Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

(https://www.neh.gov/)March 26, 2018

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering grants (listed below) to institutions and individuals in your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous peer-review process to ensure that the projects represent the highest level of humanities quality and public engagement. The offered grants are listed below.

I hope that you or your staff will call the project directors to congratulate them on their successful grant application. You will be the first to notify project directors of their projects’ approval, if you call before NEH staff extends grant offers on March 28.

Many congressional offices work with project directors to announce NEH grants publicly. On April 9, NEH will announce all new grant offers on its website, www.neh.gov (https://www.neh.gov/). Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until April 9. NEH's social media handles are @NEHgov on all platforms.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Director of Congressional Affairs Tim Robison at (202) 606-8273 or trobison@neh.gov.

Sincerely,

Jon Parrish Peede
Senior Deputy Chairman

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Humanities Connections Planning Grants
Outright Amount: $34,952
Project Title: Digital Community Engagement Pathway
Project Director: Jessica DeSpain
Contact:(6) (6)
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

December 04, 2017

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering grants to institutions and individuals in your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous peer-review and selection process to ensure that the projects represent the highest level of humanities quality and public engagement. The offered grants are listed below.

I hope that you or your staff will call the project directors to congratulate them on their successful grant application. You will be the first to notify project directors of their projects' approval if you call before NEH staff notifies all project directors of offers on December 6.

Many congressional offices work with project directors to announce offered grants publicly. On December 13, NEH will announce all new grant offers on its website, www.neh.gov. Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until December 13. NEH's social media handles are @NEHgov on all platforms.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Director of Congressional Affairs Tim Robison at (202) 606-8273 or trobison@neh.gov.

Sincerely,

Jon Parrish Peede  
Acting Chairman

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Contact: 217-333-0176

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Orpheus Crosses the Atlantic: Native American Knowledge of Ancient Greece and Rome
Project Director: Craig Williams
Contact: 217-333-1008

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships
Outright Amount: $33,600
Project Title: Race, Class, and Bodily Vulnerability in Contemporary American Fiction of the 1980s to 2000s
Project Director: Candice Jenkins
Contact: 217-333-2391

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Humanities Access Grants
Matching Amount: $100,000
Project Title: Conversation Toward a Brighter Future
Project Director: Jessica DeSpain
Contact: 618-650-2151
Dear Representative Davis:

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We hope that you or your staff will take the opportunity to call the project directors to congratulate them on their successful grant application. Please find contact information listed below. If you call the project directors between now and July 27, you will be the first to notify them of their projects' approval. NEH staff will notify all project directors of their offers on July 27.

Many congressional offices work with the project directors to announce offered grants publicly. On August 2, NEH will announce all new grant offers on its website, www.neh.gov. Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until August 2. All of NEH's social media handles are @NEHgov.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Caitlin Green at (202) 208-7122 or cgreen@neh.gov (mailto:cgreen@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

Margaret F. Plympton
Acting Chair

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Public Scholar Program
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: The Other Side of Victory: A History of Surrender from Medieval Combat to Modern Terrorism
Project Director: John Lynn
Contact: 217-333-6885

Illinois Wesleyan University
Seminars for College Teachers
Outright Amount: $128,528
Project Title: Courtly Lyric in the Medieval French Tradition
Project Director: Christopher Callahan
Contact: [D] (6)
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

March 27, 2017

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering grants to institutions and individuals in your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous peer-review and selection process to ensure that the projects represent the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. Please find the offered grants listed below.

We hope that you or your staff will take the opportunity to call the project directors to congratulate them on their successful grant application. Please find contact information listed below. NEH program staff recently notified the project directors of their awards.

Many congressional offices work with the project directors to announce offered grants publicly. On March 29, NEH will announce the grants on its website, www.neh.gov (https://www.neh.gov). Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until March 29.

Please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273 or taiken@neh.gov (mailto:taiken@neh.gov) if you have any questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Digging into Data
Outright Amount: $199,982
Project Title: Analyzing Large-Scale Data for Patterns in Jazz
Project Director: Gabriel Solis
Contact: [D] (6)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Digging into Data
Outright Amount: $174,525
Project Title: A Global Comparative Analysis of News Coverage about Terrorism from 1945 to present
Project Director: Scott Althaus
Contact: [D] (6)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Humanities Collections and Reference Resources
Outright Amount: $49,973
Project Title: The Cybernetics Thought Collective: A History of Science and Technology Portal Project
Project Director: Bethany Anderson
Contact: 217-300-0908
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

December 05, 2016

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering grants to institutions and individuals in your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous peer-review and selection process to ensure that the projects represent the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. Please find the offered grants listed below.

