2010 Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants
Project Directors Meeting
September 28, 2010

At
The National Endowment for the Humanities
Old Post Office Pavilion
1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20506
Room M-09 (Ground Floor)
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Meeting Overview and Agenda

Overview

The Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant program is sponsored by NEH's Office of Digital Humanities (ODH). ODH's mission is to fund innovative, cutting-edge projects that use technology to advance the humanities. The projects span the full range of the humanities and often reach out to other disciplines, including computer, library, and information science. The program is designed to award small grants to spur innovation, test out new ideas, and act as a catalyst to the field. Some projects focus on specific humanistic topics while others explore new technology-based methods for research, scholarly publishing, collaboration, or public programming.

Since its inception in 2007, the Start-Up Grant program has received 1110 applications and has made 145 awards. Many of these awards have gone on to have a major impact on the field, often leading to larger implementation projects down the road.

At today's meeting, we will hear from the 46 projects that were awarded during 2010. Each will be making lightning round presentations on their projects.

Agenda

8:30 – 10:30   (Closed portion of meeting for project directors to discuss grant administration).

10:30am   *Meeting Opens to the Public and the Media*

| 10:45am | *Welcome from Brett Bobley, Director, Office of Digital Humanities* |

11:00 – 12:00pm   ***Project Lightning Round #1***

Each Project Director will have two minutes and three PowerPoint slides to quickly introduce their project. The first 23 projects will present.

12:00 – 12:30pm   ***Lunch Break and Opportunity to Network with Project Directors***

Attendees can go downstairs to the food court to purchase lunch and bring it back to room M-09.

12:30 – 1:30pm   ***Lunchtime Keynote Address***

Lunchtime Speaker: Bryan Alexander, Director of Research, National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education ("NITLE"), will give a talk entitled "Thrilling Wonder Stories of Cyberculture."

Brief Bio: Bryan Alexander researches, writes, consults, and develops programs on advanced uses of information technology in liberal arts contexts. His primary research interests concern emerging technologies, mobile and wireless computing, digital gaming, and social media. Other interests include digital writing, information literacy, project management, futurism, and interdisciplinary collaboration. He blogs at *Techne* and leads the effort at *Liberal Education Today*, a crowd-sourced, Twitter-supported conversation on inquiry, pedagogy, and emergent technology. Bryan also maintains the NITLE Prediction Markets. Committed to exploring computer-mediated pedagogy, he researches and writes on the critical uses of computers and teaching in terms of the interdisciplinary liberal arts and the contemporary development of cyberculture.

Bryan holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and taught English and information technology studies at Centenary College of Louisiana.

1:30 – 2:30pm   ***Project Lightning Round #2***

Each Project Director will have two minutes and three PowerPoint slides to quickly introduce their project. The final 23 projects will present.

2:30 – 2:45pm   ***Break and Opportunity to Network with Project Directors***

2:45—3:45pm   ***Getting the Word Out: Outreach Strategies for Your Start-Up Project***

Facilitator: Brett Bobley

A roundtable discussion on possibilities for outreach about your project. Staff from the NEH Office of Communications will discuss what assistance NEH can provide and experienced project directors will offer suggestions for how to publicize your project using new and old media.

3:45pm   ***Public Meeting Adjourns***

3:45 – 5:00pm   *One-on-one meetings between project directors and NEH program officers.*