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• NEH council appointments matter.
  Experienced, knowledgeable, and fair-minded council members are essential if
  one wishes to safeguard the quality and integrity of NEH policies and awards.

• The three nominations currently before the Senate Committee are important
  because nine NEH council members' terms conclude in 1992.
  The credentials of the weakest of these nominees—Carol Iannone—could set a minimal
  standard for future nominees.

• Carol Iannone does not have a distinguished record as a scholar or as a public
  intellectual.
  Data from the Arts and Humanities Citation Index and the Social Sciences
  Citation Index confirm this. From 1981 to 1990, Iannone’s publications were cited
  by other writers and scholars a total of 8 times, while the two other NEH council
  nominees were cited a total of 232 times (Michael J. Malbin) and 164 times
  (Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr.).

• Iannone’s three degrees (BA, MA, and PhD) are standard qualifications for college
  teachers.
  The kind of distinction required by the legislation comes with recognized
  achievements in scholarly or artistic work.

• Her teaching experience has been limited.
  Since she earned the PhD, she has been an adjunct teacher. Adjunct teachers
  rarely—if ever—participate in the departmental and institutional decisions that
  affect curriculum, faculty appointments and promotions, and course development.

• Iannone has no record of leadership in the public humanities in New York City or
  New York State.

• Counting Iannone as a representative of the public humanities would blur the
  distinction that now exists between representatives of the public sector and higher
  education because Iannone has a PhD and is employed by a university.

• Some question whether Iannone, who is known for strong opinions, is capable of
  reviewing grant proposals with an open mind.