



ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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This year, we opened a new public humanities center in Charlottesville and expanded our online programs to help Virginians stay engaged and connected during the COVID-19 health crisis. We held our first-ever all-virtual Virginia Festival of the Book and awarded nearly \$1 million in SHARP funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support museums, libraries, and historic sites in Virginia.

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Linda Lay of Springfield Exit performs at the 2021 National Folk Festival in Salisbury, Maryland.
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT JUNE 30, 2021 FOR VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR THE HUMANITIES AND PUBLIC POLICY

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,336,881
Investments	\$4,554,594
Grants Receivable	\$20,000
Contributions Receivable	\$174,525
Other Receivable	\$577,826
Prepaid Expenses	\$22,274

Total Current Assets **\$9,686,100**

Fixed Assets

Leasehold Improvements	\$26,627
Construction in Progress	\$94,204

Equipment

Media Equipment	\$230,045
Furniture and Office Equipment	\$135,719
Computers and Software	\$311,254
Other Equipment	\$12,043

Sub-total **\$809,892**
Less: Accumulated Depreciation **(702,116)**

Total Fixed Assets **\$107,776**

Other Assets

Investments - Endowment not subject to expenditure **\$707,585**

Total Assets **\$10,501,461**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$26,441
Accrued Expenses	\$149,070
Grants Payable	\$321,491
Compensated absences, current portion	\$19,094

Total Current Liabilities **\$516,096**

Long Term Liabilities

Compensated Absences, net of Current Portion **\$171,850**

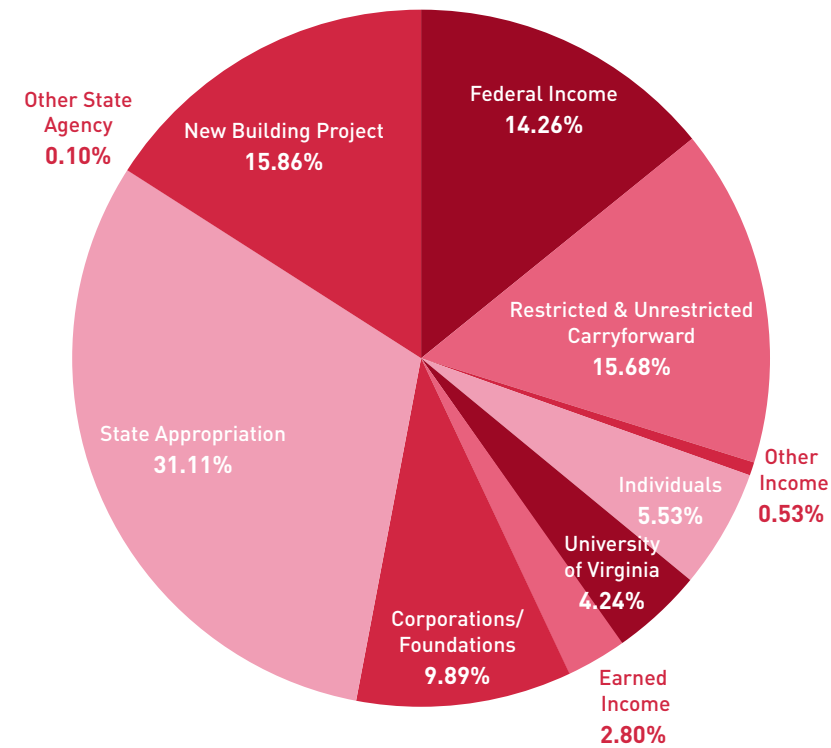
Total Liabilities **\$687,946**

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions **\$6,735,611**
 With Donor Restrictions **\$3,077,904**

Total Net Assets **\$9,813,515**

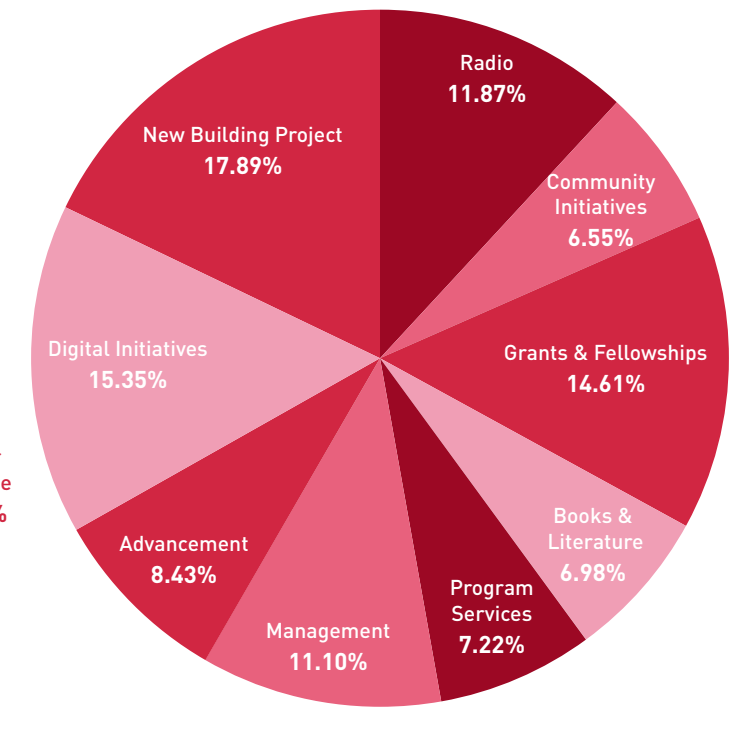
Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$10,501,461**



