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Mission and Purpose

The American Council of Learned Societies supports the creation and circulation of knowledge that advances understanding of humanity and human endeavors in the past, present, and future, with a view toward improving human experience.

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We support humanistic knowledge by making resources available to scholars and by strengthening the infrastructure for scholarship at the level of the individual scholar, the department, the institution, the learned society, and the national and international network. We work in collaboration with member societies, institutions of higher education, scholars, students, foundations, and the public. We seek out and support new and emerging organizations that share our mission.

We commit to expanding the forms, content, and flow of scholarly knowledge because we value diversity of identity and experience, the free play of intellectual curiosity, and the spirit of exploration—and above all, because we view humanistic understanding as crucially necessary to prototyping better futures for humanity. It is a public good that should serve the interests of a diverse public.

We see humanistic knowledge in paradoxical circumstances: at once central to human flourishing while also fighting for greater recognition in the public eye and, increasingly, in institutions of higher education. Located at the center of various flows of activity and knowledge among the learned societies and other academic associations, colleges, universities, libraries, and individual scholars, we serve the needs of all these constituencies, strengthen relations among them, and pioneer and amplify collaborative solutions to challenges facing humanistic scholars and scholarship.

We celebrate and support the engagement of scholars with their fellow citizens and with the issues of the world that shape and affect people’s daily lives.

We advance public understanding of the importance of humanistic knowledge to the enrichment of individual lives and to the robust resilience of democratic societies.

We believe that the circulation of knowledge through scholarship and teaching is best supported by just and equitable practices in institutions of higher education, notably the prioritization of full-time employment. We uphold equity, fairness, integrity, scholarly excellence, and care for scholars’ needs and concerns in general and in our own practice.
Warm greetings to the ACLS community!

In one of the first community messages I wrote after the pandemic shut down our office and began to wreak its worst, I quoted from the second canto of Erasmus Darwin’s 1791 poem “The Loves of the Plants”:

So when Contagion with mephitic breath
And withered Famine urged the work of death;
Marseilles’ good Bishop, London’s generous Mayor,
With food and faith, with medicine and prayer,
Raised the weak head and stayed the parting sigh,
Or with new life relumed the swimming eye —
—And now, PHILANTHROPY! thy rays divine
Dart round the globe from Zembla to the Line;
O’er each dark prison plays the cheering light,
Like northern lustres o’er the vault of night.

For years I’ve loved the poem and its partner, “The Economy of Vegetation.” In March 2020, I returned to it because Darwin reminds us in robustly optimistic terms of the sciences’ enormous potential to cure—and of the equal importance of ethics and social and political institutions to the task of sharing the benefits of science. As we saw throughout 2022, understanding human thought and behavior—especially, in our polarized climate, how we evaluate truth versus fiction, and how we trust or distrust expertise and democratic government—is crucial to our well-being.

In its many beautiful and often sensual personifications of plants, “Loves” also looks ahead to the emergence in this century of a vision of the world where the dividing line between humans and what we used to call “nature” is blurred—where human beings properly understand themselves as interconnected not only with one another but with animals, plants, air, the Earth and its minerals, and even the moon and the sun and the planets beyond Earth.

Relations across what Linnaeus called the three kingdoms of animal, vegetable, and mineral are the concern of MacArthur Fellow N.K. Jemisin’s Broken Earth series and other “cli-fi” and Afrofuturist and Indigenous-futurist literature and art. You will see this vision reflected in the work of many ACLS fellows and grantees. They study (to name just a few examples) the relationship between geological and climatic phenomena and social groupings, how the human desire for green spaces accelerates political movements, and the history and enduring impact of Indigenous thinking about water and land.

You will also see this view of an interconnected, interdependent world expressed in rather more prosaic form in our efforts at ACLS to strengthen the bonds across people and institutions that make it possible for humanistic scholars to do their best work. We see the positive impact of interconnection every time representatives of our Research University Consortium and Associate and Affiliate members gather in person or online to share challenges as well as good news; when selection committees deliberate together over fellowship applications; and when board members offer guidance in the new working groups and committees we set up this year. It is a frank pleasure to enable the lively conversation between Emerging Voices Fellows and humanistic leaders in higher education like Dwight McBride, President of the New School; Rebecca Walkowitz, Dean for Humanities at Rutgers-New Brunswick; and Carla Freeman, interim Dean of Emory College of Arts and Sciences at Emory University, who joined our monthly colloquium this fall. In its first two years, the Mellon Foundation-funded Intention Foundry has shown us how we can make our disciplines more supportive places by creating stronger ties between scholars and their learned societies.

In 2022, we continued to concentrate our efforts on emerging scholars. The ACLS Fellowship; the new Mellon-funded Dissertation Innovation Fellowship, the Henry Luce Foundation-funded Program in China Studies
Early Career Fellowships, the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowships and Early Career Research Fellowships in Buddhist Studies, and the Getty-funded Postdoctoral Fellowships in the History of Art are examples of our commitment to offering this group the time and space to advance their work as well as a reason to feel confident at a stage in their professional lives where they are most vulnerable. Through the Luce Program in China Studies review, our outreach to faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, our frequent meetings with Associate members and our cohorts of fellows, as well as our work administering the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, we seek also to help scholars and administrators grow undergraduate programs in the humanities and social sciences, which support the next generation of faculty appointments.

Halfway through our strategic plan, which we published in 2020 as our organizational north star for the coming four years, we are proud of our progress so far. You will see in the pages that follow evidence of our work and the reasons that fuel us: the outstanding scholars and scholarship that reflect a broad band of human creativity and curiosity. Their work helps us think more wisely and deeply about the challenges we face. It also gives us inspiration for the work to come.

In 2022, the pandemic continued and political divisiveness in the United States and around the world grew starker. Threats to higher education and freedom of speech are the most serious since the McCarthy era. I end with a poem that, like the scholarship we celebrate, shows how to look up and out, to learn the unknown, to gather strength from our heightened awareness of all things human and other than human. Joy Harjo, a member of the Muskogee/Mvskoke (Creek) Nation, has said that her last name, which means “so brave you’re crazy,” is “quite a name to live up to”: she sees it as an exhortation to dream and be fearless. May we follow Harjo’s example.

Joy Harjo, “Praise the Rain”

Praise the rain; the seagull dive
The curl of plant, the raven talk—
Praise the hurt, the house slack
The stand of trees, the dignity—
Praise the dark, the moon cradle
The sky fall, the bear sleep—
Praise the mist, the warrior name
The earth eclipse, the fired leap—
Praise the backwards, upward sky
The baby cry, the spirit food—
Praise canoe, the fish rush
The hole for frog, the upside-down—
Praise the day, the cloud cup
The mind flat, forget it all—
Praise crazy. Praise sad.
Praise the path on which we’re led.
Praise the roads on earth and water.
Praise the eater and the eaten.
Praise beginnings; praise the end.
Praise the song and praise the singer.
Praise the rain; it brings more rain.
Praise the rain; it brings more rain.

I thank you for reading this report, and I thank my colleagues here at ACLS, our board, our foundation partners, member institutions, program collaborators, and the many people who support our work. As always, we welcome hearing from you at president@acls.org.

Joy Connelly
Our Community, Our Work, Our Impact
Our Relationships

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Intention Foundry
Conference of Executive Officers
Annual Meeting
Member Societies

2022 was a year of progress for the ACLS federation of learned societies. We welcomed the American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS) as the 79th member and established a Societies Working Group chaired by Ann Fabian, ACLS Board Secretary, to make recommendations concerning how we might ensure that the reach of our membership is broad and inclusive. Heather Hewett, ACLS Program Officer for Higher Education Initiatives, and Treviene Harris, research assistant for the Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy, developed a comprehensive handbook for societies, providing general guidelines on setting up for success in the 21st century university for new faculty, navigating existing infrastructures, career planning, and future thinking. Seventeen member societies were represented in the 2022 Intention Foundry workshops in New York and Chicago, which aimed to build bridges among scholars, societies, and higher education administrators as they work collaboratively on actionable solutions for advancing equity and inclusion within the academy.

2022 also marked the return of in-person meetings with our member societies. In April ACLS hosted a two-day retreat in Philadelphia for the Conference of Executive Officers (CEO), the principal administrators from each member society, which included a facilitated workshop on envisioning the future of learned societies and effective business models. In September ACLS welcomed society executive directors and incoming presidents for a Leadership Seminar in New York City. This workshop focused on best practices for successful leadership partnerships and governance, as well as diversifying the boards of learned societies. The CEO met again in October at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College for workshops and discussions on topics including strategies for growth, board and staff engagement, and how to maximize mentoring opportunities.

Also in October, ACLS welcomed Steven Rathgeb Smith, Executive Director of the American Political Science Association, as chair of the Executive Committee of the CEO and ex officio member of the ACLS Board. Steven stepped into this role with the departure of John Kutsko, who transitioned from his role as Executive Director of the Society for Biblical Literature.

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German Studies Association
Hispanic Society of America
History of Science Society
International Center of Medieval Art
Latin American Studies Association
Law and Society Association
Linguistic Society of America

Ed Liebow

“Our association benefits enormously from the valuable peer exchange among the member societies’ executive officers, the many grant programs that fund our association members’ research and professional development, and the special initiatives that ACLS has undertaken in recent years, like the Intention Foundry.”

Executive Director, American Anthropological Association
Affiliate Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
University of Washington
Executive Committee Member, ACLS Conference of Executive Officers
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Metaphysical Society of America
Middle East Studies Association of North America
Modern Language Association
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National Council on Public History
National Women’s Studies Association
North American Conference on British Studies
Oral History Association
Organization of American Historians
Philosophy of Science Association
Renaissance Society of America
Rhetoric Society of America
Shakespeare Association of America
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Society for American Music
Society for Cinema and Media Studies
Society for Classical Studies
Society for Ethnomusicology
Society for French Historical Studies
Society for Military History
Society for Music Theory
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing
Society for the History of Technology
Society of Architectural Historians
Society of Biblical Literature
World History Association

Meme Omogbai, Executive Director and CEO, College Art Association, with Scott Casper, American Antiquarian Society.
More than 250 learned society delegates and other members, awardees, and supporters from across the ACLS community gathered in Philadelphia for the 2022 Annual Meeting, April 28 and 29. This was the first in-person edition of the meeting since 2019.

Participants were welcomed Thursday evening with an opening session conversation between ACLS President Joy Connolly and Mellon Foundation Program Director for Higher Learning, Phillip Brian Harper. The agenda continued on Friday with a presentation and workshop with participants in the Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy and a scholars panel with David Sterling Brown F’22; Intention Foundry participant Brenda Martinez; and Beth Baunoch F’21, as well as the traditional Meeting of the Council. The event concluded Friday evening with the 40th Charles Homer Haskins Prize Lecture delivered by artist and Edwards Professor of American History, Emerita, Princeton University Nell Irvin Painter.
Member Institutions

In addition to the federation of learned societies, ACLS members include the Research University Consortium; Associate members (a diverse assembly of colleges, universities, and research libraries); and Affiliate members (organizations and institutions whose goals and purposes closely align with those of ACLS).

In 2022 ACLS welcomed the University of California, Riverside, one of our nation’s largest Hispanic-serving institutions, and Rice University to the Consortium, bringing the membership to 41. In addition to a now annual convening in New York City in October 2022, ACLS introduced a monthly series of virtual meetings where Consortium deans and representatives can discuss and exchange ideas about topics shaping academia, as well as learn more about ACLS competitions, initiatives, and events. Most of our Consortium member institutions served as hosts to the third and final cohort of Emerging Voices Fellows, with 40 outstanding emerging scholars appointed to two-year placements at graduate schools across the US starting in fall 2022.

ACLS has continued to expand and diversify its Associate member network, increasing outreach to small liberal arts colleges and adding new engagement opportunities including monthly virtual meet ups. New Associate members include the City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College; Rochester Institute of Technology; the Smithsonian Institution; Tennessee State University; Tougaloo College; University of Texas at El Paso; and York University.

Our work with Associate members in the Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy was showcased in the February 2022 virtual panel “Change or Be Changed: Designing Solutions for Challenges Facing the Humanities and Social Sciences,” as well as in a live panel at the 2022 Annual Meeting in April 2022. Jasmine Alinder, Dean of Humanities and Professor, Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz; Amy Cook, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor, Department of English, Stony Brook University; Ari Kelman, Chancellor’s Leadership Professor, Department of History, and Claire M. Waters, Professor and Chair, Department of English, University of California, Davis; Maria J. Donoghue Velleca, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Professor, Department of Biology, William & Mary; and Christopher Heath “Kit” Wellman, former Dean of Academic Planning for the College of Arts & Sciences and Professor, Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, each shared their experiences, challenges, and insights at both events. Working intensively in the spring and summer of 2021, the teams designed solutions to challenges to the humanities and social sciences, including changes to how faculty are evaluated for advancement, proactive support for doctoral students pursuing a variety of careers, and raising the profile of humanistic scholarship within the university. Each team offered a model of collaborative, progressive effort that other institutions might follow.
ACLS Research University Consortium

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Florida State University
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Northern Illinois University
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Pennsylvania State University

Maria J. Donoghue Velleca

“I’m a scientist, and ACLS gives me a firm foundation to do the work that I need to do as a dean of the whole faculty of arts and sciences. It gives me credibility with my faculty: this is an organization that I participate in, I learn from, I contribute to, and that helps me do my work. And if we do that right, it also helps the work of scholars across the country and across the world.”

Dean, Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Professor, Department of Biology
William & Mary
Participant, Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy
Kathleen Canning

“Our new membership in the ACLS Research University Consortium underscores the significance of the humanities at institutions that have long enjoyed recognition for their strength in STEM fields. The School of Humanities at Rice has invested in the advancement of research excellence and in interdisciplinary programs—from a new Center for African and African American Studies to expanded programs in Medical Humanities, Environmental Justice, and Politics, Law and Social Thought—that forge new connections to the social and natural sciences.”

Dean of the School of Humanities and
Andrew W. Mellon Professor of History at Rice University

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Structure and Governance: Empowering Ourselves to Work Responsibly and Inclusively

ACLS welcomed Theodore S. Gonzalves, curator for the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, DC, as the newest member of its Board of Directors in 2022. Jimena Canales, award-winning author and scholar in the history of science in the modern world, was elected vice-chair; and Suzanne Preston Blier, Allen Whitehill Clowes Professor of Fine Arts and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University and delegate for the College Art Association, was also elected chair of the ACLS Executive Committee of the Delegates, serving as an ex officio member of the board.

In 2022 the ACLS board established two new standing committees: the Finance Committee and the Advancement Committee. In July an ad hoc Board working group on societies (see page 7) was formed to consider strategies for diversifying ACLS society membership, especially those focused on the study of communities, languages, and experiences that have been historically underrepresented in American academia. Other Board working groups have focused on planning the future direction of the ACLS Fellowship and the role of ACLS in international scholarship.

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With the support of a 2016 grant from the Mellon Foundation to expand the capacity of ACLS to support its constituencies, ACLS filled three new two-year staff positions: Program Officer in Higher Education Initiatives, Dr. Heather Hewett; Research Fellow in US Programs, Dr. Jessica Taylor; and Higher Education Initiatives Project Manager for Publishing Initiatives, Sarah McKee.

