

## OFFICE OF CHALLENGE GRANTS

The NEH Challenge Grants program contributes to the nation's long-term investment in the humanities by providing funds for construction, renovation, and acquisitions, as well as for endowments that offer continuing support through their earnings. Most importantly, recipients of challenge grants use the federal funds to leverage nonfederal gifts totaling three or four times the amount of the federal offer. During the nearly thirty years of the program's history, NEH challenge grants have leveraged approximately \$1.5 billion in nonfederal support for the humanities. In 2005, grants totaling more than \$12.7 million generated nonfederal donations of over \$39.5 million.

The NEH Office of Challenge Grants sponsored two award programs during 2005. Regular challenge grants supported long-term initiatives in all types of humanities institutions, including state humanities councils, museums, historic sites and historical societies, libraries, community colleges, colleges, universities, and centers for advanced research. A special initiative, *We the People* Challenge Grants in United States History, Institutions, and Culture, supported long-term enhancements to programs that investigate and advance knowledge of the founding principles of the United States.

Libraries are the laboratories of the humanities and a sine qua non for humanities research. The Redwood Library and Athenaeum in Newport, Rhode Island, which was chartered in 1747 and is our nation's oldest lending library, received a challenge grant to support the restoration, renovation, and expansion of its historic facility. St. John's University in Minnesota received a challenge grant to support an endowment for its Malta Study Center, one of three divisions of the university's Hill Monastic Manuscript Library. The center's holdings include 16,000 reels of microfilm, comprising the archives of the Knights of Malta, the records of the Roman inquisition in Malta. The challenge grant will establish an endowment to make the curator's position permanent and provide funds for cataloging, visiting scholars, workshops, symposia, and the acquisition of materials to supplement the collection. The American Academy in Rome was established in 1894 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1905. A challenge award to the academy will be used to expand its research library, which is currently operating at near capacity. The library, which contains 131,000 volumes and receives approximately 10,000 visits per annum, serves American researchers investigating topics that range from the Classical era to the modern world. The award will also provide an endowment for a special lecture program.

Challenge grants reflect the expanded capacities for humanities studies that can result from innovative uses of new digital technologies. For example, the Southeastern Library Network, or SOLINET, received a challenge grant to support the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, a free, open access, Internet-based resource that benefits academia and the general public. This online encyclopedia is designed as an evolving resource for the study of a core field in the humanities. Alphabetically-arranged articles will be updated on a continuing basis, and all entries will be archived to allow definitive scholarly documentation. Digital technologies are also transforming public media, and in 2005 a number of public media stations used challenge grants to leverage support for their migration to digital broadcasting. Many of these recipients also used their awards to underwrite local programming. The Commonwealth Fund for Kentucky Educational Television, for example, will use its challenge grant to create an Endowment for Kentucky Productions, providing a stable, permanent base of funding from which to leverage grants supporting the production of a new series, "Kentucky Stories."

Many colleges and universities use challenge grants to move the humanities into new areas of scholarship. Challenge grant funds will allow Hiram College to support permanently its national summer seminar program in the college's Center for Literature, Medicine, and

the Health Professions. Bryn Mawr College will use a challenge grant to endow a new graduate group that will combine the college's departments of Classical languages, Classical and Near Eastern archaeology, and art history. Two institutions used challenge grants in 2005 to endow new approaches to military history: the Virginia Military Institute will endow a campus-based oral history archive, library and museum acquisitions, conferences, and publications focusing on the history of the Cold War, while Kansas State University will use a challenge grant to endow a new Institute for Military History and Twentieth-century Studies, an institute that will benefit from partnerships with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library at Abilene and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

Like regular challenge grants, the new *We the People* challenge grants provided awards to a variety of institutions, including colleges, museums, research libraries, and historical sites. The focus of this program on the founding principles of our American democracy is reflected in a grant to the National Constitution Center at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The award will support the construction of a changing exhibits gallery in the center, exhibits that illustrate the history of the Constitution and its relevance to issues in contemporary life.