2020 - 2021 REVENUE SOURCES

\$8.1 MILLION*

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2020 - 2021 EXPENSES

\$6.3 MILLION

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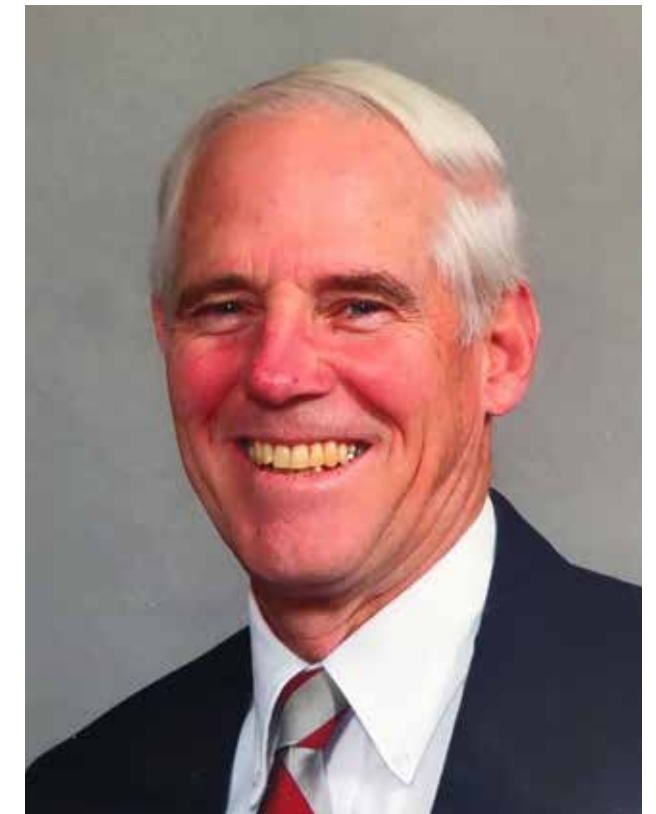
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In 2021, we said goodbye to Flory Jagoda, master Sephardic Jewish singer, musician and composer, known as the “Keeper of the Flame” of the Sephardic Music tradition. Jagoda received the National Heritage Fellowship in 2002. It’s the highest honor the United States bestows on a traditional artist. Jagoda’s memories and music live on in anyone who saw her perform, but especially in her Virginia Folklife Program apprentices, Aviva Chernick and Susan Gaeta as well as Gaeta’s apprentice Gina Sobel. The Flory Jagoda Sephardic Music Fund was established in 2005 in her honor.

Left: Flory Jagoda performs with her accordion at the 2014 Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Showcase. Photo by Pat Jarrett/Virginia Humanities



RON HEINEMANN

Dr. Ron Heinemann, a dear friend and former Board member of Virginia Humanities, passed away in November 2020. Heinemann was Professor Emeritus of History at Hampden-Sydney College and was instrumental in establishing our *Encyclopedia Virginia*. Heinemann contributed ten entries to the encyclopedia and connected many organizations in Farmville and Prince Edward County to our grants program.

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-Robert Teagle, Executive Director, Foundation for Historic Christ Church

