LEH Humanities Award Recipients
1985–2020

Humanist of the Year

1985  Stephen Ambrose, PhD, historian, University of New Orleans
1986  Joe Gray Taylor, PhD, historian, McNeese State University
1987  Lewis P. Simpson, PhD, literary scholar, Louisiana State University
1988  Huel D. Perkins, PhD, educator, Louisiana State University
1989  Ernest Gaines, author, University of Southwestern Louisiana
1990  Patricia and Milton Rickels, PhD, educators, University of Southwestern Louisiana
1991  Earle Labor, PhD, literary scholar/editor, Centenary College
1992  Jessie Jean Poesch, PhD, art historian, Newcomb College of Tulane University
1993  Donald E. Stanford, PhD, literary scholar
1994  Huel D. Perkins, PhD, educator, Louisiana State University
1995  (no awards due to shift in ceremony from December to March/April)
1996  Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr., PhD, historian
1997  Richard Ford, author and literary scholar
1998  Peggy Whitman Prenshaw, PhD, literary scholar, Louisiana State University
1999  Lawrence Powell, PhD, historian, Tulane University
2000  Joseph G. Trelage, Jr., historian, University of New Orleans
2001  Glenn Conrad, historian, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2002  Jason Berry, independent scholar
2003  Beth Willinger, PhD, director, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women
2004  Douglas Brinkley, PhD, historian, University of New Orleans
2005  Carl Brasseaux, PhD, Director of the Center for Cultural and Eco-tourism at ULL
2006  Nick Spitzer, PhD, professor of folklore, University of New Orleans
2007  J. Richard Gruber, PhD, executive director, Ogden Museum of Southern Art
2008  Ellis Marsalis, Coca Cola endowed chair of Jazz Studies, University of New Orleans.
2009  Barry Ancelet, PhD, scholar, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2010  Michael White, PhD, musician, Xavier University
2011  Dana Kress, PhD, scholar, Centenary College
2012  Patricia Brady, PhD, scholar, Loyola University
2013  William Pederson, PhD, historian, Louisiana State University at Shreveport
2014  Walter Isaacson, President and CEO of the Aspen Institute
2015  Cokie Roberts, historian and journalist
2016  Zachary Richard, singer-songwriter, poet, documentary film producer, cultural activist, and environmentalist
2017  William Joyce, author, illustrator, and pioneer in the digital and animation industry
2018  Leah Chase, chef, author, and advocate for the arts and humanities
2019  Darrell Bourque, poet and activist
2020  Terence Blanchard, composer, musician, educator

Lifetime Contribution to the Humanities

1992  Lindy Boggs
1997  Charles T. Beaird, publisher, Shreveport Journal
      Sydney Besthoff, owner, K&B Drugstore and founder, Contemporary Arts Center
      J. Bennett Johnson, retired US Senator from Louisiana
1998  Steve Perry, Governor Mike Foster’s Chief of Staff
2000  Minnie Lou Lynch, Oakdale
2001  Kenneth Holditch, literary scholar emeritus, University of New Orleans
2002  Michael P. Smith, photographer
2003  James Sefcik, director, Louisiana State Museum
2004  E. John Bullard, director of New Orleans Museum of Art
2005  Thomas Jaques, retired State Librarian
2006  Rosemary James, founder of Pirates Alley Faulkner Society, Faulkner Literary Festival and Double Dealer Redux Literary Journal
      Joseph DeSalvo, Jr., founder of Pirates Alley Faulkner Society, Faulkner Literary Festival and Double Dealer Redux Literary Journal
2007  Susan Larson, Book Editor, New Orleans Times-Picayune
2008  Dr. Norman Francis, president, Xavier University
2009  Priscilla Lawrence, Executive Director, The Historic New Orleans Collection
2010  Gloria Fiero, PhD, Friends of the Humanities, University of Louisiana Lafayette
2011  Patricia Gay, Preservation Resource Center
2012  Glen Pitre, filmmaker
2013  Alfred Lemmon, PhD, Director of Williams Research Collection, The Historic New Orleans Collection
2014  Peggy Scott Laborde, film producer and journalist
2015  Susan Roach, scholar
2016  Beth Courtney, President of Louisiana Public Broadcasting
2017  Susan Tucker, author, editor, and archivist
2018  Mary Lou Christovich, preservationist, author, and philanthropist
       Ben Sandmel, musician, author, and oral historian
2019  Hiram “Pete” Gregory, PhD, Northwestern State University
2020  Bertney and Linda Langley, Coushatta Tribal Archives
       Warren Perrin, founder, Acadian Heritage and Culture Foundation