ACLS also welcomed several new staff members, many of whom replaced valuable staff who retired or took new roles: Program Officer in International Programs, Dr. Johnny Brennan; Program Associate in International Programs, Morgan Day; Senior Accountant, Cindy Grant; Program Officer in US Programs, Dr. Derisa Grant; Program Associate in US Programs, McKenzie Maccaux; Executive Assistant to the President, Mona Rad; Senior Program Officer for International Programs, Dr. Deena Ragavan; Chief Financial Officer, Matthew Sapienza; CRM Specialist, Zachary Shuster; and Program Associate in US Programs, John Zepke. Our past Director of International Programs Andrzej Tymowski, who retired in 2021, served until October 2022 as a valued consultant; colleagues and friends gathered in New York City to celebrate his achievements in November.

In addition, Emily Carroll, who joined ACLS in summer 2019 as Program Manager for International Programs, assumed the role of Grants Officer effective April 2022.

In 2022 ACLS also embarked on extensive projects to improve financial processes and web user experience as part of its ongoing assessment of operations and systems to ensure the best possible engagement with its awardees, partners, and supporters.

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*As of December 31, 2022*

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**Office of the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer**

James Shulman, Vice President and COO

Sarah McKee, Project Manager, Publishing Initiatives

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Carl H. Pforzheimer III

“Betty and I, ardent supporters of the Center for Advanced Studies in Sofia (CAS) in the past and travelling and working in Bulgaria since 1996, are very happy to be able to support this new venture, the Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe (SISECSE). SISECSE is meant especially to strengthen the Bulgarian intellectual infrastructure by mixing the best brains of that country and its neighbors into a casserole of individually conceived topics. ACLS and CAS, both headed by brilliant scholars, will thus provide a meal for fellow scholars everywhere to enjoy.”

Member, ACLS Board of Directors
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Supporting and Advancing Humanistic Scholarship

Through Competitions

In the 2021-22 competition year ACLS recognized 400 outstanding awardees in 13 programs. Across all our competitions, these cohorts of dynamic scholars clearly exemplify our value of inclusive excellence.

New Programs

In 2022 ACLS established several new fellowship and grant programs, each contributing new opportunities for scholars representing the incredible diversity that is humanistic scholarship.

In April, ACLS announced the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowships, a new program that will recognize doctoral students who show promise of leading their fields in important new directions and expand the range of research methodologies, formats, and areas of inquiry traditionally considered suitable for the dissertation, with a particular focus on supporting scholars who can build a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable academy.

In partnership with the Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS), in May ACLS launched a new Summer Institute for Scholars of East Central and Southeastern Europe (SISECSE). These two-week residencies for leading scholars from Eastern Europe and North America will take place in the summers of 2023, 2024, and 2025. The program is made possible thanks to a generous donation by Carl and Betty Pforzheimer.

Also in May, the first ACLS Digital Justice Seed and Development Grant cohorts were announced. Made possible by a grant from the Mellon Foundation, the program provides resources for early-stage and established digital humanities projects advancing justice and equity in digital scholarly practice and contributing to public understanding of racial and social justice issues. Eight start-up projects were awarded ACLS Digital Justice Seed Grants of up to $25,000, while seven established and ongoing projects were awarded ACLS Digital Justice Development Grants of up to $100,000. All grantees were also provided opportunities to work with the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) in near- and long-term planning of their projects. (See the full list of awardees on page 48.)

In June, the inaugural Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Buddhism Public Scholars were announced. The program placed four Buddhism scholars in professional positions with leading museums and publishers to bolster the host’s capacity in sharing knowledge across all traditions and regions in which Buddhism is practiced. (See the full list of awardees on page 87.)
Sustaining Public Engagement

The ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grant Program was a one-time rapid response effort supporting public humanities initiatives at accredited American colleges and universities. Awarded programs were devoted to the co-creation of knowledge with diverse communities outside academia which had experienced staffing reductions related to pandemic conditions, programming setbacks, and/or loss of institutional capacity for publicly engaged work. The program was made possible by a $3.5 million grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.

In just six months, through an intensive coordinated effort by ACLS staff in designing and administering the program, the program yielded impressive returns in the advancement of humanistic research in communities across the United States, with 24 grants of up to $225,000 each awarded for use starting in spring 2022. (See full list of awardees on page 64.)

“The National Endowment for the Humanities is grateful to the American Council of Learned Societies for administering American Rescue Plan funding to speed economic recovery within the higher education sector,” said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo). “Our colleges and universities are important centers for public humanities, with immense potential to serve their communities through educational resources and public programs that reach broad audiences. These ARP awards will expand public access to new information and discoveries in the humanities and foster greater collaboration between academic institutions and community partners.”
Left to right: Row 1: Annabel Davis-Goff G’22 with program participants at Great Meadow Correctional Facility (Bennington College); Harriette Moody, Restoring Connections: The South Side Home Movie Project and Cultural Preservation in Chicago; (University of Chicago) Davianna Pōmaika‘i McGregor G’22 and former Hawai‘i governor John Waihe‘e III, Connecting Through Life Histories of Perseverance and Resilience (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa)

Row 3: Brandon Brown G’22, Freedom & Captivity (Colby College); Brenda Lett and Frederick Summers lead a procession to unveil a new marker on the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, BIPOC Monumentality in New Hampshire (University of New Hampshire); Catherine Besteman G’22, F’12, Freedom & Captivity (Colby College); Adrienne Brown G’22 at Home Movie Day at the Green Line Performing Arts Center, Restoring Connections: The South Side Home Movie Project and Cultural Preservation in Chicago (University of Chicago)
Transitions

In awarding its final cohort of 50 fellows in April, the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Program transitioned into the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship Program. Since 2006, the program has supported more than 1,000 early-career scholars. The Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellowship Program, a four-year initiative supporting exceptional faculty at two-year colleges, also named its final cohort of 30 scholars in April.

In May, the Emerging Voices Fellowship Program named its final cohort of 40 scholars. Since 2020, Emerging Voices has supported 132 early-career scholars, many of whom are scholars of color and first-generation scholars.

ACLS named 39 African Humanities Program (AHP) Postdoctoral Fellows as the final cohort of the groundbreaking African Humanities Program in August. Established in 2008 and made possible through generous support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the program has now awarded more than 530 fellowships to scholars based in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda and significantly contributed to strengthening the capacity of early-career researchers at African universities and advancing the humanities.

The momentum generated by AHP will continue through the African Humanities Association, a new learned society founded by AHP Fellows, assessors, and advisers with whom ACLS will continue to partner.

Jane Landers

“The support of ACLS has been critical to my efforts to preserve the history of Africans in the Atlantic World. The records we are saving and making publicly available on the Slave Societies Digital Archive (SSDA) with ACLS support are being used by scholars, by public history groups, and by descendant communities interested in this ‘missing’ history. And with our most recent ACLS Digital Justice Grant, SSDA is training a new generation of minority fellows to continue this work.”

F’13, G’16, G’22 (ACLS Fellow, ACLS Digital Extension Grantee, and ACLS Digital Justice Development Grantee)
Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History
Vanderbilt University
Documenting Impact and Looking Ahead

With the retirement of Director Andrzej Tymowski in 2021 and the arrival of Senior Program Officer Deena Ragavan early in 2022, this was the right time for ACLS to reflect upon our goals and future strategy for programs supporting scholarship focused outside North America. To begin that process of reflection, International Programs hosted a series of Global Engagement Strategy Sessions in March and September, convening ACLS board members, New York-area scholars, graduate students, contingent faculty, and junior faculty, to discuss how ACLS can best promote engagement with scholars and research outside the US.

The International Programs team also coordinated a series of Luce/ACLS China Studies convenings in June, October, and December. These in-person sessions and virtual focus groups will contribute to shaping the ACLS partnership with the Henry Luce Foundation to support China studies.

New Research Fellow Jessica Taylor commenced evaluation and documentation activities for programs supporting public-facing scholarship, with a special focus on the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellowship (2011-2020).

The US Programs team also organized a series of focus groups for faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and invited lead academic administrators at HBCU Associate member schools to provide feedback on the outcomes and ACLS plans for program development to better support faculty at these institutions.

Karen Rader

“The ACLS Sustaining Community Engagement grant has enabled the East Marshall Street Well Project to jump-start the K–12 educational efforts recommended by our descendant community, as well as to engage with local Richmond Public School students around the project. The support the grant provides for community research has further enriched the outcomes of memorialization and telling the history of slavery and its effects at Medical Colleges of Virginia (one of VCU’s initial institutional incarnations). Few available funding streams focus exclusively on the intersection between community engagement and public humanities—ACLS provided this invaluable support for our project at a crucial juncture when we were coming out of the pandemic slow-down and trying to determine our next steps. It allowed us to think creatively and comprehensively about strategies for renewing our work.”

G’22 (ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grantee)
Professor of History
Virginia Commonwealth University
Support for Scholars Before and Beyond the Fellowship or Grant

In addition to its efforts in designing and administering fellowship and grant competitions, ACLS continues to provide valuable professional development resources for both applicants and awardees beyond the award period.

In April, ACLS hosted a free information session on funding opportunities and best practices for applying for faculty at the 15 HBCU Associate member schools as part of Howard University’s Research Month. In addition, ACLS regularly hosts “office hours” sessions during the application period for many of its competitions to answer questions and provide technical assistance to prospective applicants.

Past awardees participated in ACLS professional development workshops, including dissertation workshops for Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellows and Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies awardees; manuscript development workshops for Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies awardees; a webinar on converting the dissertation to a book manuscript for select US Programs awardees; and roundtable discussions and panels on topics including public-facing scholarship and mentorship for Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies awardees.

Members of several cohorts were invited to in-person convenings across the country including meetings of Mellon/ACLS Scholars and Society awardees in Philadelphia in April and Los Angeles in November; an annual residency for Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellows in the History of Art in Los Angeles in July; a seminar in August for Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellows in Minneapolis; and an August retreat in Princeton for The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Fellows in Buddhist Studies.

Xiao Rao

“The Luce/ACLS China Studies fellowship allows me the precious teaching release to focus on my research and book project. The mentor program organized by ACLS also helped me greatly in preparing my manuscript, Tales of Wit and Enlightenment: Buddhism and Entertainment in Song China. It offers a new approach to the study of humor and laughter in premodern China by synthesizing literary and religious perspectives preserved in Middle Period Chinese anecdotal literature.”

F’22 (Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies Early Career Fellow)
Assistant Professor of Chinese
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Within the Academy

Our commitment to humanistic scholarship involves ACLS in many parts of professional and institutional practice. Through initiatives designed to improve practices and processes that were designed in and for a different age, we hope to encourage creativity and experimentation, recognize the full range of scholars’ work, and recruit and retain a more diverse community of scholars.

Now in its second year, the Intention Foundry (IF) convenes scholars, learned societies, and college and university administrators in identifying and collectively building actionable solutions to advancing equity, inclusion, and justice within the academy. In 2022, IF hosted 71 participants including 34 scholars representing 17 learned societies, 15 university interlocutors, and four graduate student assistants in virtual workshops in March and April, followed by in-person convenings in June in Chicago at the Newberry Library and in New York at the CUNY Graduate Center. This work is made possible through the generous support of the Mellon Foundation.

From the Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy, whose formal sessions met in 2021, a networking group has grown, which is collaborating to amplify and connect the efforts of faculty and administrators around the country who are fostering progressive adaptations to the challenges facing the humanities and interpretive social sciences. This group will continue to grow in 2023.

The Luce Design Workshop also set the stage for the introduction of the new Leadership Institute for a New Academy (LINA), made possible through generous funding from the Mellon Foundation. The new program is designed to equip humanists forging career paths in academic administration with the skills, insights, and networks needed to strengthen the humanities and drive forward-looking change in academia. Participants were selected in the fall, and working sessions began in January 2023.

As part of its ongoing commitment to diversifying the academy, ACLS continued its work as administrator for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MMUF). In March, ACLS and the Mellon MMUF team led an annual “Zoom listening tour” of one-on-one virtual sessions with all 55 participating institutions to gain insights on the needs and challenges they face.

### 2022 Design Workshop Networking Group Members

- **Ed Balleisen**, Duke University
- **Mark Bradley**, University of Chicago, American Historical Review
- **Kathleen Canning**, Rice University
- **Jim Grossman**, American Historical Association
- **Dianne Harris**, University of Washington
- **Stacy Hartman**, PublicsLab, CUNY Graduate Center
- **Julia Kent**, Council of Graduate Schools
- **Teresa Mangum**, University of Iowa
- **Chris Thornton**, National Endowment for the Humanities
- **David Scobey**, Bringing Theory to Practice, Elon College
Commission on Fostering and Sustaining Diverse Digital Scholarship

Since November 2021, the ACLS Digital Commission on Fostering and Sustaining Diverse Digital Scholarship has convened both virtually and in person to discuss questions of equitable access in the creation of, access to, and sustainability of digital resources and projects related to social and racial justice.

Funded by the Mellon Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, this assembly of leading scholars, librarians, archivists, publishers, and university administrators have worked with ACLS Vice President James Shulman and Program Officer for Higher Education Initiatives Keyanah Nurse as they engaged in design thinking exercises, round robin discussions, and individual interviews to unearth the active and latent networks that could better support digital scholarship. The final output of the Commission’s work, to be released in 2023, will include a series of recommendations for change within the ecosystem of institutions and infrastructures in which digital resources and scholarship are created, shared, and maintained over time.

Broadening Digital Infrastructure

Explored within the earliest conversations amongst Commissioners, the multifaceted concept of “infrastructure”—as a noun, verb, and adjective—emerged as a critical issue in need of conceptual expansion. Rather than keeping to the notion of infrastructure as limited to the hardware and software that determines the form of digital scholarship, infrastructure has instead been discussed as intersecting sets of dependencies and capacities. The Commission acknowledges an ecosystem where work is distributed and decentralized; where initiatives are independent, entrepreneurial, and often co-created with communities outside of a campus. Providing recommendations for building resilient infrastructures—financial, technological, institutional, relational, and more—that support scholarship, research, cultural memory, accessibility, archiving, and preservation is one of the Commission’s most pressing charges. Most importantly, everyone involved in sustaining digital work needs to grapple with those historical legacies that have marginalized some fields of study both within and outside of the digital realm.

