Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

December 05, 2016

Dear Representative Sessions:

I am proud to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering grants to institutions and individuals in your 32nd 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

Southern Methodist University
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $25,200
Project Title: Timbre and Musical Meaning
Project Director: Zachary Wallmark
Contact: 214-768-4624

Southern Methodist University
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: Sheikh Abdulqadir Nehri (d. 1883) and the Pursuit of an Independent Kurdistan
Project Director: Sabri Ates
Contact: 214-768-2968

Outright Amount: $0.00
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

December 04, 2015

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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-too kit) (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.

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Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman

Southern Methodist University
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $42,000
Project Title: A History of New Year's Observances in the United States, 1800-2000
Project Director: Alexis McCrossen
Contact: 214-768-3676
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

December 01, 2014

Dear Representative Sessions:

I am proud to announce new grant awards to your 32nd 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

Southern Methodist University
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $42,000
Project Title: A History of Linguistic Identity in the U.S. and Britain, 1775-1825
Project Director: Timothy Cassedy
Contact: (202) 606-8298

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Project Title: A History of Linguistic Identity in the U.S. and Britain, 1775-1825
Project Director: Timothy Cassedy
Contact: (202) 606-8298
Dear Representative Sessions:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the grants listed below to applicants from your 32nd 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 NEH grant awards 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. Please note that contact information listed below. In the next few days, our staff will contact all successful grantees directly and publicly announce 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:ccchapin@neh.gov) if you have any questions or would like further information on any of these grants.

Sincerely,

Carole M. Watson
Acting Chairman

Southern Methodist University
Summer Stipends
Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: Language Makes the Difference: A History of Linguistic Identity, 1775-1825
Project Director: Timothy Cassedy
Contact: 214-768-4976
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

November 25, 2013

Representative Pete Sessions
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sessions:

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Sincerely,

Carole M. Watson
Acting Chairman

Southern Methodist University
Fellowships for University Teachers
Outright Amount: $50,400
Project Title: The New York Times, the Black Press, and the Epic Battle to Report the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.
Project Director: Craig Flournoy
Contact: [C] [O]
Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

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

April 5, 2013

Representative Pete Sessions
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sessions:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the grants listed below to applicants from your 32nd 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.

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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,

James A. Leach
Chairman

University of Texas, Dallas
Summer Stipends
Outright Amount: $6,000
Project Title: Expatriation and the Politics of Border Crossing in North America, 1750-1870
Project Director: Eric Schlereth
Contact: [phone number]
August 6, 2001

The Honorable Pete Sessions
1318 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4305

Dear Representative Sessions:

Enclosed is a copy of the most recent issue of Humanities magazine, the bimonthly review published by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The lead article of this issue of Humanities, "The Lone Star State Conquers a New Frontier," features an interview I conducted recently with Douglas E. Barnett, who is assistant director and managing editor of the New Handbook of Texas. In this interview, we discuss Mr. Barnett's pioneering efforts to create an online version of the six-volume print edition of the Handbook. Both the print and online versions of this rich reference tool were made possible in part by grants from NEH.

The electronic Handbook<www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/index.new.html> is the model for a major new grant program NEH established last year that is helping to create digital, online encyclopedias on the history and culture of each state, U.S. territory, and the District of Columbia. This program is being conducted in cooperation with the individual state humanities councils across the nation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more about this exciting new NEH program or about other programs and activities of the Endowment.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Ferris

William R. Ferris

Enclosure
April 10, 2000

Congressman Pete Sessions
U.S. House of Representatives
1318 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515-4305

Dear Mr. Sessions:

As you are aware, we are in the midst of an information technology revolution that offers many new opportunities for the American people and our nation’s future. At the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), we seek to establish ourselves as a leader among government agencies taking advantage of this situation, and are constantly looking for new ways in which we can benefit you and your constituents through access to online information.

Therefore, we would like you to be aware of our three key websites that we believe will be highly beneficial to citizens seeking support from the NEH. First of all, our main website, located at www.neh.gov, allows individuals to learn about the nature of the Endowment’s grant programs and how to apply for them. The site provides in-depth information on a broad range of programs that NEH sponsors, including: film and media projects, library and museum exhibits, institutes and seminars for teacher training, research support for scholars in the humanities, partnership opportunities with State Humanities Councils, the Endowment’s efforts to preserve Presidential papers and significant historical documents, and much more. The site is highly user friendly, and includes access to a short video narrated by the actor Morgan Freeman, which helps explain the mission of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Additionally, we have an award winning website, www.eDSITEment.neh.gov, which is a content rich gateway that been particularly a helpful resource to teachers preparing their lesson plans for the classroom experience. Launched as an innovative public-private partnership between the NEH and MCI Worldcom, EDSITEment comprises seventy-one collective websites selected for their excellent humanities content, interactive design, and usefulness in the classroom. If, for example, a high school teacher in a remote community were preparing a lesson plan for a history lesson on Thomas Jefferson’s role in the Revolutionary War, the Lewis & Clark Expedition to the West, or the Civil War, they would find high quality content through the EDSITEment website.
Finally, the NEH launched a new project last Fall known as “My History is America’s History,” which produced a very resourceful guidebook that assists average citizens in researching and discovering their family’s history while linking their experience to the nation’s history. We have launched an accompanying website, which can be reached at www.myhistory.org. The “My History” guidebook is available through the online site, which provides citizens the opportunity to go online and share their family’s history with the national community.

We will continue to look for new and improved ways to use online resources to benefit the public interest, and believe that these NEH websites already available will be helpful and informative resources for your constituents.

