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Omahans chosen to co-chair Governor's Lecture

Omahans Carol Gendler, Angenette Meaney, Carol Russell, and Judy Ueda will co-chair the planning committee for the 12th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, Oct. 2 at the Joslyn Art Museum.

The featured lecturer is historian Michael Beschloss, whose new book, "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989," has been on The New York Times bestseller list for four weeks. Presented by the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC), Creighton University and the University of Nebraska, the evening lecture will be free and open to the public.

Gendler is a member of the NHC board of directors, and Meaney, Russell, and Ueda are member of the Nebraska Foundation for the Humanities.

Beschloss is one of America's leading presidential historians, with studies of presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson all in print. Of his 2002 "The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945," The New York Times Review of Books said in a front-page review that the "vigorously written" book was "history as it was spoken at the time, and there is not a dull page."

Beschloss was appointed NBC News presidential historian—the first time any major network has created such a position—and appears regularly on "Meet the Press" and the "Today" show. He is a regular on PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." Beschloss received an Emmy for his research in creating the Discovery Channel series "Decisions that Shook the World," narrated by actor Morgan Freeman.

A fundraising reception and dinner prior to the lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. For details, contact Aimee at the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 ext. 102 or at nhc@nebraskahumanities.org.

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Editor's Note: For a complete biography or a photo of Michael Beschloss, contact Aimee Poor at the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 ext. 102 or at nhc@nebraskahumanities.org.