NEH notifies congressional offices of newly offered grants several days before NEH notifies the project directors, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their successful applications. If you call the project directors between now and December 7, you will be the first to notify them of their projects’ approval. Please find their contact information below.

Many congressional offices work with the project directors to publicly announce offered grants. On December 7, NEH staff will contact all successful applicants directly. On December 14, NEH will announce the grants on its website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov). Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until December 14.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273 or taiken@neh.gov (mailto:taiken@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

Independent Scholar
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Documenting Vaihoho, a Form of Sung Poetry in Southeast Asia
Project Director: Philip Yampolsky
Contact: [contact info]

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Marcus Garvey and the American Heartland, 1920-80
Project Director: Erk McDuffie
Contact: [contact info]

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Activating Texts: Mediated Documents and Their Makers in Medieval Europe
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

July 22, 2016

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering grants to institutions and individuals in your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous peer-review and selection process to ensure that the projects represent the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. Please find the offered grants listed below.

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Many congressional offices work with the project directors to publicly announce offered grants. Please find additional resources from NEH for a public announcement here (http://50.neh.gov/about/chairman/congressional-affairs/grant-announcement-toolkit) (the access code is “humanities”). On July 27, NEH staff will contact all successful applicants directly. On August 9, NEH will announce the grants on its website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov/). Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until August 9.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273 or taiken@neh.gov (mailto:taiken@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Exhibitions: Implementation
Outright Amount: $325,000
Project Title: World on the Horizon: Swahili Arts across the Indian Ocean
Project Director: Allyson Purpura
Contact: 217-333-9867

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
National Digital Newspaper Program
Outright Amount: $200,000
Project Title: Illinois Digital Newspaper Project, Phase Four
Project Director: Kyle Rimkus
Contact: (217) 333-2290

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Scholarly Editions and Translations
Outright Amount: $74,682
Project Title: Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean: The Travel Account and Biography of Johann Peter Oettinger, 1682-1696
Project Director: Craig Koslowsky
Contact: 217-333-6885
Dear Representative Davis:

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NEH notifies congressional offices of newly offered grants several days before NEH staff members notify the project directors, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their successful applications. If you call the project directors between now and March 16, you will be the first to notify them of their projects’ approval. Please find their contact information below.

Many congressional offices work with the project directors to announce publicly offered grants. Please find additional resources from NEH for a public announcement here (http://50.neh.gov/about/chairman/congressional-affairs/grant-announcement-toolkit) (the access code is “humanities”). On March 16, NEH staff will contact all successful applicants directly. On March 23, NEH will announce the grants on its website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov/). Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until March 23.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273 or taiken@neh.gov (mailto:taiken@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

Operation Opportunity Foundation
Dialogues on the Experience of War
Outright Amount: $100,000
Project Title: The Warrior-Scholar Project
Project Director: Sidney Ellington
Contact: [D] [6]

Operation Opportunity Foundation
Dialogues on the Experience of War
Outright Amount: $100,000
Project Title: Warrior-Scholar Project: University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Stanford University, Vassar College
Project Director: Sidney Ellington
Contact: [D] [6]

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Summer Stipends
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Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: Postwar French Media, and the Struggle for Gay Rights
Project Director: Tamara Chaplin
Contact: (b) (6)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Summer Stipends
Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: Arabs at a South American Border Remaking the Hemisphere
Project Director: John Karam
Contact: (b) (6)
Dear Representative Davis:

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NEH notifies Congressional offices of newly offered grants several days before NEH staff members notify the project directors, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their successful applications. If you call the project directors between now and December 8, you will be the first to notify them of their projects’ approval. Please find their contact information below.

