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Statehood Speakers Bureau Available

TOPEKA – The Kansas Humanities Council announces a new special edition Statehood Speakers Bureau commemorating Kansas 150, the 150th anniversary of Statehood. 71 speaker presentations are available for booking January 29, 2010 through December 31, 2011. A complete list of speakers, topics, and booking instructions can be found at www.kansashumanities.org.

The Kansas Humanities Council's Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau features a variety of presentations and discussions about Kansas' people, places, hopes, and dreams. Program topics explore both popular and little known aspects of the state's history and culture, including cuisine, prehistoric oceans, lunch counter sit-ins, and folk art. In-state Kansas non-profits may book one free program in 2010, as funding allows.

"The presentations are a fun and engaging way to participate in the Statehood commemoration," said Julie Mulvihill, executive director of the Kansas Humanities Council. "The stories and discussions shared at the programs offer insight into what it means to be a Kansan over time and across generations."

Kansas 150 is a grassroots effort of Kansas communities, organizations, and agencies to mark the state's entry as the 34th state in the Union on January 29, 1861. The Governor's Cultural Affairs Council is coordinating statewide planning efforts.

The Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities.

For more information about the Kansas Humanities Council's Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

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