Other *We the People* challenge grants reflect the broad impact of the Constitution and our founding principles on contemporary American humanities. St. Mary's College of Maryland will use its *We the People* challenge grant to endow staff and curricular programming in its Center for the Study of Democracy, which it will run in collaboration with Historic St. Mary's City, the site of an early seventeenth-century settlement that became Maryland's first capital. The Center for the Study of Democracy will explore early Maryland and Chesapeake regional history as a basis for understanding democratic values and institutions. The new Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, located at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, will use its award to endow costs relating to the museum's signature interpretive program, Lessons of Freedom. The grant is designed for students in grades four through eight to broaden their knowledge of the governing principles and continuing resonance of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

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## Challenge Grants

*Grants secure long-term funding for humanities programming and resources through building endowments at institutions.*

### Academy of Natural Sciences

Philadelphia, PA *Lorena A. Boylan*

**\$15,017\*** Endowment for the Academy Fellow, a position in the academy's library, and for humanities programming.

### American Academy in Rome

New York, NY *Adele Chatfield-Taylor*

**\$450,000\*** Renovation of the Academy's library and endowment for a staff position and lecture program.

### Appalachian State University

Boone, NC *Mary L. Reichel*

**\$200,000\*** Endowment for visiting scholars, an administrative position, fellowships, library acquisitions, and museum programs in Appalachian studies.

### Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services

Dearborn, MI *Anan Ameri*

**\$200,000\*** Endowment for the salary of a manager of public programs at the Arab American National Museum.

### Arkansas State University, Main Campus

State University, AR *Ruth Hawkins*

**\$750,000\*** Restoration of two historic sites: the 1858 Lakeport Plantation near Lake Village and the 1930s Mitchell-East Building in Tyronza.

### Asia Society

New York, NY *Vishakha N. Desai*

**\$100,000\*** Endowment for the position of associate director of public programming and for scholars and academic consultants who contribute to humanities programming and publications.

### Bryn Mawr College

Bryn Mawr, PA *Dale Kinney*

**\$135,000\*** Endowment and bridge funding for curricular innovation, graduate fellowships, internships, and scholarly visitors in a multidisciplinary graduate program.

### Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA *David R. Shumway*

**\$100,000\*** Endowment for external and internal fellowships, a research seminar, and visiting lectures in a humanities center.

### City of Homer

Homer, AK *Helen K. Hill*

**\$400,000\*** Construction of a new public library to serve residents of Alaska's southern Kenai Peninsula.

### Claremont Graduate University

Claremont, CA *Karen J. Torjesen*

**\$150,000\*** Endowment for a faculty chair in Islamic studies, an adjunct appointment in Hebrew, student research, library acquisitions, and a faculty/student/community retreat.

### Commonwealth Fund for Kentucky Educational Television

Lexington, KY *Nancy L. Carpenter*

**\$400,000\*** Endowment for humanities programming on local history and culture in a public television system.

### Community Colleges of Spokane Foundation

Spokane, WA *Angela Rasmussen*

**\$100,000\*** Endowment for staff salaries, faculty stipends, and programming in a humanities center, and for library acquisitions.

### Council of American Overseas Research Centers

Washington, DC *Mary Ellen Lane*

**\$100,000\*** Document conservation and fund-raising costs, and an endowment providing salaries for librarians engaged in the American Overseas Digital Library.

### Durham Library Foundation

Durham, NC *Priscilla Ann Lewis*

**\$70,471\*** Endowment for a part-time humanities coordinator, humanities programming, and related acquisitions.

### Elizabethtown College

Elizabethtown, PA *David B. Eller*

**\$167,000\*** Endowment for a faculty chair, visiting fellows, and library acquisitions in a Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies.

### Hendrix College

Conway, AR *Mark S. Schantz*

**\$150,000\*** Endowment for a faculty director, faculty development workshops, visiting lecturers, and library acquisitions on behalf of a freshman-year core course.

### Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation

Indianapolis, IN *Christine Cairo*

**\$200,000\*** Endowment for humanities programming and for additions to the library's humanities collections.

### Institute of American Indian Arts

Santa Fe, NM *Veronica Gonzales*

**\$750,000\*** Construction of a Center for Research and Cultural Exchange and endowment for a visiting scholar program and technology expenses.

### International Center of Medieval Art

New York, NY *Mary B. Shepard*

**\$81,963\*** Endowment for programming and staff, including a part-time copy editor for the journal *Gesta*.

### Jazz at Lincoln Center, Inc.

New York, NY *Laura Johnson*

**\$200,000\*** Endowment and bridge funding for staff salaries and for humanities programming.

### Jefferson County Historical Society

Port Townsend, WA *William Tenment*

**\$100,000\*** Purchase of a building to house an archive and research library, renovation of exhibition space, fund-raising costs, and endowment for an archivist position.

### Kansas State University

Manhattan, KS *Mark P. Parillo*

**\$100,000\*** Symposia, graduate fellowships, and fund raising, and endowment for a faculty chair, faculty and graduate fellowships, programs, and acquisitions in an Institute for Military History and Twentieth-century Studies.