Many Congressional offices work with the project directors to publicly announce offered grants either jointly or separately. Please find additional information from NEH for a public announcement here (http://50.neh.gov/about/chairman/congressional-affairs/grant-announcement-toolkit) (the access code is humanities). On December 8, NEH staff will contact all successful applicants directly. On December 14, NEH will announce the grants on its website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov). Please hold your public announcements (both traditional and social media) until December 14.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273 or taiken@neh.gov.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Music, Race, and Indigeneity in Australia and Papua, New Guinea
Project Director: Gabriel Solis
Contact:

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: The Velizh Affair: Jews and Christians in a 19th-Century Russian Border Town
Project Director: Eugene Avrutin
Contact:

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: The Memory of Al-Andalus and Spanish Colonialism in Morocco, 1859-1956
Project Director: Eric Calderwood
Contact: [phone number]  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Black Theories of Citizenship in the Early United States, 1787-1861
Project Director: Derrick Spires
Contact: [phone number]  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: American Presidents and the History of Photography from the Daguerreotype to the Digital Revolution
Project Director: Cara Finnegan
Contact: 217-333-1855
Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce new grant awards to your 13th district from the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous peer-review and selection process to ensure that the projects represent the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. Please find the new grant awards listed below.

NEH notifies Congressional offices of grant awards several days before NEH staff notify the awardees, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their NEH grant awards. If you call the grantees between now and July 23, you will be the first to notify them of their award. Please find their contact information below.

Many Congressional offices work with the grant awardees to create press releases either jointly or separately. Please let us know if you would like additional information from NEH for your press release. On July 23, NEH staff will be contacting all successful applicants directly. On July 28, NEH will announce the grants on its website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov).

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273 or taiken@neh.gov (mailto:taiken@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Scholarly Editions and Translations
Outright Amount: $100,000
Matching Amount: $300,000
Project Title: The Papers of Abraham Lincoln
Project Director: Daniel Stowell
Contact: 217-785-9130
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

March 17, 2015

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce new grant awards to your 13th district from the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. Please find the new grant awards listed below.

NEH notifies Congressional offices of grant awards several days before NEH staff notify the awardees, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their NEH grant awards. If you call the grantees between now and March 19, you will be the first to notify them of their award. Please find their contact information below.

Many Congressional offices work with the grant awardees to create press releases either jointly or separately. You may also work with NEH’s Communications Director, Theola DeBose (tdebos@neh.gov) or 202-606-8255) on a press release. On March 19, our staff will contact all successful applicants directly. On March 23, we will publicly announce the grants on our website, www.neh.gov.

If you have any questions or would like further information on any of these grants, please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273, or taiken@neh.gov.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

Illinois Wesleyan University
Summer Stipends
Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: Critical Edition and Translation of Martínez Montiño's Arte de cocina, pasteleria, vizcocheria y conserveria
Project Director: Carolyn Nadeau
Contact: 309-556-3332

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Summer Stipends
Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: Seeing Agent Orange in the United States and Vietnam: Quilt of Tears
Project Director: Leslie Reagan
Contact: 202-225-2371
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

December 01, 2014

Dear Representative Davis:

I am proud to announce new grant awards to your 13th district from the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. Please find the new grant awards listed below.

We notify Congressional offices of grant awards several days before we notify the awardees, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their NEH grant awards. If you or your staff call the grantees in the next few days, you will be the first to notify them of their awards. Please find their contact information below.

Many Congressional offices work with the grant awardees to create press releases either jointly or separately. In the next few days, our staff will contact all successful applicants directly and publicly announce the grants on our website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov).

If you have any questions or would like further information on any of these grants, please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298, or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:cchapin@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

Illinois Wesleyan University
Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Critical Edition and Translation of a 1611 Culinary Treatise by Francisco Montiño, Chef to Kings Philip III and IV of Spain
Project Director: Carolyn Nadeau
Contact: 309-556-3332

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Spirits, Birds, and Luminous Beings: Reconceptualizing Ancient Urbanism
Project Director: Timothy Pauketat
Contact: 217-244-8818

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: The Illinois and the Edge Effect: Bison Algonquians in the Colonial Mississippi Valley
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Project Director: Robert Morrissey
Contact: [6] (6)
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Visions of Empire in Russian Gothic Literature, 1790-1850
Project Director: Valeria Sobol
Contact: [6] (6)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Wars Against Nature? Environmental Fictions of the First Anglo-Afghan Wars
Project Director: Antoinette Burton
Contact: 217-244-2075

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $37,800
Project Title: Reading and French Masculinity at the Fin de Siecle
Project Director: Francois Proulx
Contact: [6] (6)
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

Office of the Chairman
400 7th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20506

July 21, 2014

Representative Rodney Davis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the grants listed below to applicants from your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement.

