

2024 Year in Review

We are especially grateful for the members, donors, sponsors, and program participants who make it possible for NHA to fulfill its mission of advocating for the humanities in communities, on campuses, and on Capitol Hill.

As we look toward 2025, we know we will build on the success of the past year!

Advocating for Humanities Funding

- 160 advocates from 45 states and Washington, D.C., took 221 meetings during Humanities Advocacy Day
- Mobilized advocates to defeat an amendment cutting funding for the NEH—
3,336 advocates contacted their representatives
- Hosted an “Intro to the Endowments” briefing on Capitol Hill ensuring that Congressional staffers know how NEH funding impacts their states and districts
- Awarded Representative Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) the Sidney R. Yates Award for Distinguished Public Service to the Humanities
- Supported humanities advocacy internationally through a partnership with University College London

“Your materials and briefing sessions are really first rate. You get a gold star for organization, planning, and execution.”

— SURVEY RESPONDENT,
ANNUAL MEETING & HUMANITIES ADVOCACY DAY



Supporting the Humanities on Campuses and in Communities

Launched new resources aimed at building capacity in humanities departments and organizations:

- *Expanding Access to Undergraduate Humanities Education: Models and Strategies*
- *Attracting Students to the Liberal Arts Through Integrative Curricula*
- *Community Case Studies: How the Humanities Enrich Community Life*
- *Humanities for All: Documenting the Public Humanities in Higher Education, 2017–2023*



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

- Partnered with **Missouri Humanities** to offer a workshop on documenting the impact of humanities programs to organizations statewide
- Partnered with the **University of Missouri College of Arts and Sciences** to offer a year-long workshop series on undergraduate recruitment and career pathways
- Launched a partnership with **Pace University** to enhance and promote its liberal arts core curriculum through experiential learning, community engagement, applied approaches, and integrative learning
- Offered consultations to humanities faculty and administrators on undergraduate recruitment at **Carleton College, Purdue University Northwest, the University of Houston, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Youngstown State University**

Supporting the Humanities on Campuses and in Communities

Collaborated on research partnerships with:

- The **Modern Language Association** to document the impact of recruitment, retention, and career readiness projects supported by its Mellon-funded *Pathways* program for underserved students in language, literature, and culture
- The **American Council of Learned Societies** and the **American Academy of Religion** to document the landscape of publicly and community-engaged projects focused on exploring the cultural, social, or historical dimensions of religion
- The **Teagle Foundation** to continue a longitudinal study of their *Knowledge for Freedom* program, which supports immersive humanities experiences emphasizing civic engagement for underserved high school students at more than 20 colleges and universities



“ I’m grateful for the webinars and the work of NHA and hope it continues... We’re undergoing accreditation right now, developing a new quality enhancement plan, and dealing with state changes to curriculum. Our emphasis has been skewed to STEM majors and the MBA program. This webinar gave me ideas to argue the importance of the humanities to all disciplines.”

– SURVEY RESPONDENT, ATTRACTING STUDENTS TO THE LIBERAL ARTS THROUGH INTEGRATIVE CURRICULA LAUNCH EVENT

Building a National Network of Humanities Advocates



- 831 people participated in virtual professional development programs and workshops hosted by NHA
- 857 attendees at the National Humanities Conference in Providence, Rhode Island
- 245 attendees at the NHA Annual Meeting in March

“ Thank you so much for providing these spaces and these topics. Very informative and timely.... [I learned] equity-minded best practices, resources, and challenges of doing culturally responsive work, but that overall, it can be done and there are great impacts on student success.”

— SURVEY RESPONDENT, EXPANDING ACCESS TO UNDERGRADUATE HUMANITIES EDUCATION LAUNCH EVENT

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