### Kidscommons...Columbus Community Children's Museum

Columbus, IN *Cheryl A. Buffo*

**\$350,000\*** Renovation of exhibition and program space, and endowment for humanities programming.

### Koahnic Broadcast Corporation

Anchorage, AK *Jaclyn Sallee*

**\$31,200\*** Endowment for Native American audio programming to be distributed nationally.

### Linguistic Society of America

Washington, DC *Gregory Ward*

**\$40,000\*** An endowed professorship in field research skills for the documentation of endangered languages, a course in such skills to be taught at each biennial Linguistic Institute.

### Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

New Orleans, LA *Michael J. Sartisky*

**\$500,000\*** Purchase and renovation of historic Turners Hall as the new Humanities Center for the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and endowment for expanded humanities programming.

**Loyola University, New Orleans**New Orleans, LA *David C. Estes***\$238,225\*** Endowment for a faculty director, archivist, biennial symposium, exhibitions, online journal, and acquisitions for the Center for the Study of Catholics in the South.**Macon State College Foundation, Inc.**Macon, GA *Robert A. Kelly***\$50,000\*** Purchase of an online literary database for use in undergraduate courses, and endowment for the annual fees of the database and additional acquisitions.**Michigan State University**East Lansing, MI *Arthur M. Melzer***\$100,000** Endowment for the programs of the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy.**Mississippi Action for Community Education, Inc.**Greenville, MS *Catherine Courtney***\$140,000\*** Endowment to fund a position of director of cultural programming, and the purchase and conservation of materials for a permanent exhibition on the Mississippi Delta Blues and Heritage Festival.**Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens**Delray Beach, FL *Thomas Gregersen***\$150,000\*** Endowment for the position of director of education and for humanities programming.**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego**La Jolla, CA *Hugh M. Davies***\$350,000\*** Endowment for an education curator, and humanities programs.**Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation**Omaha, NE *Julie A. Reilly***\$100,000\*** Endowment to support a paintings conservator and related expenses at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center's paintings conservation laboratory.**New Hampshire Historical Society**Concord, NH *William P. Veillette***\$100,000** Creation of an education center and endowment for related humanities programming.**Old Independence Regional Museum**Batesville, AR *Jo Blatti***\$31,000\*** Endowment for a half-time humanities educator to expand programming.**Pierpont Morgan Library**New York, NY *Robert Parks***\$400,000\*** Endowment for an existing curator position, a new associate curator, and increased operating expenses for the Department of Literary and Historical Manuscripts.**Plimoth Plantation, Inc.**Plymouth, MA *John McDonagh***\$150,000\*** Endowment with bridge funding for research staff and graduate fellowships.**Redwood Library and Athenaeum**Newport, RI *Cheryl V. Helms***\$500,000\*** Restoration and renovation of a historic library.**Southeastern Library Network, Inc.**Atlanta, GA *Kate F. Nevins***\$166,000\*** Endowment for staff salaries and other costs of producing and maintaining the online Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.**St. John's University, Collegeville**Collegeville, MN *Theresa M. Vann***\$150,000\*** Endowment for a curator's salary, acquisitions and collections development, and research activities in the Malta Study Center of the Hill Monastic Library.**St. Vincent College**Latrobe, PA *Rene M. Kollar***\$200,000\*** Endowment for two interdisciplinary programs: East Asian Studies and the Center for Ethics in Community.**Stanford University**Stanford, CA *John B. Bender***\$215,330\*** Endowment for the Stanford Humanities Center's program of faculty/graduate-student research workshops.**University of California, Los Angeles**Los Angeles, CA *David N. Myers***\$90,774\*** Course development for a revised undergraduate major in Jewish Studies and an endowment for a colloquium, residential research fellowships, and library acquisitions.**University of California, Santa Barbara**Santa Barbara, CA *Wade Clark Roof***\$32,273\*** Endowment for community programming, a visiting professorship, and graduate fellowships in a university-based center for the study of religion and public life.**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**Ann Arbor, MI *Sharon Herbert***\$500,000\*** Renovation of space and the addition of air-conditioning and fireproofing, and an endowment for staff salaries within a university museum of archaeology.**University of New Mexico**Albuquerque, NM *Louise Lamphere***\$80,663\*** Renovation, Web site development, and endowment for staff, fellowships, and public programming in the Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies.**University of New Orleans**New Orleans, LA *J. Richard Gruber***\$125,000\*** Restoration of a historic library, and construction of a new education wing to complete the Ogden Museum of Southern Art's three-building complex.**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**Knoxville, TN *Michael Kulikowski***\$81,900\*** Endowment for staff salaries, academic fellowships, and programming in a Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.**University of Wisconsin Extension**Madison, WI *James Steinbach***\$3,171\*** Equipment acquisition and endowment for the Wisconsin Collection, a collaboration between Wisconsin Public Television and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.**Virginia Military Institute**Lexington, VA *Malcolm Muir, Jr.***\$150,000\*** Endowment for the collection of an oral history archive, library and museum acquisitions, conferences, and publications.**Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Education Foundation**Red Cloud, NE *Betty J. Kort***\$125,000\*** Endowment for the program director, a part-time archivist, building maintenance, and programming at the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial Culture and Education Center.**Wisconsin Historical Foundation**Madison, WI *Peter Gottlieb***\$332,000\*** Endowment of a preservation fund for the foundation's library and archives.

