

## Mississippi Humanities Council Announces Recipients of 2010 Public Humanities Awards

(JACKSON, MS) – The Mississippi Humanities Council is delighted to announce recipients for its 2010 Public Humanities Awards, which recognize outstanding contributions by Mississippians to the study and understanding of the humanities. These recipients will be honored at a public ceremony and banquet Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. This year's award recipients are:

### Humanities Scholar Award

**Dr. Barbara Dease**  
*Jackson, MS*

### Humanities Educator Award

**Tonya Hays**  
*Gulfport, MS*

### Humanities Partner Award

**McComb Railroad Museum**  
*McComb, MS*

### Preserver of Mississippi Culture

**Dr. Stuart Rockoff**  
*Jackson, MS*

### Special Recognition Awards (2)

**Tim Cupit**  
*Brandon, MS*  
**Dr. Charles Eagles**  
*Oxford, MS*

"We are pleased to bring notice to the outstanding work of these award recipients," said Dr. Rod Risley, chair of the Mississippi Humanities Council. "Their achievements give example to the importance of the work of the Council as we advance appreciation for the humanities statewide and in widely diverse areas of human interest."

Dr. Barbara Carpenter, executive director of the Council, added, "The contributions of scholars, writers and researchers in such fields as philosophy, ethics and jurisprudence enrich the civic dialogue in a democratic society. Through language, literature and the arts, human beings express and reflect on the meaning of life. Thus, those who contribute to the humanities are to be celebrated."

MHC will present hand-crafted works of art to each award recipient, crafted by Clinton artist Ron Lindsay. Born in Meridian, MS, Lindsey has lived in Clinton since 1962. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1978 with a bachelor of science in education. He received the Bellaman Award for art and creative writing.

Since an early apprenticeship with Karl and Mildred Wolfe, he has been exhibiting his work in the Jackson area. Lindsay has done numerous streetscapes of Vicksburg over the past decade and in 1995 was commissioned by McCarty Holman Foods to execute 22 6-foot, 10-inch paintings for a store in Horn Lake, MS. In 1996, he appeared in the Warner Bros. film, *A Time to Kill*, and also executed the courtroom drawings for that movie. Lindsey is a member of the Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi.

Thirty-one recipients of the 2009 Humanities Teacher Awards, which pay tribute to outstanding faculty in traditional humanities fields, will also be honored at the banquet.

The Mississippi Humanities Council is funded by Congress through the National Endowment for the Humanities to provide public programs in traditional liberal arts disciplines to serve nonprofit groups in Mississippi.

The Mississippi Humanities Council Public Humanities Awards ceremony and banquet will be held Friday, February 26, 2010, at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson beginning with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets to the awards ceremony and banquet are \$45 each or \$340 for a table of eight and may be purchased by sending a check to the Mississippi Humanities Council, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 317, Jackson, MS 39211. Information about the awards and the banquet is available at [www.mshumanities.org](http://www.mshumanities.org) or 601-432-6752.

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