First Native American named to lead National Endowment for the Humanities

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President Joseph R. Biden nominated Shelly Lowe to be the 12th Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Shelly C. Lowe is a citizen of the Navajo Nation and grew up on the Navajo Reservation in Ganado, Ariz.. She is currently a member of the National Council on the Humanities, the 26-member advisory body to NEH, an appointment she received from President Barack H.



Obama.

Lowe's career in higher education has included roles as Executive Director of the Harvard University Native American Program, Assistant Dean in the Yale College Dean's Office, and Director of the Native American Cultural Center at Yale University.

Prior to these positions, she spent six years as the Graduate Education Program Facilitator for the American Indian Studies Programs at The University of Arizona.