NEH notifies Congressional offices of grant awards so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project director to congratulate them on their NEH grant award. Please find contact information listed below. NEH also contacts all successful grantees directly and publicly announces the grants on our website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov).

Please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298 or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:chapin@neh.gov) if you have any questions or would like further information.

Sincerely,

Carole M. Watson
Acting Chairman

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Collaborative Research
Outright Amount: $301,745
Matching Amount: $1,800
Project Title: Cahokia’s Richland Farmers: Agricultural Expansion, Immigration, Ritual and the Foundations of Mississippian Civilization
Project Director: Timothy Pauketat
Contact: 217-244-8818

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Digital Humanities Implementation Grants
Outright Amount: $324,841
Project Title: Exploring the Billions and Billions of Words in the HathiTrust Corpus with Bookworm: HathiTrust + Bookworm Project
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Project Director: J. Stephen Downie
Contact: 217-333-3280

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Institutes for College and University Teachers
Outright Amount: $197,604
Project Title: The Alhambra and Spain's Islamic Past
Project Director: D. Ruggles
Contact: 217-333-0176

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations Planning
Outright Amount: $60,000
Project Title: World on the Horizon: Swahili Arts Across the Indian Ocean Museum Exhibition
Project Director: Allyson Purpura
Contact: 217-333-9867
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

Office of the Chairman
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20506

March 25, 2014

Representative Rodney Davis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

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Please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298 or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:cchapin@neh.gov) if you have any questions or would like further information on any of these grants.

Sincerely,

Carole M. Watson
Acting Chairman

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Summer Stipends
Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: The Haunted Empire: The Russian Literary Gothic and the "Imperial Uncanny," 1793-1844
Project Director: Valeria Sobol
Contact: [D] (6)
July 23, 2013

Representative Rodney Davis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

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We notify Congressional offices of the award first so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project director to inform and congratulate them on their successful application to NEH. In the next few days, our staff will contact all successful applicants directly and publicly announce the grants on our website, www.neh.gov. (http://www.neh.gov)

If you have any questions or would like further information on this program, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298 or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:cchapin@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

James A. Leach
Chairman

Decatur Public Library
NEH on the Road
Outright Amount: $1,000
Project Title: NEH on the Road: Wild Land
Project Director: Lee Ann Fisher
Contact: 217-421-9713

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Landmarks of American History
Outright Amount: $174,205
Project Title: Abraham Lincoln and the Forging of Modern America
Project Director: Caroline Pryor
Contact: [phone number]

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
National Digital Newspaper Program
Outright Amount: $300,000
Project Title: Illinois Digital Newspaper Project, Phase Three
Project Director: Adriana Cuervo
Contact: 217-244-9309

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections
Outright Amount: $300,000
Project Title: Providing Sustainable Climate Control for the Archives Research Center at the University of Illinois
Project Director: Jennifer Teper
Contact: 217-244-5689
Representative Rodney Davis  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

April 05, 2013  

Dear Representative Davis:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the grants listed below to applicants from your 13th district. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement.

We notify Congressional offices of the award first so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to personally call the project director to inform and congratulate them on their successful application to NEH. In the next few days, our staff will contact all successful applicants directly and publicly announce the grants on our website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov).

If you have any questions or would like further information on any of these grants, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298, or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:ccchapin@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

James A. Leach  
Chairman  

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville  
Summer Stipends  
Outright Amount: $6,000  
Project Title: Pacific Northwest Culture and Medicine Teachings  
Project Director: Gregory Fields  
Contact: 618-650-2461
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Humanities Collections and Reference Resources
Outright Amount: $280,000
Project Title: Emblematica Online II
Project Director: Mara Wade
Contact: 612 (6)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants
Outright Amount: $57,163
Project Title: Understanding Genre in a Collection of a Million Volumes
Project Director: William Underwood
Contact: 217-244-4617
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

Office of the Chairman
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20506

January 08, 2013

Representative Rodney Davis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded grants to libraries in your 13th district for the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys, a project of NEH's Bridging Cultures special initiative. The Bookshelf is a collection of books, films, and other resources that will introduce the American public to the complex history and culture of Muslim societies in the United States and around the world. NEH and the American Library Association compiled the Bookshelf based on the advice of scholars, librarians, and other public programming experts. Support for the development and distribution of the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was provided by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, with additional support for the arts and media components from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

To learn more about the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, please visit the project's description (http://www.neh.gov/divisions/bridging-cultures/featured-project/neh-announces-bridging-cultures-programs-libraries) or the list of books (http://www.neh.gov/files/divisions/bridging-cultures/muslim_journeys_booklet.pdf) on our website.

