)
  - Local partners: Moultrie Sports Hall of Fame, Colquitt County Board of Education, Moultrie Recreational Department, Moultrie-Colquitt Chamber of Commerce

• Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America (May 2016–Nov 2017)
  - On display in Forsyth at Forsyth Historic Stone Depot (June 10-July 22, 2017)
  - Local partners: Monroe County Historical Society, Forsyth Main Street

• Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America (May 2016–Nov 2017)
  - On display in Nashville at Nashville Community Center (summer 2016)
  - Local partners: Berrien Historical Society, Nashville Main Street, Berrien County Chamber of Commerce, Berrien County Recreation Authority
  - Projected attendees: 200,000 statewide

• New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music (April 2012–Nov 2013)
  - On display in Nashville, Nashville Community Center (summer 2013)
  - Local partner: Nashville Better Hometown
  - Attendees: 4,700

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  - On display in Perry, Perry Arts Center (fall 2012)
  - Local partners: Perry Historical Society, Perry Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
  - Attendees: 15,136

• New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music (April 2012–Nov 2013)
  - On display in Moultrie, Colquitt County Arts Center (fall 2012)
  - Local partner: Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce
  - Attendees: 5,768
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Governor’s Awards in the Arts and Humanities
Recognizing outstanding service to the arts and humanities.

- Syd Blackmarr (Tifton)
- Colquitt County Arts Center (Moultrie)
- Chuck Leavell (Dry Branch)
- Frank Maloy (Tifton)

Grant Awards
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Organizations funded 2012-16 (selected list):

- Middle Georgia State College, Stories from the Great Recession
- Mercer University, Telling Our Stories: African American Life & Culture on St. Simons Island
- Valdosta Asian Cultural Association, Azalea International Folk Fair
- Abraham Baldwin Ag College, Lewis Hine Project to Tifton Schools
- Thomasville Landmarks, Winter Resorts of the Gilded Age: Thomasville and Palm Beach
- Douglass Theatre in Macon, Asking about “Ask Your Mama”
- Valdosta State University, Dimensions of Personal Politics in the Deep South: Ga Women Review Their Lives
- Tifton-Tift County Public Library, Bring Shakespeare to Tifton!

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- A President in Our Midst: Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Georgia (co-published with UGA Press)
- Fuller E. Callaway: Portrait of a New South Citizen (co-published with the Callaway Foundation)
- Courthouses of Georgia (co-published with UGA Press)
- The Civil War in Georgia: A New Georgia Encyclopedia Companion (co-published with UGA Press)

Look Forward: Pulitzer Prizes in Georgia
www.LookForwardGA.org

Digital exhibition created with UGA’s Grady College of Journalism. Highlights the impact of Georgia’s Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists’ “race beat” coverage that impacted the civil rights movement.

Georgia World War I Centennial Commission
Partnership with the commission to honor, educate, and commemorate the legacy of World War I and the impact the war had on Georgia citizens, through National History Day and the grant program.

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Inspired Georgia
28 Works from Georgia's State Art Collection traveled to Tifton and was on display at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture at ABAC in late 2014. Partnership with Georgia Council for the Arts.