



# HUMANITIES KANSAS

## INTRODUCING YOUR TALK DISCUSSION LEADER Humanities Kansas

Below is a script you may follow to introduce your discussion leader. You are welcome to change it to best suit your needs—but remember to give Humanities Kansas credit for supporting the event.

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Welcome to the [YOUR ORGANIZATION]. I am [YOUR NAME].

Our TALK event is brought to us by Humanities Kansas, an independent nonprofit spearheading a movement of ideas to empower the people of Kansas to strengthen their communities and our democracy. *So that we may all enjoy the program, please take a moment to turn off any cell phones.*

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