The libraries that will receive the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf in your 13th district are:

- Bloomington Public Library
  Robin Helenthal, (309) 557-8944

- Glen Carbon Centennial Library
  Anne Hughes, (618) 288-1212

- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
  Regina McBride, (618) 650-5198

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  Rebecca Ginsburg, (217) 265-6737

We notify you of the award prior to notifying the grant recipient because in the past, some members of Congress have personally informed and congratulated project directors. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. We hope that you will take the time today or tomorrow to contact the grant recipients listed above. Tomorrow, our staff will contact all successful applicants and
publish the list of grantees on our website, www.neh.gov. (http://www.neh.gov/)

If you have any questions or would like further information on this program, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298, or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:cchapin@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

James A. Leach
Chairman
January 19, 2016

Congressman Rodney Davis
1740 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

It was a pleasure seeing you in D.C. this past week after first meeting at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. I enjoyed talking with you and your staff about the 2016 landscape on Capitol Hill. Thank you for sparing your time on a hectic day and please pass along my thanks to your staff for offering additional time to talk with me.

I continue to be impressed by the wide variety of humanities institutions in your district and the remarkable achievements of those institutions. Of course, we both heard firsthand from the University of Illinois’ faculty about the impact of NEH funding on their campus. But, upon entering your office and seeing the college pennants, I was reminded of the breadth of institutions in downstate Illinois. NEH has supported a number of these institutions, including Lewis and Clark Community College, Illinois Wesleyan, Illinois State, SIU Edwardsville, and the Decatur Public Library.

Please let me know if there are ways we can further support your constituents. My staff stand ready to share resources and expertise with the institutions in your district.

I wish you all the best as everything gets underway during this legislative season.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
September 25, 2015

The Honorable Rodney Davis
1740 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Davis:

Thank you for contacting the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of Blackburn College's grant application. NEH Chairman Adams greatly appreciates your interest and support of the Endowment.

As you may be aware, NEH grants are awarded on the basis of a peer review process that is similar to the review process operated by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). NEH staff assembles the advice of the evaluators and presents grant recommendations to the National Council on the Humanities, the agency's presidentally appointed and Senate-confirmed advisory group, which meets three times a year to advise the NEH Chairman. The council's recommendations are then forwarded to the Chairman who, by law, must give final approval to each recommended proposal.

It is my understanding that the Blackburn College's application is still under review with a decision by the National Council scheduled for its March 2016 meeting. Chairman Adams wanted me to assure you that the grant application will receive every consideration as it moves through the review process. Applicants will be notified of the results of this grant competition shortly after the March 2016 council meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy B. Aiken
Director of Congressional Affairs
August 10, 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities
Division of Public Programs
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 426
Washington, DC 20506

To Whom It May Concern:

I am proud to support Blackburn College’s application for funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities under the category of “America’s Historical and Cultural Organizations – Implementation Grants.”

Blackburn College’s proposal seeks to produce an interactive experience to educate the public on the battle of Island Mound, Missouri, where African-American troops were first used in Civil War combat. This project will include a user-friendly website and video documentary to provide valuable historical interpretation on the battle and its primary regiment, the First Kansas Colored Infantry, and its greater meaning in American social history.

The documentary will be shown on the television stations of Network Knowledge, the PBS outlets across central Illinois, as well as others statewide and across the nation. The high-quality, user-friendly website will accompany the documentary, and will include information on the combat history of the regiment, illustrations and words of peers and superiors from the battle, and the impact of African-American troops not only in the Civil War, but future wars. Blackburn College has also assembled a team of elite scholars who are eminently qualified to meet the goals of the project.

The story of Island Mound and the First Kansas Colored Infantry is an important story for all Americans, and the Blackburn College application is well-suited to bring this story to Americans across the country. For these reasons, I urge you to give strong consideration to Blackburn’s proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress