



The Community College HUMANIST

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Three New Regional Presidents

Southwestern Division:

Carole Lester is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment at Richland College in Dallas, Texas. She has taught History and Humanities at Richland since 1985, and in Coordinated Studies learning communities for the past seven years. She has also taught history at Collin County Community College and the University of Texas at Dallas.



Carole Lester

In addition to her teaching duties at Richland College, she has served as the research historian for two Dallas County Community college Telecourses, The American Adventure and Government by the

People. Dr. Lester was selected as Richland College's and the Dallas County Community College District's recipient of the Excellence in Teaching award for 1993.

She earned a B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) in American Studies, and an M.A. in Humanities from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a Ph.D. in History at the University of North Texas. Dr. Lester has been an active

member of the Community College Humanities Association since 1993, and served as the Southwestern Division's secretary for the past two years.

Southern Division:

Tamara Baxter is an Associate Professor of English at Northeast State Technical Community College, Blountville, TN. Tamara has been a member of CCHA for the past 17 years.



Tamara Baxter

She has served as secretary, vice-president, and program chair for the Southern Division. Tamara's real passion is creative writing. Her fiction, poetry and essays have appeared in several literary reviews, and she is past winner of the Sherwood Anderson Award, the Harriette Arnow Award, and was a finalist for the O. Henry Prize in fiction. Tamara's husband, Colin, is the Chair of the Department of History at East Tennessee State University, and is also a member of CCHA. Her son, Andrew, attends Milligan College.

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Colleges Selected for Teacher Preparation Program

The Community College Humanities Association (CCHA), in cooperation with the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year honor society, is conducting a multi-disciplinary, multi-component nationwide mentoring project to strengthen the role of humanities faculty in community college programs for future teachers.

The project will develop national models of content and structural collaboration between humanities faculty and education faculty to assure the centrality of the humanities disciplines and humanities faculty in existing and emerging community college programs that recruit and educate future teachers.

The project will provide these models for replication and adaptation, initially by 14 competitively selected community colleges, and then disseminated for replication to all 1,200 community colleges, as they work on their campuses to develop and implement teacher preparation programs to help meet our country's current teacher shortage.

The project components are as follows:

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Jefferson Day 2002

Once again the CCHA is a proud co-sponsor of the **Jefferson Day** activities in Washington, DC. Jefferson Day is an advocacy event organized by the National Humanities Alliance and co-sponsored by more than twenty organizations to promote support for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Jefferson Day 2002 is scheduled for March 21-22, 2002.

A special reception in honor of Bruce Cole, art historian and new Chairman of the Na-

tional Endowment for the Humanities is scheduled for Thursday evening in the Great Hall at the Folger Shakespeare Library. Harvard professor and cultural critic Henry Louis Gates, Jr., is the keynote speaker at the 31st Annual Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities on Friday evening. A reception will follow.

Information and registration information is available on-line at: <http://www.nhalliance.org/jd/> or by phone: (202) 872-0884.

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