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Sower Award nominations are due June 1

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) is seeking nominations for its annual Sower Award in the Humanities, which recognizes individuals, institutions, businesses and communities that have made a significant contribution to public understanding of the humanities in Nebraska.

The Sower Award will be presented during ceremonies at the 13th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities Sept. 18 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln. Presidential advisor, Harvard professor and political commentator David Gergen will deliver this year's lecture.

Sower Award nominations must be postmarked no later than June 1. For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact the Nebraska Humanities Council at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 330, Lincoln, NE 68508; call (402) 474-2131 ext. 102, fax (402) 474-4852 or e-mail nhc@nebraskahumanities.org. The nomination form also can be downloaded at www.nebraskahumanities.org/governor/award.html.

Previous awards have recognized the work of humanities faculty who have taken the humanities to the public beyond their classroom, volunteers who have enhanced the cultural life of their state, and journalists and filmmakers who have brought the humanities to bear on important public issues. Other winners include museums, historical societies and libraries that have expanded their mission to include active collaborations with schools, churches and civic organizations; businesses and foundations whose support for the humanities has enriched Nebraskans' lives; and communities that have incorporated local ethnic and historical identity in community planning and economic development.

Among individuals who have won the Sower Award are Native American leader Charles "Chuck" Trimble, public TV pioneers Jack McBride and Ron Hull, State Sen. LaVon Crosby, storyteller Nancy Duncan, humanities advocate Jack Campbell, philanthropist E.N. "Jack" Thompson, historians Ronald Naugle and Gary Moulton and poets Don Welch and Ted Kooser. Winning institutions include El Museo Latino, the Beatrice Public Library and the Omaha World-Herald. Cozad, Gering and Scottsbluff are among communities that have won the award.

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