Chair’s Award for Institutional Support

1992  James R. Moffett, Freeport McMoRan
1993  Times Picayune Publishing Corporation
       Beth Courtney, Louisiana Public Broadcasting
1994  Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
       Louisiana State Museum
1995  (no awards due to shift in ceremony from December to March/April)
1996  Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival
       University of Southwestern Louisiana
1997  WYES-Channel 12
1998  Willis-Knighton Health System
1999  The Historic New Orleans Collection
2000  East Baton Rouge Parish Library
       Loyola University of New Orleans
2001  Patrick F. Taylor Foundation
2002  Hibernia National Bank
2003  Governor Murphy J. Foster
       Mark Drennen-Division of Administration
2004  Jones Walker Law Firm
2005  Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge
2006  Bruce Cole, PhD, National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman
2007  Louisiana State University in Shreveport
2008  Community Foundation of Shreveport-Bossier
2009  Friends of the Humanities Lafayette
2010  Phyllis Taylor, Patrick F. Taylor Foundation
2011  The Helis Foundation
2012  Center for Louisiana Studies, Lafayette
2013  Shell Oil Company
2014  The Zemurray Foundation
2015  BHP Billiton
2016  Baptist Community Ministries (BCM)
2017  The Carolyn W. And Charles T. Beard Foundation
       W.K. Kellogg Foundation
2018  Rosemary and Randy Ewing
2019  Dorothy Hanna & Rod and Mattie Olson
2020  Walton Family Foundation

Humanities Book Award

1998  Rising Tide, John Barry
1999  Swapping Stories: Folktales from Louisiana, edited by Carl Lindhal, Maida Owens, and C. Renee Harvison
       Louisiana Sojourns: Travelers’ Tales and Literary Journeys, edited by Frank de Caro, Rosan Jordan
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<td>Audubon's Watch</td>
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<td>Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City</td>
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<td>Why New Orleans Matters</td>
<td>Tom Piazza</td>
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<td>Charting Louisiana: 500 Years of Maps</td>
<td>Alfred E. Lemmon, John T. Magill and Jason Wiese</td>
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<td>Congo Square: African Roots in New Orleans</td>
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<td>Teche: A History of Louisiana's Most Famous Bayou</td>
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<td>Krazy: George Herriman, a Life in White and Black</td>
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<td>The Thibodeaux Massacre: Racial Violence and the 1887 Sugar Cane Labor Strike</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>Solitary: My Story of Transformation and Hope</td>
<td>Albert Woodfox</td>
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<td>Reconstructing Creole</td>
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<td>Louisiana Story: The Reverse Angle</td>
<td>Tika Laudun and Charles Richard</td>
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<td>All Over But To Cry</td>
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<td>Walker Percy</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>No One Ever Went Hungry</td>
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<td>T-Galop</td>
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<td>Bayou Maharajah</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>Big Charity</td>
<td>Alexander John Gustrom</td>
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<td>Shape of Shreveport</td>
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<td>Small Town Rage: Fighting Back in the Deep South</td>
<td>David Hylan and Raydra Hall</td>
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<td>Deeply Rooted: John Coykendall's Journey to Save our Seeds and Stories</td>
<td>Christina Melton</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>A Man and His Trumpet: The Leroy Jones Story</td>
<td>Cameron Washington</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>Mossville: When Great Trees Fall</td>
<td>Alexander Giustrom</td>
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**Michael P. Smith Memorial Award for Documentary Photography**

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2012  Neil Johnson
2013  Chandra McCormick and Keith Calhoun
2014  Richard Sexton
2015  Deborah Luster
2016  David Spielman
2017  Eric Waters
2018  Jeremiah Ariaz
2019  Frank Relle
2020  Charles M. Lovell

Light Up for Literacy Award (Given in partnership with State Library of Louisiana)
2015  Ann Dobie
2016  Herreast Harrison
2017  Richard Louth
2018  Sisters of the Holy Family
2019  Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell
2020  Lynn Clark

Champion of Culture Award
2015  Daryl Byrd, MBA, President, CEO and Director, IBERIA BANK
2016  David Kerstein, President and CEO, Helis Oil & Gas
2017  William D. Adams, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities
2018  Roger Ogden, founder, Ogden Museum of Southern Art
2019  Gregory Kallenberg, founder, Shreveport Film Prize and Prize Fest
2020  LSU Press

Museum Exhibition of the Year
2018  Storyville: Madams and Music, The Historic New Orleans Collection
2019  Changing Course: Reflections on New Orleans Histories, New Orleans Museum of Art
2020  Per(Sister): Incarcerated Women of Louisiana, Newcomb Art Museum of Tulane

Note: The Museum Exhibition of the Year Award will now be awarded biannually in even-numbered years. The next award in this category will be made in 2022.

PAST AWARD CATEGORIES

Individual Achievement in the Humanities Awards

1987  Barbara Cicardo, PhD
1988  Goodloe Stuck, historian, Louisiana State Library, Shreveport
1989  Robert Lafayette, PhD, scholar, Louisiana State University
       Judy Godfrey, Meadows Museum of Art
1990  Barry Jean Ancelet, PhD, scholar, University of Southwestern Louisiana
1991  Karen Snyder, filmmaker
       Elizabeth Bedikian and Dan Wilson, New Orleans Public Library
1991  Elizabeth Bingham, head of circulation, East Baton Rouge Public Library
       Gary Tisdale
1992  Dorothy Brown, PhD, scholar, Loyola University of New Orleans
       Barbara Ewell, PhD, scholar, Loyola University of New Orleans
       Paul Stekler, filmmaker, University of Texas
1993  Phanuel Egejuru, PhD, scholar, Loyola University of New Orleans
       Patrick Mire, filmmaker
       Michael P. Smith, photographer
1994  Mary Howell, Piney Woods Opry
       Phillip Gould, photographer
Mary Richardson, scholar, McNeese State University  
1995 (no awards due to shift in ceremony from December to March/April)  
1996 Robert Becker, PhD, scholar  
Peggy Scott Laborde, film producer  
Glen Pitre, filmmaker  
1997 Earl Bryant, PhD, scholar, University of New Orleans  
John Bullard, director, New Orleans Museum of Art  
James A. Cowman, scholar, Nicholls State University  
1998 Dana Kress, scholar, Centenary College  
William Pederson, scholar, Louisiana State University—Shreveport  
Kalamu Ya Salaam, poet  
1999 Sarah Albritton, artist  
Mark Fernandez, PhD, historian, Loyola University of New Orleans  
Peggy Nelks, PhD, scholar, Northeast Louisiana University  
John Menszer, photographer  
Susan Roach, PhD, scholar, Louisiana Tech University  
2000 David Estes, PhD, scholar, Loyola University of New Orleans  
Stanley Hilton, PhD, scholar, Louisiana State University  
Ursula Jones, associate librarian, Calcasieu Parish Library  
Thomas Phelps, program officer for public humanities program, NEH  
Cindy Treme, assistant director, Beauregard Parish Library  
2001 Tom DuBose, PhD, literary scholar, Louisiana State University Shreveport  
Michael Luster, folklorist  
Denise Tullier-Holly, PhD, scholar, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Richard Louth, PhD, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Lee Estes, photographer  
2002 Oenal Isaac, professional storyteller  
Michael Tarver, PhD, associate history professor at McNeese State University  
Kathleen Smith, PhD, assistant history professor at Northwestern State University  
Michael Wynne, historian  
2003 Olivia Pass, PhD, professor of language and literature, Nicholls State University  
Deb Robertson, director of public programs, American Library Association  
David Moore, PhD, associate professor of history, Loyola University  
Judy Boyce, librarian, West Baton Rouge Public Library  
2004 Nancy Hawkins, manager, Louisiana Division of Archaeology  
Lisa Abney, director, Louisiana Folklore Center and Natchitoches/NSU  
Mary Ann Wilson, PhD, professor of English, University of Louisiana Lafayette  
Huey S. Guagliardo, PhD, professor of English, LSU Eunice  
Marshall Scott Legan, professor/chair of history at the University of Louisiana Monroe  
James Trojanowski, Prime Time expansion in Wisconsin  
Carole DeJardin, Prime Time expansion in Wisconsin  
2005 Jack Bedell, professor of literature and creative writing, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Martha Hodnett, youth services librarian for the Lafourche Parish Public Library  
Helen Taylor, PhD, professor and director of the Master of Liberal Arts program, LSU Shreveport.  
Linda LeBlanc, parent involvement coordinator, Jefferson Davis Parish School System  
Cheryl Ware, PhD, professor of English, McNeese State University  
2006 Wanda Ellard, storyteller at 100 sessions of LEH's Prime Time-Family Reading Time literacy program  
Jerry Purvis Sanson, PhD, professor of history, Louisiana State University Alexandria  
Diane Dufilho, director, Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College of Louisiana Shreveport  
Folklife Festival  
2007 Mary Jill Brody, PhD, the Fred B. Kniffen Professor of Geography and Anthropology, LSU, Baton Rouge  
John Magill, Head of Research, The Historic New Orleans Collection  
2008 Delma McLeod-Porter, PhD, professor and coordinator of developmental writing, McNeese State University  
J. Paul Leslie, PhD, professor of history, Nicholls State University  
Jack Hefflin, professor of English, University of Louisiana at Monroe  
2009 Dr. John Hall, professor emeritus in geography, LSU Shreveport  
Dr. Thomas Fick, English professor, Southeastern Louisiana University  
David Kunian, radio documentarian  
Ann Dobie, PhD, Distinguished Professor Emerita, University of Louisiana Lafayette  
2010 Georgiann Potts, scholar and program director, University of Louisiana Monroe  
2011 Charles Elliot, PhD, professor of history, Southeastern Louisiana University
2012  Greg Lambousy, Director of Collections, Louisiana State Museum
2013  2014 Stephen Webre, PhD, Garnie W. McGinty professor of history and interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Louisiana Tech University

