

NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

2025 Year in Review

This has been a challenging year for the humanities community. We at NHA are especially grateful to the members, donors, sponsors, program participants, and other partners who have made it possible for us to pursue our mission of advocating for the humanities on campuses, in communities, and on Capitol Hill.

Your support has been crucial as we advocated for humanities funding, fought attacks on the NEH, and helped strengthen humanities departments. In the coming year, your partnership will be essential to our continued efforts.

Advocating for Humanities Funding

- **232 advocates**
 from 45 states took 253 meetings during Humanities Advocacy Day—our largest advocacy day to date
- **Awarded Representative Dina Titus (D-NV-01) and Representative Mike Carey (R-OH-15)**
 the Sidney R. Yates Award for Distinguished Public Service to the Humanities
- **Supported the Records Preservation and Access Coalition's (RPAC) advocacy day in April,**
 building the capacity of their constituents to advocate for NARA and the NEH

“This year there was a definite feeling of community courage and esprit that I have not felt to this extent in previous years. It was heartening and energizing!”

— SURVEY RESPONDENT,
NHA ANNUAL MEETING AND
HUMANITIES ADVOCACY DAY



Fighting Attacks on the NEH & Supporting Grantees

- Broke the news
that DOGE was attacking the National Endowment for the Humanities on April 1
- Mobilized 24,823 advocates
to send 80,507 messages to their elected officials, requesting support for the NEH and the state humanities councils
- Supported member institutions and grantees
as they navigated terminated grants and generated press, offering office hours and connecting more than 400 grantees directly with congressional staffers
- Organized three members of the NHA's executive committee—the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Historical Association, and the Modern Language Association—to file a lawsuit that seeks to both reinstate grants and restore the NEH to its full capacity

“It feels right to be a citizen bringing forward my hopes, goals, and expectations to my representatives, not just for me personally, but on behalf of a larger community (my university but also all other universities). It's an honor to hold that responsibility and to move forward with purpose.”

— SURVEY RESPONDENT, NHA ANNUAL MEETING AND HUMANITIES ADVOCACY DAY



Supporting the Humanities on Campuses

Launched new resources aimed at building capacity in humanities departments:

- *The Humanities Pathway to Career Success*—a new resource on our website—consolidates career outcome data and statements from experts and employers to demonstrate why a humanities education is a strong foundation for a successful career in a wide range of fields
- *Demonstrating the Value of the Liberal Arts: Making the Case for Integrative Initiatives*—a briefing document—marshals evidence from our research on undergraduate courses and programs that integrate the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to advocate for their value to key stakeholders



Partnered with humanities organizations and departments to expand their capacity and engage new audiences:

- Offered a workshop at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) on advocating for humanities research on and off campus
- Consulted with the University of Missouri's Humanities Working Group tasked with proposing new initiatives to support undergraduate recruitment, career pathways, and curricular innovation, and facilitated a workshop for department chairs
- Worked with Pace University's Experiential Learning Network to revitalize and rebrand the gen ed curriculum
- Facilitated an advocacy workshop and presented on integrative/applied humanities curricula at the Modern Language Association's ADE-ALD Summer Seminar for department chairs

“The practical experience with presenting and analyzing data, particularly quantitative data and structuring charts [was helpful]. The working group time at the end was especially helpful, not just in sharing our work, but also networking/talking with other folks in Humanities Centers and Institutes.

— SURVEY RESPONDENT, DOCUMENTING THE IMPACT OF THE HUMANITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION II: ADVANCED

Supporting the Humanities on Campuses

Collaborated on research partnerships to:

- Survey students engaged through initiatives funded by the *MLA Pathways: Recruitment, Retention, and Career Readiness* grant program to study the impact of recruitment strategies
- Support a national landscape survey of public humanities projects in religious studies being undertaken by ACLS and AAR
- Survey current and former participants in the Teagle Foundation's *Knowledge for Freedom* programs for high school students to document their experiences and their impact on their educational trajectories

Launched two new research projects:

- In partnership with the ACLS and with funding from the National Science Foundation, NHA is producing a landscape survey and convening on effective humanities-STEM collaborations that address ecological challenges
- Funding from the Mellon Foundation is supporting a 3-year project documenting how the humanities contribute to the U.S. workforce and prepare graduates for careers in a variety of industries



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