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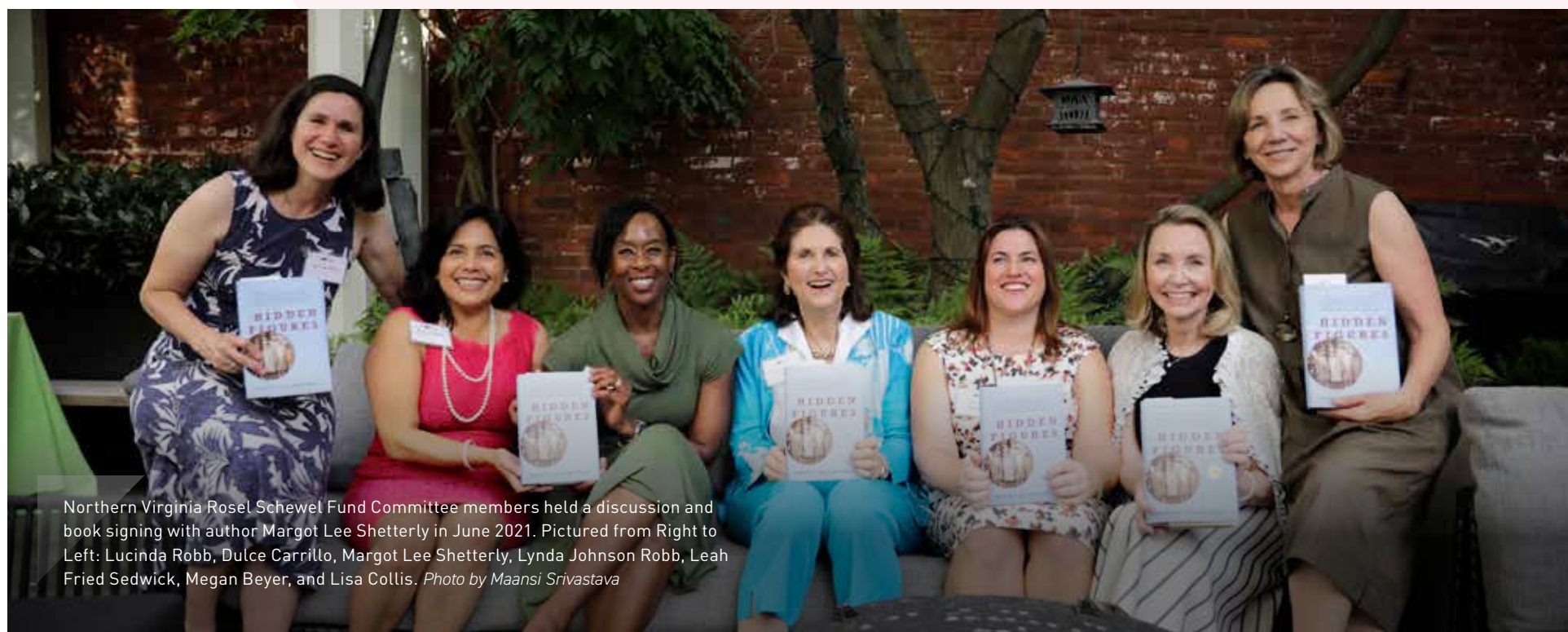
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Northern Virginia Rosel Schewel Fund Committee members held a discussion and book signing with author Margot Lee Shetterly in June 2021. Pictured from Right to Left: Lucinda Robb, Dulce Carrillo, Margot Lee Shetterly, Lynda Johnson Robb, Leah Fried Sedwick, Megan Beyer, and Lisa Collis. Photo by Maansi Srivastava

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Amidst all the changes that 2020-2021 brought, we were thrilled to welcome eight new staff members to our team. Since our opportunities to meet in-person have been so limited, we wanted to introduce you to them here.

Photography: Patricia Miller by J. Ellis; Cauline Yates by Sanjay Suchak, University Communications; Lauren Francis by Peter Hedlund; All other photos by Stephanie Gross.



Emma Ito, Director of Education
Emma Ito comes to Virginia Humanities from the Library of Virginia, where she spearheaded an initiative to research Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) history in the library's collections and engaged with community members both across the state and nationally to highlight APIDA experiences through programming and outreach.



Jennie Taylor, Receptionist
Jennie Taylor has worked for a variety of nonprofits focused on food security and child welfare. She has written about these issues extensively, and her work appears in numerous journals and a book titled, *Changing the World One Backpack at a Time*. As a freelancer, she has written about other topics including gardens, local history, and high school sports. She earned a BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Virginia in 1991 and a MALS in Humanities from Hollins University in 2009.



Yahusef Medina, Associate Director, Community Initiatives
Yahusef Medina brings a wealth of experience in K-12 community engagement and juvenile justice. He has served as a specialist in both education and criminal justice and focuses primarily on creating and implementing programs that strategically address success and leadership in minoritized populations.



Meggan Thomas, Corporate and Foundations Manager
After graduating with B.A. degrees in Economics and Theology from Boston College, Meggan Thomas spent two years in West Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer, building the capacity of a women's co-operative and fostering a love of reading. Upon her return, first to the Midwest and now back to the east coast, she has built a career in nonprofit development, working with a variety of organizations.



Patricia Miller, Editor, *Encyclopedia Virginia*
Patricia Miller is an editor who worked for a number of Washington DC-based nonprofits and the author of *Bringing Down the Colonel: A Sex Scandal of the Gilded Age* and the "Powerless" Woman *Who Took on Washington*. Her work on the intersection of women and politics has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Salon*, *The Nation*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Ms. magazine*.



Cauline Yates, Receptionist
Born and raised in Charlottesville, Cauline Yates has worked with local teachers and students to educate them about local African American history. Cauline also served on UVA's Memorial to the Enslaved Laborers Committee where she worked on community engagement.



Eric Rivers, Director, Advancement
Prior to joining Virginia Humanities, Eric Rivers was the director of advancement for Don Bosco Cristo Rey in DC and Vice President for Advancement for St. Aloysius School in Harlem, NY. He was born in Norfolk and studied Government at Georgetown University.



Lauren Francis, Associate Producer, *With Good Reason*
Lauren Francis is a Virginia Press Association award-winning writer and Richmond native who is passionate about food justice and public history.

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