An Ecosystem Approach to Bolstering Digital Humanities

Throughout winter 2022-2023, the Commission’s research staff convened over a dozen focus groups composed of the various constituencies that create, disseminate, and sustain digital scholarship. Participants included:

- Community archivists, including the Manager of Historic and Cultural Preservation Department, Muscogee Creek Nation, and Staff of the Invisible Histories Project
- Former and current ACLS Digital Extension and Digital Justice Grantees
- Fellows of the Council of Library and Information Resources (CLIR)
- Mellon Diversity Publishing Fellows
- Department Chairs of the Modern Language Association (MLA) and the American Historical Association (AHA)
- Directors from university presses
- Deans of Humanities within the ACLS Research University Consortium
- Librarians, archivists, and curators within academic institutions
• Funders with interests in digital scholarship that centers issues of racial and social justice

Digital Justice at ACLS: Where Theory Meets Praxis

The Commission’s insights around the various kinds of infrastructures—technological, human, financial—needed to support digital scholarship have informed other areas of ACLS activity within the ecosystem of digital humanities. In November 2021, ACLS also launched its Digital Justice Grants program, offering financial support to start-up and established digital projects related to racial and social justice. The 2022 grantees (listed on page 48) spanned a range of disciplines, methodologies, and themes from queer digital story mapping to building an institute for empathetic immersive narratives to co-creating a digital archive of and with disabled artists. The program also offered financial coaching from the Nonprofit Finance Fund to grantees as they imagined and articulated the financial resources necessary to sustain their projects beyond their ACLS grant term.

ACLS looks forward to future support for the networks and infrastructures for digital scholarship, and in so doing, to bolstering the capacity of scholars from historically underrepresented backgrounds and/or under-resourced institutions to produce and sustain rigorous, innovative digital humanistic scholarship.

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Exploring the Future of the Dissemination of Humanistic Scholarship

For more than 100 years, ACLS has sought to support the creation and circulation of knowledge that advances understanding of humanity and human endeavors. In 2022, ACLS Vice President James Shulman and Project Manager, Publishing Initiatives Sarah McKee worked with directors of university presses, librarians, and scholars to design a new subscribe-to-open initiative called Path to Open. This pilot will define and test a community-wide effort to aggregate a significant number of frontlist monographs from university presses, distribute them for three years on a subscription basis, and then open them to the world at the end of the embargo period. This group reached out to JSTOR as a collaborator and host for the pilot. The primary goal of the effort is to test and hone a community-wide business model that is financially sustainable for publishers and libraries while making the bibliodiverse work of humanistic scholars significantly more accessible.

The Culmination of the Darwin Correspondence Project

The Darwin Correspondence Project was founded by former ACLS President Frederick Burkhardt upon his retirement in 1974. This expansive, international initiative focused on identifying and publishing transcripts of more than 15,000 letters written by and to Charles Darwin, the influential naturalist. December 2022 marked the publication of the 30th and final volume of “The Correspondence of Charles Darwin” series.

ACLS Chief of Staff Kelly Buttermore has served as the ACLS project manager for this initiative and represented the organization at the Darwin Correspondence Project conveing at the University of Cambridge in July. She will lead ACLS participation in several commemorative events in 2023.

The Excellent Bridge: The Journey of the ACLS Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam

Written by Mary Zurbuchen of the Ford Foundation, The Excellent Bridge documents the history of the ACLS Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam (CEEVN). From 1994-2020, this pioneering organization played an important part in linking western higher education institutions and opportunities with students and scholars in Vietnam. In August, ACLS Chief of Staff Kelly Buttermore traveled to Vietnam to represent ACLS at book launch events in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Sa Pa.

Thought Leadership

In 2022, ACLS continued to serve as a vocal advocate for the humanities and interpretive social sciences, in part by contributing to vital conversations on the material and professional conditions for humanistic scholarship and on current and future directions in specific fields.

In September, ACLS President Joy Connolly debated cultural critic and contributor to The Atlantic Thomas Chatterton Williams at the Atlantic Festival in Washington, DC, on the topic “Are the Classics Over-Rated?”.

Throughout the year, Connolly appeared as a guest lecturer at universities and a featured speaker at several in person and online events. She spent two weeks visiting the University of Pennsylvania, where she served as the inaugural speaker for a new series, the Penn Public Lectures on Classical Antiquity and the Contemporary World. Her lectures, collectively entitled “Co-Creating Antiquities,” called on the field of Greek and Roman studies to engage in a meaningful reckoning with its history. They also advocated for the interconnected study of ancient pasts on a global scale. Other lectures and talks in 2022 included “Co-Creating Knowledge: Collaboration and Change” at the University of
Florida, a workshop on recent approaches to reforming doctoral education in the humanities and social sciences; the GradFUTURES Forum panel “Graduate Education: Then, Now, Next” with award-winning journalist and Fordham University Professor Leonard Cassuto, discussing the definition of a scholar in the 21st century across different cultural contexts; the Rutledge Memorial Lecture in Classics at the University of Tennessee; and a virtual lecture on Greek and Roman history for students from Ukrainian universities, organized by Irene Polinskaya at King’s College London. She also joined representatives from the National Endowment for the Humanities and faculty from the University of Puerto Rico and other institutions for a virtual round table on equity in fellowship competitions and the future of Spanish-language applications for ACLS and other organizations.

ACLS mission and values were also shared by other members of the staff at a variety of events. In addition to continuing to lead the development of the US section of the World Humanities Report, ACLS Vice President James Shulman assumed Connolly’s seat on the American Academy of Arts and Sciences-led Humanities Indicators Advisory Committee, as she completed her service at the end of 2022.

Senior Director of US Programs John Paul Christy addressed Humanities Without Walls, a consortium of humanities centers and institutes at 16 major research universities throughout the Midwest and beyond, about ACLS programs supporting public humanities including the ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship Program, and public events featuring panels highlighting career diversity and opportunities for PhDs beyond academia.

Senior Program Officer for Higher Education Initiatives Jovonne Bickerstaff was a featured panelist for “The Implications of the Dual Pandemics on Doctoral Education–What Do We Do Next?” part of Howard University’s annual Bouchet Fall Forum.

Public Events

In 2022, ACLS presented several public events as part of its “Humanistic Knowledge in the 21st Century” series:

**February 10 – “Change or Be Changed: Designing Solutions for Challenges Facing the Humanities and Social Sciences,”** a virtual discussion that brought together teams from six schools who participated in the Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy and developed practical solutions to common challenges, from declining undergraduate enrollments to faculty diversification. A key lesson: great experiments are going on around the country, but change must be ambitious, connected, systemic, and swift. This event showcased their results and set the stage for further exchange and collaboration. The goal of the event was to make the work visible, to invite collaboration and exchange with others trying to bring about change in the academy, and to determine what collaborative work is needed (transcending any single organization or initiative) to bring about systemic change.

Moderated by ACLS President Joy Connolly, the discussion featured presentations and insights by Jasmine Alinder, Dean of Humanities and Professor, Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz; Amy Cook, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor, Department of English, Stony Brook University; Ari Kelman, Chancellor’s Leadership Professor, Department of History, University of California, Davis; Maria J. Donoghue Velleca, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Professor, Department of Biology, William & Mary; Claire M. Waters, Professor and Chair, Department of English,
University of California, Davis; and Christopher Heath “Kit” Wellman, former Dean of Academic Planning for the College of Arts & Sciences and Professor, Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis.

March 9 – “Career Benefits of a Humanities and Social Sciences Degree.” This virtual event featured a panel reflecting on the value of their humanities and interpretive social sciences degrees in their professional and personal lives. Moderated by ACLS Board Chair William C. Kirby, panelists included Daphra A. Holder, Product Lead, Communities, Meta; Paul S. Sperry, Principal of Sperry-Mitchell; and Dr. Renee Wittemyer, Director of Program Strategy and Investment at Pivotal Ventures, the investment and incubation company created by Melinda Gates.

May 9 – “A Healthy Ecosystem for Humanities Scholarship: The Evolving Role of Open Access,” a virtual panel discussion about the opportunities and challenges associated with open access in higher education today. ACLS Vice President James Shulman moderated the discussion with panelists Brett Bobley, Chief Information Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities; Aileen Fyfe, Professor, University of St. Andrews; Anita Gonzalez, Professor, Georgetown University; Alexia Hudson-Ward, Associate Director of Research and Learning, MIT Libraries; and Alexandra Minna Stern, Professor, University of Michigan.

May 17 – “Beyond the Academy: Pathways to Non-Academic Careers for PhDs,” a virtual conversation among three leaders of major organizations about the concrete paths they took in their careers outside of academia.

ACLS President Joy Connolly moderated a lively discussion with Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuéllar, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Stephanie J. Hull, PhD, President & CEO, Girls, Inc.; and Stephen Kidd, PhD, Executive Director, National Humanities Alliance.

ACLS was founded in 1919 as a delegation to
represent the United States at the first meeting of what would become the Union Académique Internationale (UAI). Today, ACLS continues to be a proud participant in this international federation of humanities and social sciences academies and its biannual meetings in Paris. Over the past century, ACLS has been represented at this prestigious convening by a number of esteemed humanistic scholars including our current delegates, Rosalind I. J. Hackett, Chancellor’s Professor and Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Pauline R. Yu, President Emeritus of ACLS. Past delegates include:

Theodore Andersson
Edward C. Armstrong
Charles H. Beeson
William Berrien
Robert P. Blake
Peter W.H. Brown
Carleton Brown
Curt F. Buhler
Fredrick Burkhardt
John Patrick Carswell
Madeline H. Caviness
Edward Cranz
Austin P. Evans
Tenney Frank
Richard Gottheil
Mortimer Graves
Louis-Herbert Gray
Charles Homer Haskins
Joshua Katz (July-September 2020)
Paul Kroll
George Lacombe
Richard W. Lariviére
Rensselaer Wright Lee
Waldo G. Leland
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Georges Claude May
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Richard H. Shyrock
Oliver Strunk
Richard Talbert
B.L. Ullman
Heinrich von Srbić
John William Ward
G.M. Whicher
Neville John Williams
Eshan Yarshater
Karl Young
2022 ACLS Anniversary Celebration

On September 19, 2022, ACLS hosted a festive 103rd anniversary celebration at the New York Historical Society.

More than 80 guests joined ACLS President Joy Connolly and ACLS staff and board for “Perspectives from the Provost’s Office,” a panel discussion on the current state of and challenges related to sustaining and growing the humanities and social sciences in higher education. The panel featured New York-area provosts Georgina Dopico, Interim Provost of New York University; Wendy Hensel, Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost, the City University of New York; Jeffrey Robinson, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Rutgers University-Newark; Kanwal Singh, Provost of Sarah Lawrence College; and Renée White, Provost of The New School.

Connolly introduced the discussion by describing the role ACLS plays in connecting conversations and partners around collective solutions and action. “ACLS sits in the middle of the flows of all the conversations and debates happening right now,” she explained. “We see our role as connecting those conversations and those who are aligned in our mission to advance humanistic study and knowledge in higher education and society.”
Clockwise: Joy Connolly leads a toast with guests; “Perspectives from the Provost’s Office” panelists; Jeffrey Robinson, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Rutgers University-Newark, with Charlton McIlwain, Vice Provost for Faculty Engagement and Development and Professor of Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University; John F. Kutsko, former Executive Director, Society of Biblical Literature.
President’s Report to the Council
Welcome to the ACLS Annual Meeting. I’m Joy Connolly, and I am honored to serve as the president of the American Council of Learned Societies, and I’m very happy to see you all here. If I’m saying that for the third or fourth time, just please know that the repetition means an amplification of excitement on my part. Honestly, it is very good to see everyone in person after two years of seeing everyone in the “Hollywood Squares” on my computer screen.

I want to take this opportunity to talk with you about our views at ACLS on change in academia—change in culture, values, vision, and institutional practices—particularly in the humanities and interpretive social sciences. I want to shine a light on our thinking about why we think change is so urgent, and how our thinking about change underpins the strategic directions we are pursuing. Some of this work is well known to some of you; some of it is known slightly to many of you. I hope that this review will be useful to everyone, regardless of your familiarity with movements for change in the humanities and social sciences.

First, an extremely brief overview of our community and our work as a whole, which I offer because as I talk with different members of different constituencies, I am occasionally brought face to face with the fact that not all of you always know about ACLS’s work in different sectors. If you forgive me for a small indulgence in alliteration: we work with schools, scholars, societies, and the system of higher education—although with regard to that last term I always think of (Executive Officer of the Society for Biblical Literature) John Kutsko’s wise comment that higher education, for better and worse, is a “system-less system.”

First, our work with scholars. You heard the Fellows and Scholars Panel earlier today, so you know we have been distributing about $25 million per year in recent years in fellowships and grants directly to scholars. I want to underscore that in US Programs, where Senior Director John Paul Christy oversees the majority of our programs, in International Programs, where recently arrived Program Officer Deena Ragavan is learning the ropes, in the President’s Office, where Senior Program Officer Jovonne Bickerstaff runs the Emerging Voices Fellowship, and in Vice President James Shulman’s office, which manages the Digital Justice Grants, the work that goes on behind the scenes is not just administering the competitions. My colleagues offer extensive support to scholars, including professional development, dissertation and manuscript workshops, cohort building, and professional advice. This list represents the extraordinary amount of energy and time that ACLS staff expend on scholars—on applicants as well as winners of our scholarships.
Second, societies: perhaps best known to most people in this room, there are 78 learned society members, and we are diversifying to include more member societies. This is a priority for us in this coming year. In particular, we hope to recruit and serve more societies working in interdisciplinary areas; for example, in ethnic and other interdisciplinary studies, where students are flocking in greater numbers and we think we can use a boost.

Third, we work with schools: our ACLS Research University Consortium, now with 41 members across the country, and about 225 Associated institutions. Fourth and last, we work with the system of higher education: this will be the focus of the rest of my comments today.

In my view, at ACLS, “system work” is shorthand for change acceleration. We see our role at ACLS not as inventing great ideas or directing change, but rather connecting people and accelerating and amplifying change—because it is happening all around us, and many of you in this room are leading it. Let me offer a few examples of the contexts in which we are trying to do this. Many of you will have heard about our work in the Luce Design Workshop for a New Academy earlier this morning. The Mellon Intention Foundry is a second ACLS change acceleration effort, this one engaged with learned society leadership and emerging scholars of color. Third, a new initiative, for which we just received funding by the Mellon Foundation this year by way of a pilot, is called LINA—the Leadership Institute for a New Academy.

Like many of you in this room, we at ACLS are privileged, pleased, intrigued, and always stimulated by the conversations we have across the country with graduate students, emerging scholars, recent PhDs, faculty, administrators, PhDs working outside the academy, with people hiring PhDs outside the academy—in short, a gigantic number of inputs that are informing the way we think about the state of the humanities and social sciences, and that considerably influence our sense of how we can best strengthen humanistic scholarship. I want to emphasize this point in particular, in case you think we have fallen victim to some Messiah complex: we are very well aware that we at ACLS are just one group. From the NHA to the SSRC and many others, there are many partners in this work: a key part of our mission and our commitment is to collaborate with other groups in our broadly aligned missions.

I want to talk about the conditions in the United States as I look out to you, keeping in mind all these inputs today. But I am not going to jump straight into data about undergraduate enrollment or the job market, because while I feel a great temptation to do that—being as I am practical-minded in my day to day work—to start there would be to ignore the crucially important question that provides the conceptual frame for meaningful discussion on the conditions of the humanities and social sciences in the US today. You have all thought about these questions in many different ways over the years, I know, and that question is: “What is the role of humanities and interpretative social sciences in the university today?” I underline “in the university”: I am not talking about the society or the world right now; I am focused on academic production, on scholarly work.

There are many ways to answer this question. Among all of them, I have decided to follow the prompt of Bill Readings’ 1994 book, *The University in Ruins*. Readings argued that in the early nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the University (by which he mainly means the North American research university) had a clear mission: to uphold the cultural fabric of the modern nation. One of the threads running through his book, and something that we think about all the time at ACLS, is how the values of the research university and its rewards system and internal metrics sometimes quite perniciously (and sometimes inspiring) permeate and influence the whole system-less system, including liberal arts colleges and many kinds of institutions in state systems that do not officially define themselves as research
universities. (This ability to permeate makes “the University” a good place to start as a working phrase, because it is a shared reference point even if it is not a shared experience for everyone in the academy. My use of the phrase “the University” does not mean that ACLS does not have in mind the many kinds of institutional expressions of scholarship that live outside the research university. We must find a way into these complicated questions, and I want to be transparent about mine.)

Readings believes, as I said, that the mission of the University, including all these different institutions, was to uphold the fabric of the modern nation, by which he means that the university was the producer, protector, and inculcator of national culture. In the nineteenth century and early twentieth century, this is “culture” in the Arnoldian sense of the word: “the best that has been thought and said.” By the late twentieth century, there are radical changes—globalization in particular, on the level of the nation, the corporation, the academy. Universities and colleges started to recruit students and faculty from all over the world, and this globalized and globalizing shift that occurred after WWII is just one of the factors that made that historical, national mission of the university no longer tenable. Readings makes it very clear that the place of humanities and interpretive social sciences became especially precarious because our nation-based departments of literature and culture, and our self-definitions in terms of discipline, made us central to that old mission—but what were we supposed to do in this new system? This is what led to what Readings scathingly calls “the world of producing excellence.”

Readings was tragically killed in a plane crash before he could even finish his book at the age of 35, but the rather roughly drafted final chapters call on readers to confront the consequences of globalization. Readings was under no illusion, and neither am I, nor are any of us at ACLS, that this would be easy. Readings wrote, “an order of knowledge and an institutional structure are breaking down, and in their place comes the discourse of excellence that tells teachers and students simply not to worry about how things fit together, since that is not their problem. All they have to do is get on with doing what they have always done, and the general question of integration will be resolved by the administration with the help of grids that chart the achievement of goals” in achieving excellence, whatever that might be. To take responsibility for devising a new mission, instead of leaving it to corporate or quasi-corporate powers, meant constructing a new, shifting disciplinary structure that moves beyond custom and nostalgia “to think the social bond without recourse to a unifying idea, whether of culture or the state” (Readings, 1994: 191).

Readings feared that administrative powers and priorities that shape the university had sadly come true in many schools where changes and departmental structure and curriculum were being driven by budget rather than academic mission or intellectual reasoning. I share his worry about the loss of a guiding mission for the humanities and social sciences that is or can be meaningful to increasingly diverse faculty, students, administrators, and the public. I share his belief that faculty and students must take on this responsibility even if they are not feeling the direct pinch of reduction and cuts.

But I disagree with him strongly in wanting to do this work without recourse to “a unifying idea.” Readings says, in a post-structuralist mode, that we are past unifying ideas, that we cannot use them. But I think there is one unifying idea that we can rescue. It is the world itself, the whole world. This thought is beautifully expressed here in the quotation you have on the table in front of you, by Hannah Arendt. In her essay “Introduction Into Politics,” Arendt wasn’t talking about higher education, but her words are useful nonetheless. She said, “If someone wants to see and experience the world as it ‘really’ is, he can do so only by understanding it as something that is shared by many people, lies between them, separates and
links them, showing itself differently to each and comprehensible only to the extent that many people talk about it and exchange their opinions and perspectives with one another, over against one another” (128). Arendt is talking about world-making, the creation of a shared world of thought, creativity, experiment, and common purpose—the place where the exchange that is key to democratic politics can happen, and the individuality of human beings is made visible, and their value as human beings is thus preserved. Arendt saw the purpose of the university as enabling this worldmaking because it convenes people around the activity of talking together about texts, ideas, works of art, or historical events.

For Arendt, to stop thinking, to become thought-less, as she believed Nazis like Adolf Eichmann became thought-less, is to lose the world: it means losing the public space we humans hold in common, where we can speak and act as free political beings. To think, to be thoughtful, is to build and keep building and preserving the plural world of human affairs. Arendt took from Kant the conviction that thinking helps us handle human unpredictability and plurality because it leads to the enlargement of the mind, increasing the thinker’s ability to understand the world from different perspectives, and to form good judgments on the basis of that understanding. So she enjoined educators to teach not “how to live the good life”—and this lesson is so important for us to think about today, in a world where moral prescription has entered academia in ways we need to think more carefully about—Arendt said that we can’t teach students morals or belief systems, but “what the world is like” and how to talk about it. This education, she thought, would make students into “world-builders” “in love with the world,” in her phrase, committed to repairing and renewing it.1

I survey the promise of this high purpose that Arendt articulates so eloquently against Bill Reading’s story about mission loss in the University, and I come back to our scholarly structure and our scholarly habits. I ask my colleagues and all of you: are these sufficient to match the needs of the world today? So far, while well-funded institutions have decided to stick with the national linguistic divisions of languages and literatures and histories, many underfunded ones have gone global, making departments of world culture, world literature, humanities, social sciences. But these institutions tend to be driven by dollars rather than intellectual mission. I say this with respect to schools where this is not the case, but in general, when you talk to faculty who are in schools where departments have been created by bringing departments together into large conglomerate departments, they will tell you it’s a “dollar story,” not an intellectual decision. Meanwhile, our world is getting smaller because of technology and easy travel and economic and academic globalization, especially as groups historically separated by states come into closer and closer contact with one another, and unfortunately conflict is often the result.

The work, it seems to me, that most urgently needs to be done is the work of bridging national, linguistic, cultural, and religious divides. Building that into the way we group ourselves and design curricula would mean giving equal time and energy to preserving the specificity of human experience in the groups peoples have formed over time (that’s our current mode) and to connecting, communicating, comparing, contrasting, and mutually understanding the results of our studies in the global context. This latter trend is one we should accelerate.

I’ve talked so far about Arendt’s conception of the world we make through study, but now I want to think more narrowly about the scholarship humanists do, so my picture will be a bit smaller scale. Think about humanistic scholarship as a house. The foundations are laid and the first walls are built by scholars of

past generations, and later scholars add onto it. The house gets larger over time. It stops being a place for people to live and becomes a thing of beauty that we preserve for its own sake. We paint it, we decorate it; we build porches and parapets; we see how high we can build our towers, just because we can. Not only is it true that there’s nothing wrong in all this; there’s something deeply comforting in being part of an intergenerational assemblage. But at the end of the day, the house of humanistic scholarship has to be a place for people to live—where they can transform and build a common world—a world that is truly global.

One of the most exciting developments in the humanities over the past 30 years or so is the way scholars have been treating the action of inviting more people into the house. When I was a graduate student in the 1990s in this very city at the University of Pennsylvania, the model in many fields, including my own, was this: open the doors and windows wide and let different people in. Now, the paradigm has changed, I think for the better. I think we have begun to understand that when you open the doors wide enough, and the windows and the chimneys for that matter, you need to redesign the whole house. You need to change the structure. From a house whose doors we push open, we’re moving to something closer to a stoa or a hutong or even a cleared field marked by moveable boundary stones. (Though I should say when I shared this image with a bunch of graduate students, they said, “No, not a field! We need some protection; we need a roof!”)

Let me tease out this point for a few minutes in terms of what is going on in this field, hutong, or stoa. What happens in it? We have seen for some decades now at least four new directions in humanistic scholarship that I think amount to a quiet revolution. First, scholars are exploring new ways to circulate knowledge, including multi-media publications, graphic novels, team-written essays, work that incorporates creative writing or memoir, the building of archives, and the building of maps. You can see the range here, including what we might call basic research all the way to work verging on the creative arts. Secondly, and I see this especially among the upcoming generation of emerging scholars, though it is not limited to them, an uptick in scholar-activism: for example, research on voter turnout that includes getting out the vote, or research into public health or environmental problems that incorporates community-driven proposals: this work is often undertaken by teams of people, including undergraduates working with faculty. Thirdly, community-engaged research, where scholars work directly on cultivating and disseminating knowledge with many different people: speakers of indigenous languages, communities eager to understand their own past who have everything to contribute to writing it, people trying to imagine a better world in their communities, including their pasts—and also scholars in other departments and disciplines and in professional schools as well as schools of arts and science. Finally, and I know these categories overlap, comparative, transnational, and transregional scholarship, which frame questions at the margins or on the borders of states. Such projects compare the “I” in a lyric poem written in Uzbekistan with one in São Paulo, or study concepts of criminal justice across the ancient near east, Egypt, and Greece, or economic developments in agrarian cultures across the global south. These scholars are exploring new ways to circulate knowledge, including multimedia publications, graphic novels, team-written essays, work that incorporates creative writing or memoir.

You will have noted that these four directions are difficult or impossible to pursue (at least in their best possible form) in isolation. They involve acts of co-creation. Anyone who has done this work can tell you about its enormously generative effects—but they will also tell you that it is often unpredictable and difficult to contain within our familiar academic units, such as the seminar timetable or the semester
calendar or the department funding, which doesn’t easily allow for the compensation of people outside the academy, say, community members who are crucial to the writing and guiding the shape of public history. All four of these directions, and their emphasis on collaboration, relationality, context, and memory, have the potential to (and often do) respond constructively to the critique of the European thought-world made by scholars like the eminent theorist and critic Sylvia Wynter, who points out that “our present arrangements of knowledge were put in place in the nineteenth century” to serve the interests of imperialist Europe.

Scholars have been doing this work for decades. But for many reasons, much of it—work that is collaborative or written in the vernacular or expresses itself in activity beyond peer-reviewed publications—tends to run into problems when it encounters the rules and habits of the university as it is currently institutionalized. And this, given the real challenges right ahead of us, is a serious problem that deserves our close collective attention. All these diverse inputs from all over the country tell us that the four directions I just mentioned are not rewarded as consistently as they deserve. The path is a lot smoother for traditional monographs and articles on more and more highly specialized topics.

Many scholars, particularly scholars of color, women, scholars who were first in their families to go to college, scholars from poor families, and immigrant scholars, will call out the problems with this increased specialization more bluntly. These scholars (and here I am channeling many conversations I have held over the past several years) feel pressured not only to produce ever more specialized knowledge, but to do so in isolation and in an artificial language that limits their audience and impact. Worse, it demands they assimilate themselves into structures designed to perpetuate worldviews in which they are marginalized, excluded, or devalued. As Sylvia Wynter would say, the distinctive contributions of minoritized perspectives and discourses risk being lost—and here I also cite the insights of Gayatri Spivak, Kandice Chuh, Roderick Ferguson, and Grace Hong, to name a few. The limited forms of acceptable scholarly expression build walls between the scholar and the public world they hope to reach—or as Arendt would put it, the world they are trying to build in common.

This is why we at ACLS, and in our societies, are working on how to accelerate acceptance of plurality in scholarship, in academic achievement, and in scholarly work more broadly. We are seeking a plural approach to defining what counts in the production and circulation of knowledge, one that takes seriously the goals of inclusive world-making and world-transformation on a global scale, rather than privileging work that reinforces the world’s divisions.

This means thinking differently about doctoral education, the requirements for tenure and promotion, the forms scholarship is permitted to take, the shape of scholarly groupings in the university, and what we choose to reward in terms of faculty activity in the university. It means we are asking ourselves tough questions about the rationale behind the ever-higher value placed on certain kinds of work, while our undergraduate and public audiences diminish.

This is why ACLS applied for and won a $3.5 million grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support publicly engaged scholarship, which echoes in spirit and in topic many of the topics pursued by our scholars and other ACLS fellowship winners. The Mellon Intention Foundry, which I mentioned earlier, brings scholarly society directors together in a mix of online, intensive workshops and this year, in-person workshops in Chicago and New York. This will be a wonderful way to help the Mellon Foundation learn about our work together to advance diversity and equity in the academy—and not just Mellon, but many other partners as well. Our Design Workshop for a New Academy is another
attempt to accelerate change. Thirdly, I mention once more LINA, our Leadership Institute for a New Academy. We will roll this out next summer. This first pilot year will bring in sitting deans or recently serving deans for humanities or arts and sciences: the idea is to equip (to arm, if I may use the military metaphor) these deans and recent deans with tactics and strategies from understanding university budgets, to tactical understanding of how university hierarchies work, so that these people can go out and advocate for the humanities and social sciences—to fight for more territory than we have now, to flip the narrative of preservation and defense to one of growth and change.

I’ll be blunt as I draw to a close. One of the major obstacles to change in the humanities is ourselves: our passions and comfort zones. Consider the demographics of the arts and science professoriate. Faculty in American research universities are overwhelmingly white and come from better-off, well-educated families. A 2021 study from the University of Colorado of over 7,000 faculty across eight disciplines in the arts and sciences showed that today’s PhDs grew up in households with incomes roughly 25% above the US median. It also showed that faculty are 25 times more likely to have a parent with a PhD.

The second challenge we see—and you know this well—is the decline in majors and enrollments. This problem is exacerbated by the fact that it affects so many different schools in so many different ways, which means it’s difficult to get our arms around the whole problem and think collectively about it. Decline in undergraduate majors and enrollments leads to the third problem, which is the decline in faculty hiring that has made the job market such a horror for so many of our graduate and doctorate students. The answer, in my view, is not to decrease the number of graduate students getting degrees, but to increase the number of students on the undergraduate side who need our teaching and our knowledge and who will benefit from it and help us spread it outside the walls of the academy. Undergraduates should be flocking to our fields! That’s our view.

The good news is many faculty are trying to think different, if you don’t mind me quoting the Apple ad: we are trying to reach more students, and we do have the purpose of revitalizing the creation of knowledge by reframing its scope in many ways. I will end with this: We are trying to keep our eyes on the great purpose and promise of humanistic scholarship in the world. This leads to grandiose language: claims, exhortations, and aspirational words. These are good! We need them: we need to share our best words with each other to do this work together. But I know very well from my administrative experience that great ideas, eloquent language, and acute analyses of the problems are just not enough. We need to think together about real-world embodied processes and the ways we can work together step by step, year by year, probably a multi-generational project, to change the world for the better, to make the academy a place where true world making can happen. Talk should be a plural enterprise, so I will now open it up to questions. Thank you very much.²

² Parts of this Report will also appear in my essay for Divided Worlds? Interdisciplinary and Contemporary Challenges in Classics and New Testament Studies, forthcoming later in 2023 from SBL Press. My thanks to editors Caroline Johnson Hodge, Timothy Joseph, and Tat-siong Benny Liew for their permission to use this material here.
Put another way, time in comics moves by the way of space.

Consequently, in comics that are quintessentially sequential, it is tempting to read each panel as a moment in time.

But as others have pointed out, time in comics is more complex than that.
“The medium we think in defines what we can see”

Nick Sousanis

“We measure and perceive [time] through the memory of experience.”

Will Eisner

“There is no future. There is no past... Time is simultaneous, an intricately structured jewel that humans insist on viewing one edge at a time, when the whole design is visible in every facet.”

Alan Moore

“...graphic narrative is about the discursive presentation of time and space on the page.’

Hillary Chute

“The weirdness of time in comics is part of the medium’s force as a storytelling form.”

Hillary Chute

2022 Fellowship and Grant Competition Awardees

Page from 2021 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Kay Sohini’s graphic dissertation, “Drawing Unbelonging”.
ACLS is committed to maintaining the highest standards in the administration of our programs and the ways we support the hundreds of fellows and grantees we award each year. ACLS continues to develop programming to increase engagement with and among fellows and grantees around the world, with the goal of providing networks of support concerning issues of societal engagement, public scholarship, and diverse career pathways for PhDs. We work closely with scholarly communities, partners, and allies in Africa, Europe, Eurasia, and North America as part of our ongoing efforts to advance the growth and circulation of humanistic study. ACLS continually and intensively assesses and refines each of our programs—application materials, related outreach and promotion, nominating procedures, review processes, and support to awardees. As a result, our awardees are more diverse than ever, and we will continue to develop and expand programs that represent the highest standard of inclusive excellence in the quality of the scholarship we support.

ACLS Digital Justice Grantees

This new program recognizes digital humanities projects focused on the histories and cultures of historically marginalized communities. By supporting projects that diversify the digital domain, advance justice and equity in digital scholarly practice, and contribute to public understanding of racial and social justice issues, the program seeks to address inequities in tools and support for digital work among scholars working with under-utilized or understudied source materials and those in institutions with less support for digital projects.

The program offers Digital Justice Seed Grants for projects at early stages of development and Digital Justice Development Grants for projects that have advanced beyond the start-up or early phases of development. All grantees receive access to tailored coaching from the Nonprofit Finance Fund in planning for the long-term stewardship and sustainability of their projects.

The program is made possible by a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

ACLS Digital Justice Seed Grantees

The Afterlife of the 1988 Chilean Plebiscite (Chile 88)

Jennifer Ashley, Principal Investigator (PI), George Mason University

Jason Heppel, George Mason University

Hernán Adasme Herrera, George Mason University

Towards Digital Justice: Developing US Citizenship Application and Website with Refugees & Immigrants

Sweta Baniya, Co-PI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Katrina Powell, Co-PI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Rochester Digital Annotation Project

Joel Burges, PI, University of Rochester

Steven Fullwood, Nomadic Archivists Project

Miranda Mims, University of Rochester Libraries

Tara Nelson, Visual Studies Workshop

Decriminalize Survival: An Archive of Activism

Alisa Bierria, Co-PI, University of California, Los Angeles

Jakeya Caruthers Co-PI, Drexel University

Emily Thuma, Co-PI, University of Washington Tacoma
The Personal Writes the Political: Rendering Black Lives Legible Through the Application of Machine Learning to Anti-Apartheid Solidarity Letters

Stephen Robert Davis, Co-PI, University of Kentucky

William Mattingly, Co-PI, Smithsonian Institute

Recovering the Histories of Land Treaties in East and Southern Africa

Ng’ang’a Muchiri, Co-PI, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Adrian Wisnicki, Co-PI, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Building an Institute for Empathetic Immersive Narrative

Eric Lyon, Co-PI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Wallace Lages, Co-PI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Tyechia Lynn Thompson, Co-PI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Reco(r)dig CripTech

Elizabeth McLain, PI, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Veronica Stanich, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Daragh Byrne, Carnegie Mellon University

ACLS Digital Justice Development Grantees

La cultura cura: Digital Equity and Justice for Mexican American Art Since 1848

Contance Cortez, Co-PI, The University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley

Advisory board for the ACLS Digital Justice Seed Grant to build an Institute for Empathetic Immersive Narrative at Virginia Tech. Left to right: Amanda Hodes, Bryan Carter, Ashley Shew, Riham Alieldin, Tyechia Thompson, Damon Davis, Eric Lyon, Wallace Santos Lages, Al Evangelista.
Karen Mary Davalos, Co-PI, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Speaking into Silences: Building Community Archives across the Puerto Rican Archipelago

Ricia Chansky, PI, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Jaquelina Alvarez, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Jose J. Morales Benitez, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Honoring Indigenous Community Knowledge: Expanding the Genoa Indian School Digital Reconciliation Project Beyond the Government Archive

Susana Geliga, PI, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Elizabeth Lorang, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Chesapeake Heartland: An African American Humanities Project

Adam Goodheart, Co-PI, Washington College

Patrick Nugent, Co-PI, Washington College

Carolyn Brooks, Washington College

Airlee Ringgold Johnson, Washington College

Recruiting and Training the Next Generation of Slave Societies Digital Archive (SSDA) Scholars

Jane Landers, PI, Vanderbilt University

Daniel Genkins, Vanderbilt University

Recovering, Indexing and Digitizing Missing Northeast Slavery Records

Judy-Lynne Peters, PI, City University of New York, John Jay College

Ned Benton, City University of New York, John Jay College

The arqive: An LGBTQ Digital Storytelling Map

Cynthia Wang, PI, California State University, Los Angeles

John Hurley, California State University, Los Angeles

Zachary Vernon, California State University, Los Angeles

Tyechia Thompson

“Our project has benefited from the conversations with our advisory board and the other ACLS awardees. We are now aware of some blind spots in our thinking about how we will engage various communities as we build our Institute for Empathic Immersive Narrative. The project in our next iteration will be enhanced because we are seeking input.”

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
ACLS Emerging Voices Fellows

ACLS launched the Emerging Voices Fellowship program in May 2020 to support early-career scholars in the humanities and interpretive social sciences facing a challenging academic job market. For the third and final cohort, ACLS redesigned the program to best serve those who received their doctorates just before or during the pandemic. Program awardees are placed in two-year residential fellowships at an ACLS Research University Consortium institution for academic years 2022-23 and 2023-24. During the first year, fellows also participate in a customized colloquium on entering the professoriate. In the second year, they will join projects at their host institutions.

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PhD, Art History and Visual Culture, Duke University
Hosted by University of Utah

Chandana Anusha
PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology, Yale University
Hosted by Northwestern University

Geronimo Barrera
PhD, Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
Hosted by Brown University

Suzanne F. Boswell
PhD, English Literature, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Hosted by New York University

Trish Bredar
PhD, English, University of Notre Dame
Hosted by Northwestern University
Thabisile Griffin F’21 (right) leads a panel at the “Blueprints for Undercommons: Local and Global Wildness” series, which she organized as an ACLS Emerging Voices Fellow at Columbia University. The event was held at the Schomburg Center in New York, NY in April 2022.

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PhD, English, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Hosted by University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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Hosted by University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

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Hosted by University of California, Berkeley

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Hosted by Emory University

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Hosted by Arizona State University

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PhD, Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Arizona  
Hosted by University of California, Santa Barbara

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Hosted by University of California, Davis
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Hosted by Duke University

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Hosted by Princeton University

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Hosted by Rutgers University-New Brunswick

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Hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Hosted by Johns Hopkins University

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Hosted by University of California, Davis

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ACLS Fellows

The ACLS Fellowship Program is the oldest and among the most popular in the ACLS portfolio. Reflecting our core belief that diversity enhances the scholarly enterprise, these fellowships recognize academic excellence among scholars working across all sectors of higher education as well as independent scholars. The program spans the broad spectrum of humanities and interpretive social sciences.

For the 2022-23 competition year, with the disproportionate effect the current economic downturn has on emerging, independent, and untenured scholars, ACLS continued to offer these fellowships solely to untenured scholars who have earned the PhD within eight years of the application deadline.

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The Care of Foreigners

Marwan M. Kraidy

“Ute and I believe that ACLS does important and meaningful work. With a total of 43 countries involved (22 Arab countries and 21 Latin American countries) and a history of migration and exchange between the two regions dating back centuries, there is a burgeoning community of scholars in the humanities and interpretive social sciences who are working in this area, and we are excited to foster their growth and research [through the ACLS Marwan M. and Ute Kraidy Centennial Fellowship in the Study of the Arab World and Latin America].”

F’14 (ACLS/NEH International and Area Studies Fellow)  
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Northwestern University in Qatar  
Professor of Communication and Anthony Shadid Chair in Global Media, Politics, and Culture, Northwestern University  
Member, ACLS Board of Directors
Bench Ansfield
Postdoctoral Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University
*Born in Flames: Racial Finance and the Underwriting of Incendiary Cities*

Maria Beliaeva Solomon
Assistant Professor, French and Italian, University of Maryland, College Park
*Recovering the Revue des colonies (1834-1842): the First French Periodical by and for People of Color*

Damiano Benvegnu
Senior Lecturer, French and Italian, Dartmouth College
*The Fascist Forest: Mussolini’s Trees and the Ecological Legacy of Fascism*

Elizabeth Bernick
Fellow, Drawings Department, J. Paul Getty Museum
*Reading Between the Lines: How New Chain Line Evidence Can Answer Old Questions About Raphael’s Roman Circle and the Leonardeschi in Milan*

Samantha Billing
Postdoctoral Fellow, History, Pennsylvania State University
*Making the Miskitu: Indigenous Ethnogenesis in Colonial Central America*

Isacar Bolaños
Assistant Professor, History, California State University, Long Beach
*The Nature of Ottoman Iraq: Environmental Management at the Margins of Empire, 1831-1917*

Melissa Burch
Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
*Afterlives of Conviction: Work, Race and the Criminal Records Complex*

Naomi T. Campa
Assistant Professor, Classics, University of Texas at Austin
*I Do What I Want: Freedom and Power in Classical Athens*

Allison Caplan
Assistant Professor, History of Art and Architecture, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Indigenous Art Theory under the Aztec Empire*

Ryan P. Clasby
Independent Scholar
*The Art and Archaeology of the Upper Amazon Monograph Project*

Aris Moreno Clemons
Assistant Professor, Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
*Speaking Race: Linguistic Profiling and Ethno-Racial Development Among Dominican(-American) High School Students*
Andrea Comiskey
Visiting Lecturer, Film & Media Studies, University of Pittsburgh
*The Poetics of Stop-Motion Animation*

Diego Mauricio Cortes
Assistant Professor, Communication and the Arts, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
*Modernizing through Electronic and Digital Media: Transnational Evangelicalism and Indigenous Cultures in the Andes*

Catherine Quan Damman
Lecturer, Art History & Archaeology, Columbia University
*Performance: A Deceptive History*

Emmalon Davis
Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
*Paradoxes of Resistance: Maria Stewart's Political Philosophy*

Susan Bilynskyj Dunning
Junior Fellow, Classics, University of Oxford
*Literary, Epigraphic, and Artistic Representations of People as Gods in the Roman World*
*ACLS Barrington Foundation Centennial Fellow*

Cesar D. Favila
Assistant Professor, Musicology, University of California, Los Angeles
*Immaculate Sounds: The Musical Lives of Nuns in New Spain*
*ACLS Susan McClary and Robert Walser Fellow*

Stephanie Fortado
Lecturer, Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
*Race, Recreation and Rebellion: Public Parks, Policing and Black Youth in Cleveland, Ohio, 1932-2020*

Nancy O. Gallman
Assistant Professor, History, Lewis & Clark College
*A Cross-Cultural History of Law in the Florida Borderlands, 1784-1845*
*ACLS Oscar Handlin Fellow*

David Newman Glovsky
Visiting Assistant Professor, Africana Studies, Boston University
*Alternative Geographies: Mobility, Citizenship and Autonomy in a West African Borderland*
*ACLS Centennial Fellow in the Dynamics of Place*

Holly Guise
Assistant Professor, History, University of New Mexico
*Alaska Native Nations: The First Peoples of the Last Frontier During World War II*

Piphal Heng
Interim Associate Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Religious Change, Theravada Buddhism, Political Economy, and Urban Transformation in Early Modern Cambodia (15th-18th century)

Roberto Alexander Herrera
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Science, City University of New York, Medgar Evers College
*Comparative Analyses of the Aguas Buenas Period Sites of Cantarero and Pejeperro*

Brian A. Horton
Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Brandeis University
*Shimmers of the Fabulous: Public Sex and Intimate Touch in Queer and Trans Bombay*

Margaret Huettl
Assistant Professor, History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
*Gichigami: An Anishinaabe History of Lake Superior*
Tina A. Irvine  
Visiting Scholar, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University Bloomington  
*Americanizing Appalachia: Mountain Reform and the Pursuit of a White American Identity, 1890-1933*

Eliseo Jacob  
Master Instructor, World Languages & Cultures, Howard University  
*Masculinidades Marginales: Race, Gender, and the City in 21st Century Latin American Literature*

Amy E. Jones Haug  
Postdoctoral Scholar, Education Policy and Social Analysis, Teachers College, Columbia University  
*How Did Affirmative Action Turn Into Diversity and What Has It Done To Our Democracy?*

Ceyda Karamursel  
Assistant Professor, History, SOAS, University of London  
*The Sack and the Bowstring: A Global History of Ottoman Slavery and Freedom*

Caitlin Keliiaa  
Assistant Professor, Feminist Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz  
*Unsettling Domesticity: Native Women and 20th-Century US Indian Policy in the San Francisco Bay Area*

Sohaib Khan  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Yale University  
*Translating Capitalism: How Muslim Jurists and Bankers Invented Shari’a Compliant Finance*

Anna Levett  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Comparative Literature, Oberlin College  
*Become Other: Sufism, Surrealism, and the Arab Mediterranean*  
ACLS Pauline Yu Fellow

Elizabeth Lhost  
Lecturer, History, Dartmouth College  
*A Moral Hazard? Risk, Religion, and Modern Finance in the Indian Ocean World*

Eliseo Jacob F’22 is interviewed on the Trajetos podcast by Sacolinha, a writer from the outskirts of São Paulo, Brazil. Jacob is analyzing Sacolinha’s work as part of his project, *Masculinidades Marginales: Race, Gender, and the City in 21st Century Latin American Literature*. 
Tian Li
Postdoctoral Associate, East Asian Languages and Literatures, Yale University
Screen-capitalism: Transnational Korean Screen Culture in Postsocialist China
ACLS Yvette and William Kirby Centennial Fellow

Philip Longo
Lecturer, Writing Program, University of California, Santa Cruz
Circles of Sex: The Queer Origins of the Sexual Revolution

Andrea Marston
Assistant Professor, Geography, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Subterranean Matters: Unearthing the Seams of Plurinational Bolivia

Isidora K. Miranda
Postdoctoral Scholar, Musicology and Ethnomusicology, Vanderbilt University
Colonial Dissonance: Tagalog Sarsuwela and the Politics of Difference in Inter-imperial Philippines

Aisha Motlani
Lecturer, Art History, Theory and Criticism, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Darshan and Disenchantment: Painting Worship in India, 1861-1947

Juliet Nebolon
Assistant Professor, American Studies, Trinity College
Settler Militarism: World War II in Hawai‘i and the Making of US Empire

Brianna Nofil
Assistant Professor, History, William & Mary
Detention Power: American Jails and the Origins of Immigrant Incarceration

Eleanor Paynter
Postdoctoral Fellow, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
Emergency in Transit: Witnessing Contemporary Migration “Crises” through Testimony and Colonial Memory in Italy

Naomi Ruth Pitamber
Assistant Professor, Art History, Eastern Michigan University
Replacing Byzantium: Laskarid Urban Environments and the Landscape of Loss (1204-1261)

Mars Plater
Visiting Assistant Professor, History, Dickinson College
Poor People’s Parks: The Rise of Environmental Inequality and Resistance in Nineteenth-Century New York City

Ava Purkiss
Assistant Professor, American Culture and Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Fit Citizens: A History of Black Women’s Exercise from Post-Reconstruction to Postwar America

Alexandra L. Quantrill
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University
Electric Women: The Techno-Feminist Modernism of the Electrical Association for Women

Justin Randolph
Assistant Professor, History, Texas State University
Mississippi Law: The Long Crisis of Policing and Reform in America’s Black Countryside, 1890 to 1980

Matthew Reeck
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Modern Languages, Saint John’s University (NY)
Sonia Rupcic  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University  
*Knowing Rape: Surfacing Ethnoracialized Victims in Post-Apartheid South Africa*

Luis Sanchez-Lopez  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles  
*The Value of Native Bodies: Settler Capitalism and the Logic of Elimination in Oaxaca*

Jen Rose Smith  
Assistant Professor, Geography & American Indian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*Icy Matters: Race, Indigeneity, and Coloniality in Ice-Geographies*

Navdeep Sokhey  
Assistant Professor, Modern and Classical Languages and Literature, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University  
*Personae of Bahrain: The Survival of a Dialect through Social Media*

Brandy E. Underwood  
Assistant Professor, English, California State University, Northridge  
*The Black Crowd: Leadership, Affect, and Racial Uplift in African American Literature*  
*ACLS Carl and Betty Pforzheimer Fellow*

Pavithra Vasudevan  
Assistant Professor, African & African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas at Austin  
*Toxic Alchemy: Race and Waste in Industrial Capitalism*

Camille Westmont  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Southern Studies, University of the South  
*“Except as Punishment for Crime”: African Americans, Convict Leasing, and the Legacy of the Constitution’s Greatest Loophole*

Sarah A. Whitt (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)  
Assistant Professor, Global and International Studies, University of California, Irvine  
*Bad Medicine: Settler Colonialism and the Institutionalization of American Indians, 1879-1934*

Danielle Lee Wiggins  
Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology  
*The Politics of Black Excellence: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Black Politics*

Celeste Winston  
Assistant Professor, Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University  
*How to Lose the Hounds: Maroon Geographies and a World Beyond Policing*

Isaiah Matthew Wooden  
Assistant Professor, Theater Arts, Brandeis University  
*Reclaiming Time: Race, Temporality, and Black Expressive Culture*

Charles H. P. Zuckerman  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Linguistics, University of Sydney, Australia  
*What the Action Is: Gambling and Moral Categories in Late-Socialist Laos*
ACLS Leading Edge Fellows

In June 2022, ACLS named the fourth cohort of Leading Edge Fellows who have taken on two-year career-building positions at nonprofits advancing social justice in communities across the US. This program demonstrates the wide applicability and value of advanced training in the humanities and interpretive social sciences to advance justice within and beyond the academy.

Partners and positions in the 2022 competition represent opportunities for professional advancement for awardees, as well as to contribute to advancing voting rights for minority language speakers, amplifying the voices of care workers in policy research, conducting more ethical community-based research, and more.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

2022 Leading Edge Fellows

Maria Atuesta
PhD, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, & Urban Planning, Harvard University
Appointed as Data Storytelling and Public Narrative Officer, Namati

Elizabeth Ryan Brownlow
PhD, American Culture Studies, Bowling Green State University
Appointed as Research and Communications Strategist, PowerSwitch Action

Maximilian Elihu Chaoulideer
PhD, Germanic Studies, Yale University
Appointed as Program Specialist, Project Equity

Nicole Katherine Eitzen Delgado
PhD, English and American Literature, New York University
Appointed as Development and Communications Specialist, Educational Video Center

Ai Binh Thi Ho F’21 wrote the 2022 report “From Trauma to Development: A Policy Agenda for an Equitable Future for Young Children of Immigrants” as part of her Leading Edge Fellowship at Better Life Lab, New America.
Ashley Fent  
PhD, Geography, University of California, Los Angeles  
Appointed as Campaigns Researcher, HEAL Food Alliance

Britany Gatewood  
PhD, Sociology, Howard University  
Appointed as Senior Research Coordinator, Beloved Community

Corinne Kannenberg  
PhD, History, Princeton University  
Appointed as Policy and Communications Associate, Restore Justice

Desmond L. Kemp  
PhD, American Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Appointed as Research and Policy Analyst, Deep Center

Michele U. Kenfack  
PhD, French and Francophone Studies, University of Chicago  
Appointed as Communications and Engagement Specialist, Restore Justice

Alexandra Lakind  
PhD, Media Studies and Educational Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Appointed as Campaigns Research Senior Associate, Caring Across Generations

Chris N. Lesser  
PhD, Geography, University of California, Berkeley  
Appointed as Research Manager, Sembrando Sentido

Robin McGinty  
PhD, Geography, City University of New York, The Graduate Center  
Appointed as Community Programs Researcher, Center for Court Innovation

Pamela Adaugo Nwakanma  
PhD, Political Science, Harvard University  
Appointed as Research Coordinator, People Powered

Yotala Oszkay Febres-Cordero  
PhD, Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles  
Appointed as Applied Research Specialist, ACT-LA
Brittany Levingston

“As someone who studies African American literature and culture, I was so excited to get a chance to spend time with August Wilson’s work. PA Humanities was offering the opportunity to get experience in programming and collaborating directly with Black communities, who have always been the focus of my work, so I got to combine the best of all my interests. I was also interested in the ways ACLS encourages and helps fellows develop professional skills in other areas outside of traditional academia. I knew I was ready to leave the traditional path and this fellowship is allowing me to explore my options while developing valuable skills and connections along the way.”

F’21 (ACLS Leading Edge Fellow appointed to Pennsylvania Humanities Council for the project “August Wilson’s Century Cycle and the African American Experience in Pennsylvania”) Curatorial Assistant Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

ACLS Project Development Grantees

ACLS Project Development Grants provide flexible seed funding to support faculty at teaching-intensive colleges and universities pursuing research projects with the potential to significantly advance areas of humanistic study. At a time when many smaller colleges and public institutions face pandemic-related budget constraints, this program reinforces the ACLS commitment to support promising scholars whose dedication to classroom teaching ensures that future generations can benefit from the insights gained through innovative new research.

This program is funded primarily by the ACLS endowment, which has benefited from the generous support of esteemed institutions and individuals including the Mellon Foundation, Arcadia Charitable Trust, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the ACLS Research University Consortium and college and university Associates, past fellows, and friends of ACLS.

Anar Parikh  
PhD, Anthropology, Brown University  
Appointed as Policy Analyst, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta

Keziah Poole  
PhD, Comparative Literature, University of Southern California  
Appointed as College Bridge Program Coordinator, The Petey Greene Program

Alison Turner  
PhD, English & Literary Arts, University of Denver  
Appointed as Research and Data Coordinator, Operation Shoestring

Kyle D. Wynter-Stoner  
PhD, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago  
Appointed as Communications Specialist, ACCESS
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ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grantees

This $3.5 million responsive funding program awarded grants supporting public humanities programs based at accredited US colleges and universities that have experienced staffing reductions related to pandemic conditions, programming setbacks, and/or loss of institutional capacity for publicly engaged work. Awarded programs demonstrated a deep commitment to the co-creation of knowledge with diverse communities outside of academia and promising approaches to addressing the most pressing issues our society faces today.

This program was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.

Baltimore Field School (BFS) 2.0: Undoing & Doing Anew in Public Humanities at UMBC

Host Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Sarah Fouts, Assistant Professor, American Studies and Public Humanities, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Nicole King, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Tahira Mahdi, Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

BIPOC Monumentality in New Hampshire

Host Institution: University of New Hampshire

Svetlana A. Peshkova, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Hampshire

Stephen M. Trzaskoma, Professor, Classics, Humanities & Italian Studies, University of New Hampshire

Breaking Barriers: Humanities Discourse within Carceral Settings

Host Institution: Middlesex College

Alexandra Fields, Professor, English, Middlesex College

Senem Kaptan, Program Manager, Center for Justice-Impacted Students, Middlesex College

Collective Care: Responses to Natural and Human-Made Disasters in Puerto Rico

Host Institution: University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

Rosa E. Ficek, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Institute of Interdisciplinary Research, University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

Patricia Noboa Ortega, Associate Professor, Social Science, University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

Belinés Ramos, Co-Founder, Legal Psychological Clinic

Community-based Knowledges and Visions for Racial, Health, and Climate Justice

Host Institution: University of Nevada, Reno

Prisca Gayles, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Gender, Race and Identity, University of Nevada, Reno

Emily K. Hobson, Associate Professor, Gender, Race, and Identity, University of Nevada, Reno

Lydia Huerta Moreno, Assistant Professor, Communication Studies, University of Nevada, Reno

Escenthio Marigny Jr. Graduate Student, Gender, Race, and Identity, University of Nevada, Reno
Connecting Through Life Histories of Perseverance and Resilience

Host Institution: University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Davianna McGregor, Professor, Ethnic Studies and Center for Oral History, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Micah Mizukami, Associate Director, Center for Oral History, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Lurline Wailana McGregor, Writer, Producer, and Editor

Engaged Humanities Research Accelerator (EHRA)

Host Institution: Texas State University

Shetay Ashford-Hanserd, Associate Professor, Organization, Workforce, and Leadership Studies, Texas State University

Elizabeth K. Eger, Assistant Professor, Communication Studies, Texas State University

Dwonna Goldstone, Associate Professor, History, Texas State University

Gloria Martinez-Ramos, Professor, Sociology, Texas State University

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez, Associate Professor, History, Texas State University

Aimee Kendall Roundtree, Professor, English, Texas State University

Flint Neighborhood History Project: Phase Two

Host Institution: University of Michigan-Flint

Vickie J. Larsen, Associate Professor, Language and Communication, University of Michigan-Flint

Jerome Threlkeld, Community Engagement Coordinator, The Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium

Lynn Williams, Community Engagement Officer, Community Foundation of Greater Flint

Geoff Woodcox, Curator of Collections, The Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium

Tom Wyatt, Executive Director, Neighborhood Engagement Hub

South Side Home Movie Project (SSHMP) film donors Rachel Lindsey and Zandra Stewart discuss their family’s newly digitized films with Archivist and Project Manager Justin Williams G’22 at SSHMP’s Home Movie Day on November 12, 2022, made possible by an ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grant.
Freedom & Captivity
Host Institution: Colby College

Catherine Besteman, Professor, Anthropology, Colby College

Frost Town Archaeology: Accessibility, Environment, and Community in the Finger Lakes Region
Host Institution: The College at Brockport, State University of New York

Bekah Leathersich, Graduate Teaching Associate, The Ohio State University

Timothy Sandiford, Department Administrative Coordinator, Rhode Island School of Design

Alexander Joel Smith, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, The College at Brockport, State University of New York

Emma Wagner, Graduate Student, North Carolina State University

Graduate Public Humanities Experiential Learning Partnerships
Host Institution: Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Jorge Marcone, Professor, Spanish, and Comparative Literature, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Kristin O’Brassill-Kulfan, Assistant Professor, History, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Greek Drama/Black Lives: Intergenerational Collaboration in Philadelphia
Host Institution: Bryn Mawr College

Catherine Conybeare, Professor, Greek, Latin, and Classical Studies, Bryn Mawr College

Akeem Davis, Actor

Ilene Heller, Teacher, E M Stanton School

Sarah Iepson, Associate Professor, Art and Design, Community College of Philadelphia

James Ijames, Associate Professor, Theatre, Villanova University

Raelle Myrick-Hodges, Artist in Residence, On the Boards

Catharine Slusar, Associate Professor, Arts Program, Bryn Mawr College

Prison Pandemic: Building an Infrastructure for Engaging Incarcerated Voices
Host Institution: University of California, Irvine

Elvia Arroyo-Ramirez, Archivist, University of California, Irvine

Keramet Reiter, Professor, Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine

Naomi Sugie, Associate Professor, Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine

Kristin Turney, Professor, Sociology, University of California, Irvine

Restoring Connections: The South Side Home Movie Project and Cultural Preservation in Chicago
Host Institution: University of Chicago

Adrienne Brown, Associate Professor, English, University of Chicago

Sabrina Craig, Project Manager, South Side Home Movie Project, University of Chicago

Jacqueline Stewart, Professor, Cinema and Media Studies, University of Chicago

Justin Williams, Archivist, South Side Home Movie Project, University of Chicago
**Revitalizing Community Engagement Humanities Projects**

Host Institution: Northern Arizona University

**Peter Friederici**, Professor, Sustainable Communities Program, Northern Arizona University

**Leah Mundell**, Lecturer, Anthropology, Northern Arizona University

**Nora Timmerman**, Senior Lecturer, Sustainable Communities, Northern Arizona University

**Sustaining Collaborative Approaches to the Public Interpretation of Indigenous History at Mission Santa Clara, California**

Host Institution: Santa Clara University

**Monica V. Arellano**, Vice President, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

**Lauren Baines**, Interim Director, de Saisset Museum, Santa Clara University

**Andrew Galvan**, President, The Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc.

**Amy Lueck**, Associate Professor, English, Santa Clara University

**Charlene Njimeh**, President, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

**Lee M. Panich**, Associate Professor, Anthropology, Santa Clara University

**Sustaining Public Engagement through the Mesoamerican Clay-Figurine Project of Río Hondo College and its Partners in Community**

Host Institution: Río Hondo College

**Lucha Arévalo**, Associate Professor, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Río Hondo College

**Santiago Andres Garcia**, Adjunct Professor, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Río Hondo College

**Pricilla Hernandez**, Curator, Mesoamerican Clay-Figurine Project

**The Critical Inquiry Collective Project**

Host Institution: University of Puget Sound

**Gail Brashear**, Paralegal, Tolin Law Firm

**Felicia Dixon**, Director, Legal Resources, Freedom Project WA

**Tanya Erzen**, Associate Professor, Religion, Spirituality and Society, University of Puget Sound

**Katie Gillespie**, Postdoctoral Scholar, Geography, University of Kentucky

**Alyssa Knight**, Co-Founder, Freedom Education Project Puget Sound

**Tonya Wilson**, Coordinator, Reentry Outreach, Freedom Project WA

**The East Marshall Street Well Project's Community Engagement Expansion Initiative**

Host Institution: Virginia Commonwealth University

**Ana Edwards**, Lead, Community Education and Outreach

**Joseph Jones**, Lecturer, Anthropology, William & Mary

**Lenora McQueen**, Community Historian

**Karen A. Rader**, Professor, History, Virginia Commonwealth University

**The Life Sentence: Prison Education After the Degree**

Host Institution: Bennington College

**David Bond**, Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Environment, Bennington College
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Alia West, Assistant Director, Prison Education Initiative, Bennington College

The MexiCali Biennial: The Land of Milk and Honey

Host Institution: California State University, San Bernardino
Edward Gomez, Associate Professor, Art and Design, California State University, San Bernardino
Luis G. Hernandez, Director, Steppling Art Gallery
April Lillard-Gomez, Program Manager, MexiCali Biennial
Rosalia Romero, Assistant Professor, Pomona College

The Solidarity Journalism Initiative: Improving Representations of Marginalized Communities Through Ethical Storytelling

Host Institution: University of Texas at Austin
Melody Avant, Administrative Lead, Center for Media Engagement, University of Texas at Austin
Katalina Deaven, Communications Coordinator, Center for Media Engagement, University of Texas at Austin
Aubrey Nagle, Reframe
Lewis Raven Wallace, Co-Founder, Press On
Anita Varma, Assistant Professor, Journalism and Media, University of Texas at Austin
Ellery Wadman-Goetsch, Program Coordinator, Center for Media Engagement, University of Texas at Austin

Enid Baxter Ryce, Professor, California State University, Monterey Bay

Pictured: Formerly incarcerated author Reginald Dwayne Betts reads from his collections inside a maximum-security prison. The event was part of the project The Life Sentence: Prison Education After the Degree, supported by an ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grant.
Third World Feminist School
Host Institution: University of Miami
Zaina Alsous, Organizer and Poet
Marina Magloire, Assistant Professor, English, University of Miami
Helen Peña, Community Organizer, (f)empower
Bobuq Sayed, Writer

Writing Beyond the Prison: Reimagining the Carceral Ecosystem with Incarcerated Authors
Host Institution: State University of New York at Stony Brook
Robert Chase, Associate Professor, History, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Erika Duncan, Founder, Herstory’s Writers Workshop
Ivan Kilgore, Founder, United Black Family Scholarship Foundation
Zebulon Miletsky, Associate Professor, Africana Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Adrián Pérez-Melgosa, Associate Professor, Hispanic Languages and Literature, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Susan E. Scheckel, Associate Professor, English, State University of New York at Stony Brook

African Humanities Program
Postdoctoral Fellows
Since 2008, the African Humanities Program (AHP) has worked to reinvigorate the humanities in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. Postdoctoral fellowships enable early-career scholars to take an academic year away from teaching and other duties to focus on revising dissertations for publication or to advance their first major research project after the PhD. With this final cohort, AHP has now awarded more than 530 fellowships and significantly contributed to strengthening the capacity of early-career researchers at African universities and advancing the humanities by establishing networks for scholarly communication with Africanists worldwide.

The program is generously supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and administered by ACLS.

Richardson Addai-Mununkum
Senior Lecturer, Educational Foundations, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana
Pidgin English in Ghanaian high schools: Exploring the problematization and disavowal of school acquired language

Joshua Agbo
Lecturer I, Languages and Linguistics, Benue State University
Hybridise or Disappear: Understanding Departure, Migration/Diaspora, Environment and Cultural Ecology in Helon Habila’s Fiction

Yunana Ahmed
Senior Lecturer, English, Gombe State University
Discursive Strategies and Rhetorical Moves in Selected Suicide Notes from Nigeria

Anthony Chimaemerem Ajah
Senior Lecturer, Humanities Unit - School of General Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Conceptual Innovation and Epistemic Orientations in African Studies
Toyin Samuel Ajose
Lecturer I, Music, University of Ibadan
*Sounding the Sacred Spaces: Musical Engagements in Ori-òkè in Osun State, Nigeria*

Allen Asiimwe
Lecturer, African Languages, Makerere University
*Activation states in Rukiga: An alternative approach to the analysis of definiteness in Bantu languages*

John Baligira
Lecturer, History, Archaeology and Heritage Studies, Makerere University
*Land conflicts and belonging in southern Bunyoro of Uganda since 1962*

Kenneth Bamuturaki
Lecturer, Music and Performing Arts, Kyambogo University
*Unraveling the Postcolonial in Applied Theatre Practice in Uganda. A Critical Exploration of Contemporary Practices*

Madinatu Bello
Lecturer, Theatre and Film Studies, University of Cape Coast
*No Mistress for Master: Ghanaian Traditional Female Drummers in the Performance of Gender, Sustainability and Decoloniality*

Oluwabunmi Tope Bernard
Lecturer I, Linguistics and African Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University
*The gods are wise: Environmental sustainability in the Yoruba Sacred Orature*

Richard Nandiga Bigambo
Lecturer, Archaeology and Heritage Studies, University of Dar es Salaam
*Singing for the future? Exploring traditional songs as a community-based approach in safeguarding wedding ceremonies*

Chibamba Jennifer Chansa
Postdoctoral Fellow, International Studies Group, University of the Free State
*State, Mining Companies and Communities: A History of Environmental Pollution and Regulation in the Zambian Copperbelts (1964 to 2021)*

Tendai Joseph Chari
Senior Lecturer, English, Media Studies and Linguistics, University of Venda
*Manufacturing Memory: (Mis)appropriation of history in Chimurenga Documentary Videos*

Elias Edise Courson
Lecturer II, Philosophy, Niger Delta University
*Spaces of Insurgency: Petro-Violence and the Geography of Conflict in Nigeria*

Victoria Oluwamayowa Gbadegesin
Assistant Lecturer, English and Literary Studies, Federal University Oye-Ekiti
*Men at the Edge: Language, Masculinity and Victimhood in contemporary Nigerian Fiction*

Simbarashe Gukurume
Senior Lecturer, Social Sciences (Sociology), Sol Plaatje University
*State Surveillance: Political Temporalities and Everyday ‘Governmentality’in Zimbabwe*

Sa’eed Adah Husaini
Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development (CHSD), University of Lagos
*Progressivism and Mobility in Nigeria’s Fourth Republic*

Peter Aloysius Ikhane
Lecturer II, Philosophy, University of Ibadan
*On the debate of the question of a unique African mode of knowing: A contribution to African epistemology*
Husein Inusah
Senior Lecturer, Classics and Philosophy, University of Cape Coast
“Big Things Come in Small Packages”: Unpacking the Layers of Rationality in Akan Proverbs

Onwu Inya
Lecturer I, General Studies, Federal University of Technology Akure
Health advice on Twitter Naija: Small stories, identities and (dis)affiliations

Lasisi Adeiza Isiaka
Lecturer I, English Studies, Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria
Semiotizing Inequities, Framing Grievances: A Discourse Ethnography of Igbo Secessionist Movement

Cyprian T. K. Kilangi
Lecturer, Foreign Languages and Linguistics, University of Dar es Salaam
An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis of Indigenous Language Practice and Transmission by Parents in Inter-Ethnolinguistic Families

Neema Eliphas Laizer
Lecturer, Literature, University of Dar es Salaam
Emerging Perspectives on Reconfiguring ‘Maasainess’

Benedicta Adokarley Lomotey
Senior Lecturer, Modern Languages Department (Spanish Section), University of Ghana
Contemplating feminism(s) in Africa through the periscope of the novels of Nsue, Nwapa and Ba

African Humanities
Postdoctoral Fellow
Paul Ayodele Onanuga F’21 presents at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study in South Africa.
Ivan Nathanael Lukanda  
Lecturer, Journalism and Communication, Makerere University  
*Rolex as a symbol of national and cross-cultural identity in Uganda*

Abudul Mahajubu  
Lecturer, Humanities, Muteesa I Royal University  
*Colonialism and the Reshaping of the Nubian Identity: Unpacking the 1940 Nubian Tax Riots in Uganda*

Macham Mangut  
Lecturer, Archaeology and Heritage Studies, University of Jos  
*Chadic Migrations and the Transformation of Ethnic Identities on the Jos Plateau, Nigeria*

Akumjika Chikamma Michael  
Lecturer II, Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Calabar  
*Symbolic Motifs on Igbo Fabrics: A Socio-semiotic Appraisal*

Anthony Agoswin Musah  
Lecturer, Ghanaian Languages Education, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana  
*African language islands: A sociolinguistic study of language use and maintenance among the Alande people of Kalande*

Isaac N. Mwinlaaru  
Senior Lecturer, English, University of Cape Coast  
*A Grammar of Dagara-Lobr: A Cross-border Language of Ghana and Burkina Faso*

Sarah Nakijoba  
Lecturer, Linguistics, English Language and Communication, Makerere University  
*Interactional Contexts in African Languages: A Case Study of Luganda Pragmatic Markers*

Evans N. Netshivhambe  
Lecturer, Music, University of Pretoria  
*From Dance to Composition*

Kingsley C. Daroja'mba F’20 explains his research findings to the Oba (king) of the local community (Orile-Owu) in southwest Nigeria.
Nkiruka Jane Nwafor
Lecturer II, Fine and Applied Arts, Nnamdi Azikiwe University
*Imagining the nation in the Facebook photo archive of ‘The Nigerian Nostalgia 1960-1980 Project’*

Michael Yao Wodui Serwornoo
Lecturer, Communication Studies, University of Cape Coast
*Journalism from Below: Exploring the narratives exchanges between fisherfolks and radio stations in Cape Coast*

Zainab Musa Shallangwa
Lecturer I, Fine Arts, University of Maiduguri
*The Unsung Heroines: Narratives of Displaced Women in Conflict and Displacement*

Miyanda Simabwachi
Postdoctoral Fellow, International Studies Group, University of the Free State
*Archives Construction in Central Africa: An Administrative History of Archives in Zambia, 1890-2011*

Marlon Swai
Lecturer, Anthropology, University of Cape Town, South Africa
*Pedagogies of the “Formerly” Oppressed Hip Hop & Critical Education in South African Social Justice Struggles*

Anitha Tingira
Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology, University of Dar es Salaam
*Acceptance and Hesitancy to Vaccinate: An Ethnographic Examination of COVID-19 Vaccination Experiences in Tanzania*

Ememobong Okon Udoh
Senior Lecturer, Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Uyo
*Mapping Patterns and Constraint Interaction in Anaañ and Efik Reduplicative Constructions*

**Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellows in the History of Art**

The Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowships in the History of Art support outstanding early-career art historians worldwide whose projects stand to make substantial and original contributions to the understanding of art and its history.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Getty Foundation.

Esther Miriam Choi
Adjunct Associate Professor, Architecture, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
*The Organization of Life: Interwar Entanglements between Architecture, Art, and the Life Sciences*

Berin Golonu
Assistant Professor, Art, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
*People’s Gardens: Structuring Public Leisure Space in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1870-1918*

Sahar Hosseini
Assistant Professor, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh
*Zayandehrud and Its City: Reading the Riverine Landscapes of Seventeenth-Century Isfahan*

Kamila Kocialkowska
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Wiener-Anspach Foundation, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
*The Black Square and the Blue Pencil: Modernist Mimicry of Censorial Style in Russian Avant-Garde Books*

Álvaro Luís Lima
Assistant Professor, Art History, University of Florida
*Farewell to the Future: Art in Mozambique at the End of Socialism*
2021 Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellows in the History of Art at the Getty Center in Los Angeles for their fellowship residency.

Kayleigh Perkov
Independent Scholar
Prototype Pastoral: Gender, Craft, and Technology, 1965-1980

Kailani Polzak
Assistant Professor, History of Art and Visual Culture, University of California, Santa Cruz
Difference Over Distance: Visualizing Contact between Europe and Oceania

Gretel Rodriguez
Assistant Professor, History of Art and Architecture, Brown University
The Roman Honorific Arch: Its Making and Ancient Reception from Augustus to Constantine

Gemma Sharpe
Assistant Professor, Art History, Sarah Lawrence College
Modernist Agencies: Modernism and Cold War Politics in Pakistan

Matthew Worsnick
Assistant Professor, History of Art and Architecture, Vanderbilt University
Designs on Territory: Mental Maps and the Fabrication of a Contested Border
Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies
Early Career Fellows

The Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies seeks to promote and sustain excellence in research on China in the US and Canada, with a special emphasis on early-career scholars and the strengthening of scholarly networks. Early Career Fellowships support outstanding scholars preparing PhD dissertation research for publication or embarking on new research projects.

The program is made possible by the generosity of the Henry Luce Foundation, with additional funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Selda Altan
Assistant Professor, History, Randolph College
*A Sisterhood to Save China: Women's Leadership and Labor in the “Gung Ho” Industrial Cooperatives (Indusco), 1938-1952*

Kyoungjin Bae
Assistant Professor, History, Kenyon College
*Guangdong’s Flowing Mechanism: Furniture, Craft, and Artisans across Early Modern Borders*

Jianqing Chen
Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures & Film and Media, Washington University in St. Louis
*Put Down the Hoe, Pick Up the Smartphone: The Emergence of Rural Internet Influencers in Contemporary China*

Guangtian Ha
Assistant Professor, Religion, Haverford College
*From Baghdad to Canton: Sailors, Slaves, and Global Blackness in Medieval Maritime Asia*

Zhuqing Samie Hu
Assistant Professor, Music, University of California, Berkeley
*The Emperor’s Extractive Ears: Music, Empire, and Empiricism in Early Modern China*

Kyoungjin Bae

“I received a Luce/ACLS pre-dissertation research grant to start preliminary research of my current book project when I was a graduate student. This year, I received an early-career fellowship to complete the research and my book manuscript. My project therefore has evolved with the generous and timely support from Luce/ACLS fellowships. I am a historian of late imperial China, and am in the field of material culture studies and the history of technology. My research interest on early modern Chinese artisans is sparked by the challenge of studying the knowledge of pre-modern artisans who were illiterate and anonymous, and therefore didn’t leave any written documents.”

F’13, F’22 (Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies Predissertation-Summer Travel Grantee and Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies Early Career Fellow)
James P. Storer Assistant Professor of History
Kenyon College
Leif Johnson
Assistant Professor, China Studies, Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
“Young men don’t want to do this work”: Generational change and men’s labor in and beyond the urban construction industry

Jialin Li
Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, Monmouth College
Identities and Scientific Practices of Traditional Chinese Medicine Doctors in (post)-pandemic China

Xuefei Ma
Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Studies Department, Kennesaw State University
Stop Sexual Violence!: Popular Culture and Female Bonding in China’s Pandemic Era

Xiao Rao
Assistant Professor, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Tales of Wit and Enlightenment: Buddhism and Literati Humor in Song Dynasty China

Elizabeth Joy Reynolds
Postdoctoral Fellow, History, Washington University in St. Louis

Jesse G. Rodenbiker
Postdoctoral Fellow, Natural Resources and the Environment, Cornell University
Ecological States: Environmental Governance, Urbanization, and Inequality in China

Guldana Salimjan
Visiting Assistant Professor, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, Simon Fraser University
State of Dispossession: Voices of Belonging & the Colonial Politics of Land in Pastoral Xinjiang

Joohee Suh
Assistant Professor, History, Xavier University
Unruly Dead Bodies: Delayed Burial and the Change of Qing Death Ethics

Philomena Lopez

“My fellowship term is a major highlight of my overall graduate school experience because I had the time to solely focus on my research and writing. I was able to conduct meticulous research, such as reviewing hundreds of images, without any other commitments... An anonymous reviewer provided constructive feedback and comments on my project which gave me a fresh perspective that I implemented in the work. This type of feedback by someone outside my PhD committee and my home institution made me feel supported by a larger academic community.”