Sincerely,

Michael Bagley
Director of Governmental Affairs
April 7, 1999

Honorable Pete Sessions  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC  20515

Dear Congressman Sessions:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to invite you and your constituents to visit the website of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which provides a wealth of information on the many programs and activities that the Endowment is engaged in on behalf of the American people.

The National Endowment for the Humanities provides training for our nation's teachers through seminars and institutes, protects our nation's heritage through preservation projects such as preserving Presidential papers, supports scholarship in the humanities, supports the work of museums and libraries, helps us understand our culture and history through public programs that are aired on PBS such as the Ken Burns' Civil War series, and is engaged in a variety of other important initiatives. The NEH hosts two websites that serve the needs of the public. At www.neh.gov, visitors to the site can meet our Chairman, William Ferris, obtain information about our grant programs, find additional information about the types of grants and projects supported by the Endowment, and have access to the staff resources available at the Endowment. At http://edsitement.neh.gov, visitors can participate in the educational experience that is EDSITEment. EDSITEment brings together the best of the humanities on the web. It is a constantly growing collection of the most valuable online resources for teaching English, history, art history, and foreign languages. Many teachers throughout the nation are finding EDSITEment to be a valuable resource to assist them with their classroom teaching objectives. EDSITEment is a joint project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council of the Great City Schools, MCI WorldCom, and the National Trust for the Humanities.

I am also enclosing for your information, a fact sheet about the NEH, as well as a brochure on our EDSITEment website. This will explain what the humanities are and NEH's role in preserving and promoting our nation's heritage and culture. I hope that you and your staff will have the opportunity to visit these informative websites soon. If I may be of assistance to you or your constituents, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 606-8328.

Sincerely,

Michael Bagley  
Director for Governmental Affairs

Enclosures
March 25, 1999

The Honorable Pete Sessions
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sessions:

I wanted to bring your attention to this newspaper article about the exhibit, *Hail to the Chief: Presidents, Power, and Politics*, currently on display at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is proud to help fund this project and others like it across the country. This article highlights just one example of the many ways in which the NEH and the humanities touch every citizen in the United States.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions about this or other issues regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities. You may reach me at (202) 606-8328.

Sincerely,

Michael Bagley
Director of Governmental Affairs

Enclosure
HAIL TO THE CHIEFS

Dallas exhibit honors influential U.S. presidents for Sixth Floor Museum's 10th anniversary

BY TAWNELL D. HOBBS
Star-Telegram Dallas Bureau

DALLAS — Mary Ann Barmann looked out a sixth-floor window and studied the street where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, just feet from where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired the weapon that killed him.

Barmann joined hundreds of people yesterday as they toured the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in honor of the museum's 10th anniversary and Presidents Day.

"We remembered when all this happened," said Barmann, who is from Missouri. "It's hard for me, but it's an awesome place."

The museum houses an exhibit on Kennedy, who was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, as his motorcade drove west on Elm Street in downtown Dallas. The museum celebrated its anniversary and the holiday by offering free admission and hosting an exhibit on presidents.

The exhibit, "Hail to the Chief: Presidents, Power, and Politics," examines the legacies of 10 presidents and takes the museum beyond its focus on Kennedy's assassination.

Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, Andrew Johnson, James Polk and Andrew Jackson were chosen by the National Endowment for the Humanities because of the roles they played in history, said Jack Bunning, the museum's director of marketing. The exhibit will be on display until May 31.

Amanda Villaba, an 18-year-old exchange student from Paraguay, looks at pictures depicting President Kennedy's fateful trip to Dallas in 1963. On the wall behind her in the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas is a photograph of Kennedy standing at his desk in 1961.

Mary Lou Martinez said she and her husband, Henry, brought their son to the exhibit because they want him to know about history.

"This is better than a history book," said Brian Martinez, 11. "I think it's real cool how they set this place up."

Presidential historian Douglas G. Brinkley, director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies, also took part in the festivities by signing copies of his books American Heritage History of the United States and The Unfinished Presidency: Jimmy Carter's Journey Beyond the White House in the museum's store.

"When I first came to Dallas, the first thing I wanted to do was come here," Brinkley said.

Brinkley said he thinks many people tour the museum because the assassination of Kennedy remains one of the great mysteries of the 20th century.

Museum officials said about 2,000 people toured the museum yesterday. The museum averages about 1,300 to 1,400 visitors a day.

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ahb@star-telegram.com
THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Pete Sessions
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sessions:

Please accept the enclosed brochure, compliments of Chairman Bill Ferris and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The exhibition, “No Traveller Remains Untouched,” was a jointly funded project between NEH and Southwest Texas State University that touched many Texans during its tour.

The inspiration for “No Traveller Remains Untouched” is a 1555 printing of Cabeza de Vaca’s La Relación y Comentarios, which currently resides at Southwest Texas State University and is considered to be the first account of a journey across North America by a European. That text became the cornerstone of a collection that highlights the literature and history of the American Southwest.

Begun in 1990 with a planning grant from NEH and awarded an implementation grant in 1993, the exhibition opened in San Marcos in February 1995. Three years and 18 sites later, this important exhibition continues to enrich and enlighten all who view it. People from Corpus Christi, Galveston, Kingsville, Harlingen, El Paso, Laredo, Lubbock, Carthage and many other cities were able to participate in public programs and learn about the history in their own back yards. In addition, the exhibition’s illustrated catalog to “No Traveller Remains Untouched” won an Award of Excellence from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in 1996.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is proud to be a part of this wonderful project. Now that it has toured the Southwest, the exhibition is enriching the lives of visitors to Washington, DC, where we are showcasing it in the Old Post Office Building. If you have a chance, I would encourage you and your staff to visit and share in the unique perspective this exhibition imparts.

Sincerely,

Michael Bagley
Director of Governmental Affairs