## Special Initiatives

**Ahtna Heritage Foundation**Glennallen, AK *Dorothy Shimm***\$10,000\*** Endowment for part-time humanities staff, including tradition-bearers and humanities scholars, and for humanities educational programming.**Butler County Historical Society**Hamilton, OH *Stephen F. Schnabl***\$45,000\*** Endowment for a part-time position of director of exhibits and programs.

**Cooleemee Historical Association**Cooleemee, NC *Lynn W. Rumley***\$25,000\*** Endowment for humanities programming in local history.**Copiah-Lincoln Community College**Natchez, MS *Carolyn V. Smith***\$29,250\*** Endowment to provide partial support for the educational director of the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration.**Delhi Historical Society**Cincinnati, OH *Sue Ann Painter***\$25,000\*** Endowment for additional staff responsible for humanities programs in local history.**Florida Department of State**Tallahassee, FL *Bonnie G. McEwan***\$500,000\*** Endowment for archaeological research and public programming at Mission San Luis, an historic site of Spanish and Native American interaction from the early era of the European colonization of North America.**Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, Inc.**Fort Apache, AZ *Karl A. Hoerig***\$26,775\*** Endowment for oral history research, presentations by White Mountain Apache elders and cultural experts, and creation of exhibits relating to tribal and regional history.**Garnet Preservation Association**Missoula, MT *Kevin McCann***\$10,000\*** Endowment for seasonal staff salaries and training at the preserved ghost town of Garnet, Montana.**Greenbelt Museum**College Park, MD *Jill Parsons St. John***\$40,551\*** Endowment for the position of education coordinator.**Hanover Tavern Foundation**Hanover, VA *Joseph D. Kyle***\$23,429\*** Endowment for an education coordinator and humanities programs at the History Discovery Center.**Historic Northampton**Northampton, MA *Kerry W. Buckley***\$46,272\*** Endowment for the position of education coordinator.**Legacy Museum of African American History**Lynchburg, VA *Carolyn W. Bell***\$12,878\*** Endowment for a part-time professional curator for the museum's collections and programs in local history.**Library Company of Philadelphia**Philadelphia, PA *John C. Van Horne***\$509,548\*** Endowment for research fellowships, acquisitions, and staff salaries for the Program in Early American Economy and Society.**National Constitution Center**Philadelphia, PA *Stephen M. Frank***\$250,000\*** Construction of a Changing Exhibits Gallery space as well as endowment for partial support of the director of exhibits and expenses related to temporary exhibitions.**New Hampshire Farm Museum, Inc.**Milton, NH *Victor A. Becker***\$27,082\*** Endowment to fund partial salary for the position of director of educational programming in local history.**Oberlin Heritage Center**Oberlin, OH *Patricia Murphy***\$69,334\*** Endowment to provide partial support for the position of museum education coordinator, and for a local history symposium to be held every two years.**Pejepscot Historical Society**Brunswick, ME *Julia R. Cooke Hofer***\$33,670\*** Endowment for a humanities staff position in educational programming in local history.**Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture**Baltimore, MD *A. T. Stephens***\$400,000\*** Endowment for staff salaries, teacher development institutes and workshops, curriculum development, public programming, and acquisitions on the history and culture of African Americans in Maryland.**Scurry County Museum**Snyder, TX *Charlene Akers***\$54,442\*** Endowment for humanities scholars to serve as consultants in local history as well as partial support for the museum's humanities staff positions.**Shady Side Rural Heritage Society**Shady Side, MD *Janet Harris Surret***\$35,901\*** Endowment for a professional curator to research local history, develop humanities programs, and maintain collections for the society's Captain Salem Avery House Museum.**St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc.**St. Mary's City, MD *Zachariah Paulo Messitte***\$125,000** Endowment for staff and curricular programming in the Center for the Study of Democracy, in collaboration with Historic St. Mary's City.