

PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

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ANN M. BENZEL

Altoona

Board Chair

Ann M. Benzel is President and owner of Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc. in Altoona. She currently serves on the board of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, the Blair County Arts Foundation, Altoona Regional Health System, First Commonwealth Bank Eastern Region, Citizens for the Arts (Harrisburg) and the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation. She also is currently serving as Chairperson of the Mishler Theatre Restoration Campaign in Altoona. In the past, Ann has served on the Altoona Area Public Library Board as well as the Home Nursing Agency Board, Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Board, the Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation, Mount Aloysius College and St. Francis University. She also has served as Chair for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. In May of 2002, she was named by Governor Schweiker as one of Pennsylvania's Top 50 Women in Business. She lives in Blair County.

JANICE R. BLACK

Harrisburg

Membership Committee

Janice R. Black is the President and CEO of the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Janice began at FEC in 1994, it has grown to be a strong and flexible philanthropic force in the five county region of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and Lebanon counties. FEC has funded more than 60 community projects, including partnerships dealing with AIDS, homelessness, gay and lesbian issues, and math/science and early childhood education. Janice has served as a member of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg for fifteen years, serving as Club President in 2001-02 and is the Past District Governor for Rotary District 7390 for 2006-07. She is a Board Member or Advisor with the Elizabethtown College Leadership Council, Pennsylvania State University's Master of Health Administration Program Leadership Council, Council on Foundations Research Committee, Harrisburg Academy Community Advisory Board, Delta Dental of Pennsylvania and Graystone Bank Community Advisory Board. She received the 2006 Mental Health Association of Central Pennsylvania Tribute Award, the 2003 Woman of Distinction Award from the Hemlock Girl Scout Council, the 1997 Rotary Club of Harrisburg Community Service Award and the 1997 Stanley A. Miller Community Service Award for non-Rotary service. Janice holds a B.S. in Nursing from George Mason University and a certification in Psychiatric Nursing from the American Nurses Association. She held a number of progressively responsible positions in her nursing career, the latest being Executive Director of Edgewater Psychiatric Center.

FRANK BURNSIDE**Harveys Lake****Development Committee**

Frank Burnside is the Executive Director of the Cultural Council of Luzerne County. Frank began his career in corporate management, but has since transitioned into the non-profit world. Previous positions include Managing Editor of Etruscan Press, a small literary press affiliated with Wilkes University, and Vice President for WVIA Public Broadcasting. Frank's board service includes the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, the Tunkhannock Area School Board and the Luzerne County Historical Society. Frank holds a B.S. in Business Administration from King's College, an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and recently acquired a Master's Degree in Creative Writing from Wilkes University. He also spent two years studying architectural design concepts at Cornell University.

NANCY L. EATON**State College****Chair, Membership Committee**

Nancy L. Eaton is Dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications at Pennsylvania State University, where she has been Dean since 1997. She is responsible for 38 libraries on 24 campuses, plus the Penn State University Press. Previous positions included Dean of Library Services at Iowa State University, Director of Libraries and Media Services at the University of Vermont, and various positions at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the Atlanta Public Library and the University of Texas at Austin. Nancy has served on numerous professional boards, including the Online Computer Library Center, the Research Libraries Group, the Association of Research Libraries, the Digital Library Federation, and the Library and Information Technology Association. She is a frequent speaker and has published in professional venues. She has served as principal investigator on five major grant-funded projects in the area of information technology. Nancy was the recipient of the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award in 1995. She received her A.B. from Stanford University (1965) and her M.L.S. from the University of Texas at Austin (1968).

MARY GARM**Scranton****Development Committee**

Mary Garm has been a practicing professional librarian for almost 30 years. After completing a graduate assistantship, she received a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Drexel University. She returned to Pennsylvania after serving as Head of Technical Services at Elmira College in New York, serving first as the Administrator of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association, then as the Consultant Librarian for the Northeast (Scranton) District, and since 2003 as the Administrator of the Lackawanna County Library System (LCLS). Mary currently works with elected officials, board members, library staff, community organizations and the public to provide high

quality library services to a county of 213,000 people. During Mary's tenure, LCLS has created strong partnerships with arts groups and cultural and heritage organizations that benefit county residents and add value to the library experience. Mary also has been very active in statewide professional organizations. In 2008, she was elected to serve as President of the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA). She also received the Association's Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference in October. Mary is a member of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries, the Association of Pennsylvania Public Library Systems and the American Library Association.

MARGARET JERRIDO

Philadelphia

Chair, Program Committee

Margaret Jerrido is an Archives Consultant. She was Head of the Urban Archives in the University Libraries at Temple University. Margaret has conducted workshops on how to preserve all formats of historical materials, planned workshops and lead discussion groups on forming an archives, and put together and participated in panels on how to conduct oral histories. During recent years she devised and presented a workshop entitled "Archives 101" that provides basic archival information to genealogy and church groups. She has consulted for and with the keepers of historical materials of a number of organizations and churches such as Mother Bethel AME Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church Enon Church, Briar Bush Nature Center and the City of Chester. She is a member of the Delaware Valley Archivists Group and the Mid-Atlantic Archives Conference. She was the first Chair of the former group and has been involved in the latter holding various offices and presented a number of papers on various aspects of collecting, preserving and maintaining historical records. She has been a grants reviewer for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Margaret has contributed to or edited the *Directory of African American Collections in Greater Philadelphia and Selected Suburban Areas*, *PACSCL Photograph Directory*, *The Encyclopedia of African American Cultural and History*, *Black Women in American: An Historical Encyclopedia and Handbook of American Women's History*. She received her B.A. in History from Temple University and a M.L.S from Drexel University.

BONELYN L. KYOFSKI

Nelson

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee

Bonelyn (Bonnie) Kyofski is Professor Emerita of Education at Mansfield University. She currently serves as Board President for the Northern Tier Cultural Alliance in Mansfield, a nonprofit corporation in 10 counties in north central Pennsylvania that she co-founded, which works in schools and with local organizations and agencies for the conservation of local heritage and support of regional folk artists and folklife. Bonnie also serves as the Mansfield University President of the Association of Pennsylvania State Colleges and University Retired Faculty. She is a board member for the Endless Mountains Heritage Region, the Lumber Heritage Region, the Coates Heritage House, the Hamilton Gibson Community Theatre Capital Campaign Committee, the Friends of Laurel Health (Wellsboro) and the Mansfield University Alumni Association. Bonnie holds a B.S. in Education from Mansfield University

and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English and Theatre Arts from Pennsylvania State University. She has held faculty positions in English with Harrisburg Area Community College, Lehigh County Community College, Williamsport Area Community College, Pennsylvania State University, as well as Jefferson Community College in Louisville, KY. Bonnie is a traditional storyteller and was a PHC Commonwealth Speaker for several years. She is employed part-time with TravelPlaces, Inc. in its tourism interpretation projects in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

J. PHILIP MOSLEY

Clifton

Program Committee

Philip Mosley is Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Pennsylvania State University-Worthington Scranton. He has been involved with PHC since 1996 as a Commonwealth Speaker, a Read About It! book discussion group leader and an outside evaluator. As well as his PHC activities, he has been prominent in the cultural life of northeastern Pennsylvania, organizing and participating in a number of film festivals and literary events, and serving on museum and film boards. Philip's book publications include *Ingmar Bergman: The Cinema as Mistress*, *Georges Rodenbach: Critical Essays*, *Split Screen: Belgian Cinema and Cultural Identity* and *Anthracite! An Anthology of Pennsylvania Coal Region Plays*. Additionally, he has translated a number of Belgian authors from French to English including Georges Rodenbach (*Bruges-la-Morte*) and Maurice Maeterlinck (*The Intelligence of Flowers*). He was awarded the 2008 Literary Translation Prize by the French community in recognition of his contribution to the dissemination of Belgian francophone literature. A native of England who immigrated to the US. in 1988, Philip holds a B.A. in English from the University of Leeds, an M.A. in European Literature and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, both from the University of East Anglia. In 2000 he was Visiting Professor at the University of Toulouse, France and in 2003-04 Fulbright Visiting Professor at the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. He lives in the rural area between Scranton and Mount Pocono.

TERRENCE J. MURPHY

McMurray

Membership Committee

Terrence Murphy is President of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Terry joined the company in 1980 as Governmental Affairs Representative and was located in Harrisburg. In 1989, after advancing through positions of increasing responsibility, he became an Officer of the Corporation. During his career with Columbia Gas, Terry's responsibilities have included providing leadership and strategic direction in the areas of regulatory policy, public affairs, communications, community relations, customer service and economic development. In addition to his responsibilities as an Officer of Columbia Gas, Terry has served on committee and board positions of several professional organizations, including the American Gas Association and the Maryland/DC Utilities Association. He currently is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the John Heinz Regional History Center in Pittsburgh. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Energy Association, Pennsylvania Business Roundtable, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Terry received a

B.A. in English from the University of Scranton. Originally from Scranton, he resides in McMurray.

JUDITH O'TOOLE

Greensburg

Program Committee, Member-At-Large Executive Committee

Judith O'Toole is the Director/CEO of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg, a post she assumed in 1993. The museum's collections and exhibitions reflect her expertise in 19th and 20th century American art. Prior to her arrival at WMAM, Judith was Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University (1982-1993), and was an Associate Professor in the Wilkes University Art Department (1990-93). Judith is the author of two books on American painting and numerous exhibition catalogs. She has lectured at Sotheby's, The National Gallery and the College Art Association in New York. In 1993, Judith was cited by *Art News* in a listing of nationally recognized American scholars. Her museum work has been recognized by the American Association of Museums, among other organizations. She has published in the field of museum management and is an advocate of social enterprise in cultural organizations. Judith received her B.A. in Art History from the University of Minnesota and her M.A. in Art History from Pennsylvania State University.

RALPH L. PEARSON

Wexford

Membership Committee, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Committee

Ralph L. Pearson is Duquesne University's Provost and Academic Vice President, as well as a member of the History faculty. For over three decades, he has worked in higher education in a variety of faculty and administrative positions, including Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of St. Thomas, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean for Otterbein College, and Dean of the University College at Loyola University of Chicago. He has published work on a wide range of topics, particularly on U.S. race relations and the history of American cities. He holds a B.A. from Gettysburg College, an M.A. from New York University, an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University and has studied at the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. Originally from Quakertown, he resides in Wexford.

TOOD J. PFANNESTIEL

Clarion

Program Committee

Todd J. Pfannestiel is Associate Professor of History at Clarion University, where he has taught since 1998. He has designed and taught a variety of courses related to modern American history, including ones on the Vietnam War, African American Civil Rights, American Popular Culture, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, America in the Sixties, among several others. Todd is the author of *Rethinking the Red Scare: The Lusk Committee and New York's Crusade Against Radicalism, 1919-1923* (Routledge, 2003) and co-author of *Creamed Onions for Supper: The Great Depression in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania* (JCHC, 2001). His current manuscript project analyzes combat diaries written by soldiers

serving on the frontlines of the Vietnam War. He also is working with a group of undergraduate students to preserve the history of Clarion University — work which will soon culminate in the first, full-length written history of that institution. Todd has previously worked with PHC as a Commonwealth Speaker, and has served as a consulting scholar on several PHC-funded projects in northwest Pennsylvania. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Arkansas where he graduated as a Fulbright College Scholar *summa cum laude* with degrees in History and Economics, and later earned his Ph.D. in History from The College of William and Mary, where he attended as an Andrew Mellon Fellow in the Humanities.

JEANNE H. SCHMEDLEN*

Lemoyne

Development Committee, Vice Chair, Executive Committee

Jeanne H. Schmedlen is Director of Special Projects and Chief of Protocol for the Pennsylvania Speaker of the House of Representatives. Previously, she was Chief of Staff to First Lady of Pennsylvania Ellen Casey, and Deputy Press Secretary to Governor Dick Thornburgh. She also held positions as press secretary and legislative liaison for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and was a newspaper reporter and editor. In 2005 she was selected as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania by Governor Ed Rendell. Jeanne's special events experience includes Pennsylvania's Arts in Education Day, of which she is the founder and director; and the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts in Pennsylvania, for which she was the executive producer and director, organizing awards ceremonies for James Stewart, John Updike, Bill Cosby, Andrew Wyeth and other distinguished Pennsylvania artists. Jeanne currently serves on the boards of the Art Association of Harrisburg and the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition. She was president of the Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates. Jeanne is the writer-producer of several videotapes on Pennsylvania government and is the author of various publications, including; the books *Speakers of the Pennsylvania House: A Biographical History of the Speakers of the Provincial Assembly and the House of Representatives, 1682-1998*, *Women in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives* and *103 Years of Leadership: Officers in the House of Representatives from 1900 until Today*. Originally from Delaware County, she lives in Lemoyne (Cumberland County).

