NEH Program Areas and Grant Categories Awarded in March 2009

EDUCATION awards support projects for schoolteachers and college faculty who wish to strengthen the teaching of history, literature, foreign languages and cultures, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities.

This grants cycle, projects in the following NEH programs are receiving funding:

- **Teaching Development Fellowships**, awarded in partnership with NEH's Division of Research, support college and university teachers pursuing research aimed specifically at deepening their knowledge in the humanities to improve undergraduate teaching.
- **Picturing America School Collaboration Projects** provide funding for conferences and related activities beginning in summer 2009 to help K-12 teachers and librarians— working in collaboration with humanities scholars—incorporate connections with artworks included in NEH's Picturing America initiative and subjects in the school curriculum.

OFFICE OF DIGITAL HUMANITIES coordinates NEH's efforts to explore the use of digital technology in support of humanities scholarship.

This grants cycle, projects in this program are receiving awards:

- **Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants** encourage the development of innovations in the digital humanities, such as a new approach, method, tool, or idea not previously applied in the humanities, resulting in plans and prototypes for long-term digital humanities projects. Grants announced today are offered for the planning or initial stages of digital humanities initiatives in all areas of NEH concern: research, public programming, preservation, access, and education.

PRESERVATION AND ACCESS sponsors programs that address the preservation of and enhanced access to significant collections of cultural materials; education and training; research and development; and the creation of research tools and reference works such as digital archives, dictionaries, and encyclopedias.

This grants cycle, projects in these programs are receiving awards:

- **Humanities Collections and Resources** grants enable awardees to preserve and create intellectual access to collections of books, archival materials, still and moving images, sound recordings, art, and objects of material culture. Grants also fund reference works and research tools, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, and electronic archives.
- **Documenting Endangered Languages** grants support the documentation of languages facing extinction. These grants support fieldwork and other activities relevant to recording, documenting, and archiving endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS supports multiplatform humanities projects that engage public audiences in lifelong learning through documentary film, radio and Internet-based programming, as well as programs and exhibitions at America's cultural institutions.

This grants cycle, projects in the following programs are receiving awards:

- **America's Historical and Cultural Organizations** grants support traveling and long-term museum exhibitions, library-based projects, interpretive Web sites, and other formats that creatively engage audiences in exploring important ideas. Grants announced today are offered in both planning and implementation categories.
- **Interpreting America's Historical Places** grants support public humanities projects that make use of historic places to address themes and issues central to American history and culture. These grants are also offered in both planning and implementation categories.
- **America's Media Makers** grants support media projects that explore significant events, figures, or developments in the humanities in creative and new ways. Today's awards include both development and production categories.
- **NEH on the Road** grants extend the reach of museum exhibitions redesigned for travel to smaller-scale institutions in cities throughout America.
- **Small Grants to Libraries** have been awarded to libraries throughout the U.S. as hosts for library outreach programs in the humanities.

RESEARCH awards support advanced humanities research that contributes to scholarly knowledge and the general public's understanding of the humanities.

This grants cycle, projects in these programs are receiving awards:

- **Teaching Development Fellowships**, awarded in partnership with NEH's Division of Education, support college and university teachers pursuing research aimed specifically at deepening their core knowledge in the humanities to improve undergraduate teaching.
- **Documenting Endangered Languages** grants support a multi-year effort conducted with the National Science Foundation to record, archive, and develop advanced knowledge concerning languages facing extinction. Research grants support fieldwork and other activities relevant to recording, documenting, and archiving endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases.
- **Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions** support fellowships at institutions devoted to advanced study and research in the humanities. Fellowships provide scholars with research time and access to resources that might not be available at their home institutions.
- **Fellowships at Digital Humanities Centers** support collaboration between digital centers and individual scholars for fellowship periods of six to twelve months. Awards made to the digital centers fund both a stipend for a fellow-in-residence at the center and a portion of the center's costs for hosting a fellow.
- **Summer Stipends** support independent scholars and higher-education faculty members conducting short-term humanities research projects. Awards support full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two months between academic semesters.