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Michigan Humanities Announces new President & CEO

LANSING, MI—The Michigan Humanities Board of Directors and staff is pleased to announce that Jennifer Rupp has been selected to serve as the new President & CEO for the organization.

Ms. Rupp is a long-time non-profit leader with over 15 years of experience; her career spans serving humanities and performing arts organizations.

“I am honored to be entrusted with the leadership of Michigan Humanities. I look forward to continuing the impactful public humanities work we do, and support, in Michigan,” said Ms. Rupp.

She began her career as the Executive Director of the Marshall Historical Society in 2007, managing three historic museums, leading the historic home tour to record attendance, and co-chairing the fundraising committee that restored the Brooks Memorial Fountain. After her tenure with the Historical Society, she went on to become the Executive Director of the world-famous Brass Band of Battle Creek. She served the BBBC for seven years and created the Youth Brass Band program that is still in place today. Ms. Rupp has served Michigan Humanities for the past four years as Director of State and Federal Grants, Chief Impact Officer, and most recently as Acting President and CEO. She has also served as a nonprofit consultant in board development, fund development, and strategic planning.

Ms. Rupp is a graduate of Western Michigan University (Bachelor of Arts in Public History and Secondary Education with History/Social Sciences emphasis).

“The Board of Directors is very pleased that Jennifer Rupp has joined us to lead Michigan Humanities. Jennifer brings to the Council her strong experience in the non-profit field as well as a passion for the Council’s mission,” stated Celeste Diehm, Chairperson, Michigan Humanities Council Board of Directors.

About the Michigan Humanities

As one of 56 state (and territories) humanities councils in the country, Michigan Humanities was founded in 1974 as a result of federal legislation. Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Michigan Humanities also actively seeks grants, sponsorships and individual donations to further support cultural programming for Michigan communities.

Mission

Bringing people together through stories, histories, cultures, and conversations.

Vision

A more thoughtful, connected, engaged, and informed Michigan.

Values

- Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity
- Discovery and Understanding
- Authentic Conversation
- Respectful Collaboration
- Meaningful Experiences

Pillars

- Build awareness and excitement for humanities in everyday life.
- Achieve best practices and sustainability for all humanities programs and services in Michigan.

For more information on future programs, upcoming grant opportunities or how you can support these efforts, please visit www.michiganhumanities.org or call (517) 372-7770.