SUSAN SHERWOOD

Dillsburg

Chair, Development Committee

Susan Sherwood is President of e'lan Media, LLC which produces historical documentaries for museums and a wide range of multi-media programs, provides executive media/speech training, and offers consulting services to media and nonprofit organizations. She is an award-winning executive producer/manager with 31 years of experience in broadcasting, communications and state government. She retired from the Pennsylvania Public Television Network where she managed collaborative statewide technology, programming and education initiatives among the state's eight public television stations. Prior to that, Susan served with four gubernatorial administrations overseeing the production of documentaries, satellite news, video, radio and multimedia/interactive programs that won 36 mostly national awards, including two Mid-Atlantic Emmys. She also provided media and speech training to dozens of top Pennsylvania officials and legislators. In addition to holding

several public relations jobs, Susan is a former radio and television reporter who covered the historic Three Mile Island nuclear disaster, politics, law enforcement and government. She is a board member of the National Civil War Museum, a member of the National Press Club and Pennsylvania Society, and a past/current member of numerous professional and community organizations.

DAVID SHUMWAY

Pittsburgh

Development Committee

David Shumway is the Director of the Humanities Center at Carnegie Mellon University. Previously, he has served as a Read-About It Discussion Leader four times and recently was a panelist for the Commonwealth Speakers program. As founding Director of the Humanities Center at Carnegie Mellon University, David has worked to create and develop programs that would bring together campus and community. The Center has conducted a public lecture series annually since its inception in 2004, and some talks, such as one by Benjamin Barber in 2006, have attracted a larger audience from off campus. David has taught English and Literary Studies at Carnegie Mellon since 2000, and previously taught at the University of Chicago. David is the author of many publications, including the books *Modern Love: Romance, Intimacy and the Marriage Crisis*, *Creating American Civilization: A Genealogy of American Literature as an Academic Discipline* and several collections of essays on American Culture studies. David holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University in American Studies and English.

MARICA TACCONI

State College

Development Committee

Marica Tacconi is Professor of Musicology and Director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities at Pennsylvania State University. At Penn State since 1998, she is a 2001 recipient of a Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching from the College of Arts and Architecture. Specializing in music history and manuscript studies, her interdisciplinary research interests also include the art, culture and history of late medieval and Renaissance Italy. She holds a B.A. in Music from Williams College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Musicology from Yale University. Her scholarly contributions have appeared in numerous journals, collections of essays and exhibition catalogues. She is the author of *I Libri del Duomo di Firenze* (with Lorenzo Fabbri; Florence, Centro Di, 1997) and of *Cathedral and Civic Ritual in Late Medieval and Renaissance Florence: The Service Books of Santa Maria del Fiore* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). Professor Tacconi is a member of the National Humanities Alliance, an elected member of the National Council of the American Musicological Society and serves as the Penn State institutional representative to the American Academy in Rome and to Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life — a national consortium of over 75 universities, colleges and art institutes committed to civic engagement in the arts, humanities and design. As Director of the Penn State Institute for the Arts and Humanities, she works closely with other institutional partners and with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council in fostering campus-community projects and in promoting the value of the arts and humanities in civic life.

C. REYNOLD VERRET**Wilkes-Barre****Program Committee**

C. Reynold Verret is Provost at Wilkes University. Previously, he served as Dean of the Misher College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Reynold is interested in the connection between the humanities and the sciences. Before coming to Pennsylvania, he chaired the Department of Chemistry at Clark Atlanta University, while also serving as Adjunct Professor of Immunology at Morehouse School of Medicine. Author of scholarly articles in biochemistry, he serves on advisory panels for the National Institutes of Health and other governmental bodies. He was awarded the SAIC Award for Academic Excellence and Student Mentoring in 1999. Reynold speaks several languages, including French, Haitian Creole and Spanish. He holds a B.A. in Biochemistry from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

* Indicates gubernatorial appointee