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Office of the President
December 3, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

REAPPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HUMANITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the following reappointments to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Humanities Foundation, Inc. Dates of original appointments are noted and their actions on behalf of the Board in that period to the present time are ratified as part of this recommendation.

Background: The management of the affairs of the Foundation shall be vested in a Board of Directors whose membership shall consist of at least fifteen members, one of whom shall be the President of the University of Kentucky; one of whom shall be the Provost of the University of Kentucky; one of whom shall be the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; one of whom shall be the Dean of the Lewis Honors College; one of whom shall be an alumnus of the Gaines Center Fellowship Program; one of whom shall be a Gaines Fellow who will serve in his or her senior (second) year; and up to two of whom shall be individuals designated by the family of John R. and Joan B. Gaines. The remaining ten members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed from the public-at-large.

These appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Humanities Foundation, Inc. These nominations are supported by the President and Provost.

Biographical sketches of the reappointments with terms are attached.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
UK HUMANITIES FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Matthew Clarke is an architect, planner, and writer, and serves as the Executive Director of the Design Trust for Public Space, a private foundation promoting social justice through architecture and planning. He is also a former Gaines Fellow and has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2022 and was reappointed to serve until 2029.

Jennifer Coffman is a retired U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2010 and was reappointed to serve until 2031.

Clay Dunn is the Online Community Director at Share Our Strength and creator/writer of TheBittenWord.com and a former Gaines Fellow. He has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2004 and was reappointed to serve until 2031.

Melody Flowers is a former Gaines Fellow and currently serves as the University of Kentucky's Assistant Vice President for Economic Development and Real Estate. She has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2013 and was reappointed to serve until 2029.

Joan Gaines and her husband John founded the UK Gaines Center for the Humanities in 1984. Mrs. Gaines has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2004 and was reappointed to serve until 2027.

Thomas Gaines is the CEO of KBC International Inc. and Gaines Thoroughbreds. He is the son of the Center founders John and Joan Gaines and has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2004 and was reappointed to serve until 2031.

Steve Grossman is the Senior Vice President of Hilliard Lyons and Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Lexington Downtown Development Authority. He has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2004 and was reappointed to serve until 2029.

Donna Hall is an active philanthropist who supports a number of organizations such as the Everglades Foundation Chairman's Advisory Council, the Naples Botanical Garden board, and Berea College's Board of Trustees. She has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2004 and was reappointed to serve until 2029.

Adam Kegley is a member of Frost, Brown, Todd LLC and a former Gaines Fellow. He has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2010 and was reappointed to serve until 2031.

Josephine Richardson is a restaurateur and bookshop owner based in Whitesburg, KY where she is an active advocate for Appalachian writers, artisans and craftspeople. She has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2004 and was reappointed to serve until 2029.

Daniel Rowland is a professor emeritus in the University of Kentucky Department of History and former director of the Gaines Center. He has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2013 and was reappointed to serve until 2031.

Holly Wiedemann is the founding principal and President of AU Associates, Inc. She has specifically worked in the renovation, creation, adaptive reuse, and development of affordable housing since 1986. She serves on multiple boards including the Lexington Center/Rupp Arena Board, the Cleveland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, National Housing and Rehabilitation Association, the Triangle Foundation and Fayette Alliance. She has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2005 and was reappointed to serve until 2027.

Richard Young is the Founder and Executive Director of CivicLex, a civic education organization that has been recognized by the Library of Congress and the American Academy of Arts and Science as a solution for rebuilding American Democracy for the 21st Century. He has served on the UK Humanities Foundation, Inc. Board since 2022 and was reappointed to serve until 2027.