Public Humanities Resources & Programs

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Arts Impact Initiative - College of FAA
The Arts Impact Initiative fosters understanding of the roles of art and artists in community development and promoting social well-being in order to guide both arts practice and policy. On artsimpact.faa.illinois.edu, click “Research” to read about the project mapping creative and cultural assets in and around Peoria.

Campus Community Compact
In response to Chancellor Jones’ Call-To-Action against racism and social injustice, the Community Action and Public Engagement (CAPE) Committee established the Campus-Community Compact, composed of a diverse group of leaders from both the campus and the community, working collaboratively toward a common goal. publicengagement.illinois.edu/initiatives

Humanities in Action Program - HRI & We CU
The Humanities in Action program provides support to undergraduate humanities students who are interested in pursuing community engagement opportunities in the Champaign-Urbana community. go.illinois.edu/HIA

Humanities Research Lab Courses - HRI & Office of Undergraduate Research
The Humanities Research Lab (HRL) is a course in the humanities offered each spring semester to undergraduate students of any major. HRL courses are designed to be collaborative, community-based research experiences. go.illinois.edu/HRL

Humanities Without Walls Summer Bridge Experience
UIUC PhD students use their strengths to make an impact while learning new skills and exploring new career paths. Selected students will spend eight weeks in the summer contributing to a community organization in the C-U area. go.illinois.edu/HWWBridge

Odyssey Project - HRI
Administered through the Humanities Research Institute, the Odyssey Project offers free credit-bearing humanities courses from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for income-eligible community members. hri.illinois.edu/odyssey

OVCRI - RAPD Resources
The OVCRI’s Office of Research Advising and Project Development (RAPD) works with faculty in the humanities, arts, and related fields in support of their research and creative activities. They can help you strategize, identify potential funding opportunities, advise on proposals, and connect you with colleagues across campus. Maria Gillombardo, RAPD research development manager: gillomba@illinois.edu

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Illinois Humanities
Illinois Humanities, the Illinois affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that foster reflection, spark conversation, build community, and strengthen civic engagement. illhumanities.org
Public Panel Series
The "What Counts" series spotlights experiences of MacArthur Fellows as they reflect on the impact that the academy's reward structures have had on their work. The next Zoom is Monday, October 2. go.illinois.edu/WhatCounts

Fellowships
ACLS Fellowships support academic research in all fields of the humanities and related social sciences. In the 2023-24 competition year, ACLS is restricting eligibility for the ACLS Fellowship to scholars who earned their PhDs within 8 years of the application deadline and who do not hold a tenured faculty position. acls.org/competitions/acls-fellowships

Digital Justice Grants
Supports projects that diversify the digital domain, advance justice and equity in digital scholarly practice, and/or contribute to public understanding of racial and social justice issues. acls.org/programs/acls-digital-justice-grants

Humetrics HSS
HuMetricsHSS is an initiative that creates and supports values-enacted frameworks for understanding and evaluating all aspects of the scholarly life well-lived and for promoting the nurturing of these values in scholarly practice. humetricshss.org

National Humanities Alliance
Founded in 1981, the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) is an advocacy coalition dedicated to advancing humanities education, research, preservation, and public programs. nhalliance.org

Conference and Advocacy Day
HRI will send a delegation from UIUC to the National Humanities annual meeting and 2024 Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., to be held March 10-12, 2024. Interested in attending? Contact Antoinette Burton: aburton@illinois.edu

Humanities for All Newsletter
Humanities for All, an initiative of the National Humanities Alliance Foundation, works to connect scholars and practitioners interested in the publicly engaged humanities and create a national community of practice around the public humanities. substack.com/@humanitiesforall

National Endowment for the Humanities
Visit neh.gov/grants for opportunities that include: the Cultural and Community Resilience program, Public Humanities Projects program, and the Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations program.

Teagle Foundation - Knowledge for Freedom Initiative
The Knowledge for Freedom initiative supports programs that invite underserved high school students to college to study humanity’s deepest questions about leading lives of purpose and civic responsibility. teaglefoundation.org/Call-for-Proposals/RFPs/Knowledge-for-Freedom