

NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

# 2023 Year in Review

Thank you to our members, donors, and sponsors for your support this year! We are delighted to share some of the highlights from the advocacy work you've made possible over the past year on campuses, in communities, and on Capitol Hill. We look forward to building on these successes in 2024!

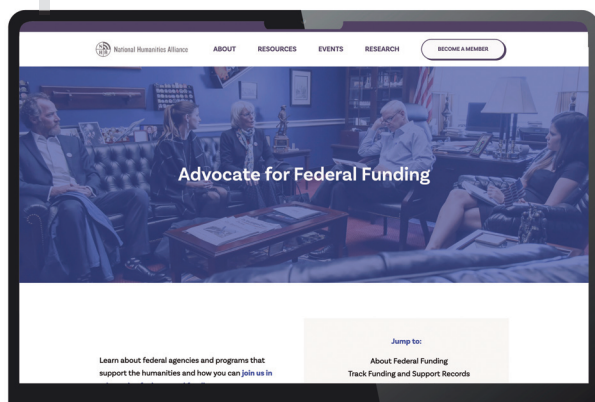
## Advocating for Humanities Funding

- On Humanities Advocacy Day, 160 advocates from 43 states took 216 meetings
- Mobilized more than 8,000 advocates in under 12 hours to contact their representatives and defeat an amendment to eliminate funding for the NEH
- Launched *State and Local Policies That Fund the Humanities: A Clearinghouse*, which offers model policies for advocates looking to bolster local support for the humanities



“Very energizing to be part of such a large group advocating for something that is so important to all of us.”

— HUMANITIES ADVOCACY DAY PARTICIPANT



**Check out our new website for federal funding advocacy resources.**

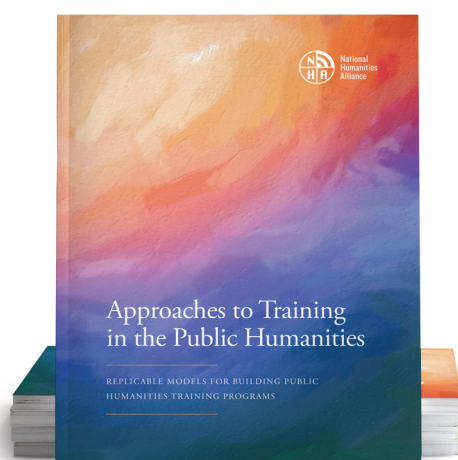
# Supporting Faculty and Administrators in Recruiting Students to the Humanities

Released Season 2 of our podcast, *What Are You Going to Do with That?*, featuring stories from everyday folks about why they chose to study the humanities as undergraduates and their pathways to fulfilling careers

Published *Documenting the Impact of the Public Humanities in Higher Ed: A Toolkit*, providing support for designing surveys and conducting focus groups and interviews that showcase the impact of the humanities to on-campus and external audiences

Launched *Approaches to Training in the Public Humanities* to support students and faculty in building programs on campus

Offered a summer workshop for 100 participants and kicked off a year-long professional development course for over 130 participants on documenting the impact of humanities work



G TO DO WITH THAT? WHAT ARE YOU  
DO WITH THAT? WHAT ARE YOU GO  
WITH THAT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO  
HAT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO W  
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH  
RE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT? W  
OU GOING TO DO WITH THAT? WHAT

A PODCAST FROM THE  
NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

**Do well  
and do good.**

How studying the humanities  
prepares individuals for  
fulfilling careers.

“ I just want to say thank you [for creating *What Are You Going to Do with That?*]! I will try to point students and colleagues to it. ... The topics are so real and important. I agree with your quoted speaker in the first episode: ‘this is the right way to pitch the Humanities.’”

—JERISE FOGEL,  
CLASSICS, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

**[Check out our new website for higher ed advocacy resources.](#)**

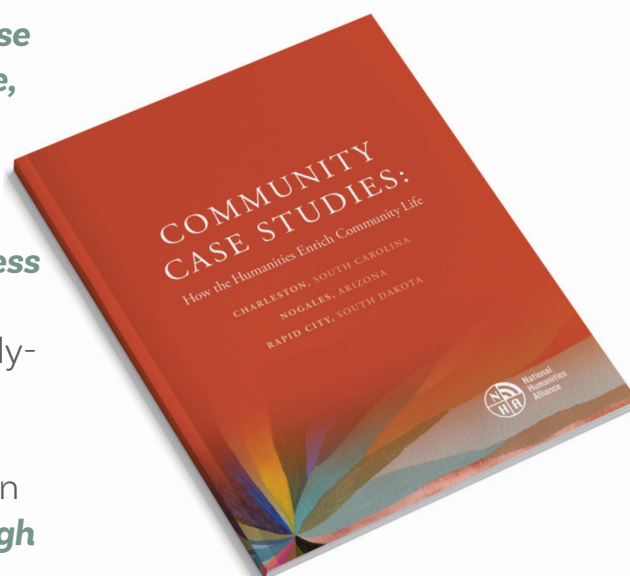
# Ongoing Research Projects

Reports coming early next year

A Mellon Foundation-funded report, **Community Case Studies: How the Humanities Enrich Community Life**, on the comprehensive impact of humanities organizations in three case study sites

A Mellon Foundation-funded report, **Expanding Access to the Humanities**, which documents successful strategies that have broadened access for historically-underrepresented student groups

An Arthur Vining Davis Foundations-funded report on **Demonstrating the Value of Liberal Education through Integrative Learning**



“ Faculty at Guilford College designed a day-long retreat called ‘Nurturing the Liberal Arts.’ NHA’s Scott Muir helped to lay the foundation for the retreat and fielded questions about strategies and advocacy. His invaluable session provided context on the current state of the humanities and liberal arts and inspired the 25 attendees to communicate effectively (and proudly) about the value of the humanities and liberal arts.”

—JILL PETERFESO, ELI FRANKLIN CRAVEN  
AND MINNIE PHIPPS CRAVEN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES, GUILFORD COLLEGE

## Featured Partnerships

- Completed a year-long partnership with the **UMBC Dresher Center for the Humanities** to document the impact of the Inclusion Imperative, a multi-year project focused on inclusive and community-engaged humanities work
- Kicked off a longitudinal study on the impact of **The Teagle Foundation’s Knowledge for Freedom** program, which invites underserved high school students to study humanity’s deepest questions about leading lives of purpose and civic responsibility
- Offered consultations on recruiting students to the humanities, revitalizing humanities departments, and building public humanities programs for the following NHA members:

**DePaul University**

**Guilford College**

**Emory University**

**Montclair State**

**Rutgers University**

**Texas State University**

**Washington University in St. Louis**

**Youngstown State University**



# Creating a National Network of Humanities Advocates



- Increased NHA membership to a total of **271 members**, representing 44 states and D.C.
- **214 attendees** at the NHA Annual Meeting in March
- **711 in-person attendees** at the National Humanities Conference in Indianapolis, with an additional 111 virtual-only attendees

“ I always leave these meetings inspired and energized to return to my campus with fresh eyes and new ideas for strengthening our humanities programs and how we frame them.”

— ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPANT

## NEW NHA MEMBERS:

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR  
EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS

CALVIN UNIVERSITY

CARLETON COLLEGE

CENTRE COLLEGE

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE  
OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/  
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

ENDICOTT COLLEGE

HAVERFORD COLLEGE

HOPE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE FOR SCHOLARSHIP  
IN THE LIBERAL ARTS, UNIVERSITY  
OF NOTRE DAME

LANE COLLEGE

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

PACE UNIVERSITY

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

THIEL COLLEGE

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
HUMANITIES CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN -  
MILWAUKEE

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH  
UNIVERSITY, HUMANITIES  
RESEARCH CENTER

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS!

MELLON FOUNDATION

THE ARTHUR VINING DAVIS FOUNDATIONS

THE TEAGLE FOUNDATION