

## 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.

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. Please take a moment to turn off any cell phones before we begin our program.

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Please welcome John Edgar Tidwell.

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