Public Humanities Programming

2007  Louisiana Folklife Inc., for community history *From Bouef to Beaucoup: Vintage Tales of Caldwell Parish*
2008  John R. May, PhD, professor of English, LSU Baton Rouge, for his remarkable summer film festival at Ascension Parish Public Library in Gonzales
2009  Karen McPheeters, director, Farmington Public Library in New Mexico
      Gail Garcia, community relations manager, Iberia Parish Library
2010  Todd Mouton, Louisiana Crossroads
      Virginia Carter, PhD and Kathleen Pool, Kentucky Humanities Council, PrimeTime partner
2011  Jane Hood and the Nebraska Humanities Council, PrimeTime partner
2012  Janine Farver and Patricia Putman, Florida Humanities Council, PrimeTime partner
2013  Elaine Black and the Georgia Public Library Service, Prime Time partner
      Patrice Melnick, Festival of Words, Grand Coteau
2014  Ashley Hardee Boudreaux and Debra S. Lee, M.Ed, NBCT, Sabine Parish Schools

Humanities Teacher of the Year

1998  Lloyd Sensat, Jr., Hahnville High School
      Norma Stigal, Phoenix Elementary School, Alexandria
1999  Patsy Causey, Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts
      Melanie La Fleur, Many High School
2000  Caroline Ancelot, Acadiana High School, Lafayette
      Gaye Rice Ingram, Cedar Creek School, Ruston
2001  Sue Clausen, Neville High School, Monroe
      Jane Bartlett, Lusher Alternative Middle School, New Orleans
2002  Howard Hunter, High School
      Beverly Kelley, Middle School
      Cherice Harrison-Nelson, Elementary School
2003  Sharon Cormier, High School
      Bryan Gowland, Middle School
      Rachel Brittain, Elementary School
2005  Sharlene Algaier, Woodlake Elementary School, Mandeville
2006  Jan Gardner, teacher at C.E. Byrd High School, Shreveport
      Judith Allain, teacher at St. John Elementary School, Franklin
2007  Diego Gonzales, Benjamin Franklin High School, New Orleans
2008  Catherine Green, Caddo Middle Magnet School, Shreveport
      Emmitt Glynn III, Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge
2009  Cathy Mills, Episcopal School of Acadiana, Lafayette
      Jennifer Williams, Isidore Newman School, New Orleans
2013  Vicki Bell, Queensborough Elementary, Shreveport

Legislative Awards

2007  Congressman Bobby Jindal
      State Senator Willie Mount
      State Senator Butch Gautreaux
2009  State Senator Cheryl Gray
      State Rep. Joe Harrison
2010  State Senator Lydia Jackson
      State Senator Joel Chiasson