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AHC Launches the Project Civil Discourse Speaker/Discussion Series

ABOUT THE MONTHLY SERIES: AHC announces the launch of the Project Civil Discourse Speaker/Discussion Series scheduled in conjunction with the Roosevelt Row's "Third Fridays" artwalk in downtown Phoenix. Designed to provide issue-related insights and engage participants in thoughtful discussion, the series features presentations addressing contemporary issues, followed by facilitated conversations incorporating a simple civil discourse technique. Each month will feature a different speaker and subject, lively civil discourse, and light refreshments. No charge.

ABOUT THE FIRST PROGRAM: "The Southern Connection: The Meaning of Mexico for Arizona and the U.S." Dr. Ed Williams discusses "The Southern Connection: The Meaning of Mexico for Arizona and the U.S.," and facilitates group discourse on the profound influence Mexico has in Arizona and how we can learn from and adapt this influence to Arizona's societal and economic norms.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Ed Williams is Professor Emeritus of Comparative Politics and Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, and teaches, lectures, and writes on Mexican and borderlands public policy and politics. Williams has served as President and Executive Director of the Association for Borderlands Studies, on the National Advisory Board of the NAFTA Agreement on Labor, and as a board member of the Arizona-Mexico Commission. In Tucson, he served as an officer or on the board of the Tucson Committee on Foreign Relations, UN Association of Southern Arizona, and Fundacion Mexico.

WHERE: Arizona Humanities Council, The Ellis-Shackelford House, 1242 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. (Corner of Culver and Central Ave. Free parking on Culver or in small parking lot behind the building.)

WHEN: Friday, April 18, 5:30-7:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Learn more about Project Civil Discourse at <http://www.azhumanities.org/pcd1/>. For more info about the Project Civil Discourse Speaker/Discussion Series contact Erica Nunn at 602-257-0335 X23, enunn@azhumanities.org

Stories convey our histories, traditions, social mores, prejudices and insights about what it means to be human. The Arizona Humanities Council create opportunities for sharing these diverse stories through critical thinking and public discussion, to better understand and appreciate one another, so that we can make informed decisions about our collective future.

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