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Policy on ACLS Public Statements

As a preeminent voice for the humanities and interpretive social sciences in the United States, ACLS has an important role to play in public discourse on matters related to higher education in general and these fields in particular. The president and other members of ACLS staff may contribute to public understanding through our regular community newsletter, essays, op-eds, lectures, and panel presentations.

When the president perceives good reason to publish a statement on behalf of ACLS, which may involve requesting endorsements from member societies or other organizations, the president will send a draft to the Executive Committee for approval, with members' responses requested within two days. The Executive Committee may approve the statement, request changes, or send the statement to the entire Board for approval. Statements may appear on the ACLS website and/or be shared with our email list.

The Board and ACLS agree that ACLS should concentrate its energy and prestige on matters related to the advancement of humanistic scholarship, students, and scholars, including academic infrastructure and professional practice.

The president is authorized to issue statements on behalf of the organization without review by the Executive Committee on time-sensitive matters such as the passing of notable figures or the naming of a new cohort of Fellows.

Note on social media

The Board and ACLS also agree that due to the limitations of the mode, comments made on social media about academic or professional matters by ACLS staff and Board members are most effective when they are constructive and celebratory of ACLS's and others' achievements.

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