F’21 (Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellow in American Art)
Doctoral Candidate, Art History, Theory, and Criticism
University of California, San Diego
Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellows in American Art

The Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in American Art are awarded to promising doctoral candidates as they pursue dissertations on the history of the visual arts of the United States, including all facets of Native American art.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.

Emily Cornish
Doctoral Candidate, History of Art, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
*Indigenous Women and Photography in the Kingdom of Hawaii: Tradition and Modernity through Self-representation and Patronage*

Taryn M. Ely
Doctoral Candidate, Art and Art History, University of Rochester
*A Medium of Madness: Neurodiversity in American Experimental Cinema*

Katherine A. Gregory
Doctoral Candidate, Art and Art History, University of Texas at Austin
*Freedom of Movement, Freedom of Mind: Robert S. Duncanson in Europe and America*

Angela Pastorelli-Sosa
Doctoral Candidate, History of Art, University of California, Berkeley
*X Marks the Spot: Latinx Artists Mapping Space*

Philomena Lopez
F’21 (left) shares her insights at an art gallery.
Dylan D. Volk  
Doctoral Candidate, History of Art, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Lips Touch: Lesbian Aesthetic Strategies and the Body Impolitic, 1990-1999*

Zoe Weldon-Yochim  
Doctoral Candidate, History of Art and Visual Culture, University of California, Santa Cruz  
*Atomic Afterlives: Visualizing Nuclear Toxicity in Art of the United States, 1979-2011*

Serda Ariyel Yalkin  
Doctoral Candidate, Art, Art History & Visual Studies, Duke University  
*Diasporic Visions: Nuyorican Photography in the 1970s and 1980s*

### Luce/ACLS Collaborative Programming Grantees in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs

The Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs aims to deepen public understanding of the role religion plays in global public life by allowing fellows to pursue significant scholarly research on religion and to connect their specialist knowledge directly with journalists and media partners.

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#### The New School  
*The Politics of Religion in Africa: Social Movements, Digital Media, and the Global Public Sphere*

Sean Jacobs, Associate Professor, International Affairs, The New School

Christopher J. Lee, Associate Professor, History, Lafayette College

Daniel Magaziner, Professor, History, Yale University

#### New York University  
*Commander of the Faithful: A Journalistic Examination of Religious and Cultural Diversity Under Political Islam in Morocco*

Mohamad Bazzi, Associate Professor, Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute and Director, Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University

Jason Maloney, Clinical Professor, Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, New York University

Kira Kay, Executive Director, the Bureau for International Reporting

University of California, Davis  
*Decolonizing the Representation of Muslim Women in the Media: Training Next Generation Journalists*

Suad Joseph, Distinguished Professor, Anthropology and Women’s Studies, University of California, Davis

Nurhaizatul Jamil, Visiting Assistant Professor, Harvard Divinity School

Shaheen Pasha, Assistant Teaching Professor, Pennsylvania State University

Zeina Zataari, Director, Arab American Cultural Center, University of Illinois at Chicago

Elora Shehabuddin, Professor, Transnational Asian Studies and Core Faculty, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Rice University
Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellows

Community college faculty teach nearly half of the higher education students in the US. Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellowships recognize and support outstanding research projects from humanities and interpretive social science faculty teaching at two-year colleges. In addition to advancing their research, recipients participate in a convening hosted by ACLS to connect with other fellows, share their work, and discuss broader issues related to the humanities in community colleges today.

This program is made possible through the generous support of the Mellon Foundation.

Farhad Ameen  
Professor, Social Sciences, State University of New York, Westchester Community College  
*Equitable Human Development: The Path-Breaking Contributions of BRAC and Grameen Bank to Bangladesh and Beyond*

Lucha Arévalo  
Associate Professor, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Rio Hondo College  
*Sustaining Anti-Racist Children’s Literature from Chicana Studies Students at Rio Hondo College, a Hispanic-Serving Institution in Whittier, California*

William Billingsley  
Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Saddleback College  
*Seeing Red behind the Orange Curtain: The John Birch Society and Conservative anti-Communism in Orange County, California, 1959-1974*
Thomas Francis Clarkin  
Professor, History, San Antonio College  
*Remembering Goliad: Myth and History in the Texas Revolution*  

Raquel C. Corona  
Doctoral Lecturer, English, City University of New York, Queensborough Community College  
*Documenting Dominican Women's Sexual Resistance: Building a Digital Repository for Their Stories*  

Leila F. Easa  
Instructor, English, City College of San Francisco  
*Palestinian American Women’s Poetry: Contesting and Constructing Home through Articulation and Embodiment*  

Mario Alberto V. Espinoza-Kulick  
Instructor, Ethnic Studies, Cuesta College  
*La Gente Unida: Latinx Immigrant and Indigenous Health Equity during the COVID-19 Pandemic*  

Paul Fess  
Assistant Professor, English, City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College  
*Resonant Texts: Music and Antislavery Print Culture*  

Monica S. Gallamore  
Professor, History, Collin College  
*The Gay Academic Union: Becoming Visible in Academia*  

Christina Ghanbarpour  
Professor, History, Saddleback College  
*Changing Traditions: How Rural Women Made Modern Japan, 1890-1960*  

Jungah Kim  
Associate Professor, English, City University of New York, Borough of Manhattan Community College  
*Race, Gender, Nation, and the Literatures of Postcolonial East Asian Diasporas*
Tracy Alyce Mark Lai
Instructor, History, Seattle Central College
*Burden of Proof: Wards Cove v. Atonio, a Bittersweet Landmark Court Case*

Charlotte Lee
Instructor, Social Sciences, Berkeley City College
*Two Faces of the China Dream: Nationalism and Global Power*

Erica Moretti
Assistant Professor, Modern Languages and Cultures, Fashion Institute of Technology

Victoria M. Munoz
Assistant Professor, English, City University of New York, Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
*English Revenge Tragedy and the Spanish Revival of Seneca: Race and Empire on the Early Modern Stage*

Kelli Yoshie Nakamura
Associate Professor, Arts and Humanities, Kapi‘olani Community College
*The World War II Incarceration Experience of Hawai‘i’s Japanese*

Áila K. O’Loughlin
Assistant Professor, Philosophy, North Hennepin Community College
*Siida from Minneapolis to Sápmi and Back: Place-based Teaching and Learning Indigenous Kinship Ethics in the Discipline of Philosophy*

Chun-Yi Peng
Associate Professor, Modern Languages, City University of New York, Borough of Manhattan Community College
*The Acquisition of Mandarin by Migrant Workers in Taiwan: Diversity, Pedagogy, and Community*

Dusana Podlucka
Associate Professor, Social Science, City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College
*Collaborative Activist Inquiry with and for Community College Students Diagnosed with Learning Differences*

Ari Benjamin Richter
Professor, Humanities, City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College
*Never Again Will I Visit Auschwitz: A Graphic Family Memoir*

Katherine R. Rowell
Professor, Sociology, Sinclair Community College
*Eviction and Children: Locked Out and Left Behind*

Sara Rutkowski
Associate Professor, English, City University of New York, Kingsborough Community College
*The Rewriting America Series: Four Proposed Volumes of Essays on the Federal Writers Project*

Joy Sanchez-Taylor
Professor, English, City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College
*Diverse Fantasies*

Nichole Marie Shippen
Associate Professor, Political Science, City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College
*Decolonizing Bordertown Violence: Settler Colonialism, Strategies of Elimination and Indigenous Resistance*

Sara Smith
Professor, History and Social Justice Studies, American River College
*Working So Hard and It Never Feels Like Enough: Poor and Working-Class Queer and Trans Community College Students*
Amy Sodaro
Associate Professor, Social Sciences, Human Services, Criminal Justice, City University of New York, Borough of Manhattan Community College
*Lifting the Shadow: Memory, Race and Slavery in American Museums*

Irvin Weathersby
Lecturer, English, City University of New York, Queensborough Community College
*In Open Contempt: Engaging Expressions of White Supremacy in Art and Public Space*

Elke Weesjes
Substitute Assistant Professor, History, Philosophy and Political Science, City University of New York, Kingsborough Community College
*Children of the Klan – Growing up in the American Far Right 1960-2000*

Ife Williams
Professor, Business, Computing and Social Science, Delaware County Community College
*Enhancement of Digital Map on African and African Diaspora Slave Revolts*

Jeb Wyman
Professor, English, Seattle Central College
*Myth, Memory, and the Wars on Terror: America’s Cult of the Warrior and the Social Creation of History*

**Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellows**

The Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship program supports doctoral candidates in the humanities and interpretive social sciences, allowing them to focus on completing dissertations that form the foundations of their scholarly careers.

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Andy Alfonso
Doctoral Candidate, Spanish and Portuguese, Princeton University
*Un/exceptional Shadowlands: Space, Memory, and Archives in the Wake of the Cuban Revolution*

Alex Alston
Doctoral Candidate, English & Comparative Literature, Columbia University
*Animal Ambivalence: Black Literature and the Discourse of Species*

Christian David Alvarado
Doctoral Candidate, History of Consciousness, University of California, Santa Cruz
*The Storm in Kenya: Mau Mau in Systems of Thought*

Ligia A. Arguilez
Doctoral Candidate, History, University of Texas at El Paso
*Making the Desert Place: An Environmental History of a Desert Shrub from the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*

Megan Baker
Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles
*Building More than an Economy: Histories of Choctaw-US Laws, Land, and Development in Oklahoma*

Clementine Bordeaux
Doctoral Candidate, World Arts and Cultures/Dance, University of California, Los Angeles
*Wówayupike: Relationships between Lakota Art, Land, and Culture*
Ariel Chan  
Doctoral Candidate, Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles  
*The Diaspora of Bilinguals: Code-switching in Three Groups of Cantonese-English Bilinguals*

Chuan Hao Chen  
Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania  
*Building Biocontainment, Regulating Race: Scientific Infrastructures for American Safety against Emerging Diseases*

Yasmeen Chism  
Doctoral Candidate, Performance Studies, New York University  
*Tracing Black Movements: Choreographing Displacements in North Carolina’s Piedmont*

Jieun Cho  
Doctoral Candidate, Cultural Anthropology, Duke University  
*Anxious Care: Radioactive Uncertainty and the Politics of Life in Post-Nuclear Japan*

Taylor A. Coleman  
Doctoral Candidate, Africana & American Studies, University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
*“Converging Diasporas”: Garveyism, Afrolatinidades, and the Pan-Africanist Vision in the Hispanic Caribbean*

Estela B. Diaz  
Doctoral Candidate, Sociology, Columbia University  
*Promise: Admissions to Preschool and Kindergarten*

Raed El Rafei  
Doctoral Candidate, Film and Digital Media, University of California, Santa Cruz  
*Queer Film and Art Practice from Lebanon: New Political Imaginaries, Radical Aesthetics, and Utopian Futures*

Zohar Elmakias  
Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology, Columbia University  
*Minefield, Temple: National, Theological, and Military Power and Site-Making in Israel*

Martha L. Espinosa  
Doctoral Candidate, History, Duke University  
*The Science of Family Planning: Mexico’s “Demographic Explosion,” Contraceptive Technologies, and the Power of Expert Knowledge*

Marcelitte Failla  
Doctoral Candidate, Religion, Emory University  
*The Black Witch: Ontological Power, Black Worldmaking, and Spiritual Co-Creation*

Whitney Nicole Fields  
Doctoral Candidate, History, Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
*Captive in Promised Land: Black Lives, Confinement, and Incarceration in Nineteenth Century Urban America*

Hongdeng Gao  
Doctoral Candidate, History, Columbia University  
*Adapting Biomedicine for Underserved Chinese New Yorkers: Medical Education and Health Activism in Post-World War II New York City*

Isabel Guzzardo Tamargo  
Doctoral Candidate, Literatures in English, Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
*Maroon Entanglements: Women’s and Femme’s Erotic Strategies in Caribbean Narrative*

Emily E. Hoge  
Doctoral Candidate, History, University of California, Berkeley  
*Combat Brotherhood: Disabled Afghan War Veterans, Traumatic Masculinity and the Mafia State*

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“The Mellon/ACLS Scholars and Society Fellowship was an immensely important milestone in my career. It gave me the time, space, and resources to spend an entire year working with the Scientific Evidence Committee of the Science and Technology Law Section of the American Bar Association. In many ways, the fellowship laid out the groundwork for what will be my multiyear research agenda on engaged scholarship in media and law. I will be forever grateful for how ACLS enabled me to have an ambitious vision about how I want to contribute to positive societal outcomes through my work as a scholar.”

F’21 (Mellon/ACLS Scholars and Society Fellow)
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Dyan Elliott

“I am a medieval historian whose research is at the crossroads of spirituality, sexuality, and gender. I have been fortunate enough to have received two ACLS Fellowships in the course of my career. Each was critical in helping me gain a full year’s research leave. My 1996-97 fellowship was essential to the writing of Fallen Bodies: Pollution, Sexuality, and Demonology in the Middle Ages (1999). This was key to my being promoted from associate to full professor. Unlike a residential fellowship, ACLS is a moveable feast. My more recent fellowship (2016-17) allowed me to do critical archival work in Italy that allowed me to complete my latest book, The Corrupter of Boys: Sodomy, Scandal, and the Medieval Clergy (2020).”

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Under Pauline’s leadership, ACLS created innovative programs reaching scholars around the world, deepened the public engagement of scholarship, and established directions for its next century of service to the academy and society. Pauline served as an eloquent spokesperson for ACLS, offering a vision of reasoned thought as the essential basis of public life. ACLS support of Chinese Studies also grew markedly: under her tenure, ACLS funded the work of over 400 scholars in Chinese Studies.

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600+
Scholars Contribute to the ACLS Peer Review Process Each Year

13,000+
Scholars Supported Since 1957

400+
Fellows and Grantees for the 2021–22 Academic Year

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41 Research Consortium Members

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Sources of Funds

The ACLS endowment (which stood at $157,570,479 as of December 31, 2022) comprises approximately 20% that is permanently restricted to supporting fellowships, 12% that is permanently restricted to supporting administration of the organization, and the rest—roughly 68% of the endowment—that is subject to the designation of the board. Grant support for programs has continued to hold steady over the past two decades, though new programs and activities have supplanted some others. In the 2022 fiscal year, ACLS provided scholars and institutions with almost $27 million in direct support. Our 41 Research University Consortium members, our 200+ Associate members, and 79 learned societies provide additional funding through their membership fees that support our fellowship and grants programs as well as our work with member societies. ACLS also generated about $3 million in philanthropic contributions in Fiscal Year 2022.

While our endowment is subject to market conditions, it has been positioned to mitigate against downside risk. As of December 2022, the finances of ACLS have not been significantly affected by the fallout from the pandemic, but various grant-funded programs are expected to run their course in coming years. If we continue to demonstrate that we are a strong partner for carrying out programs that benefit the evolution of the sector, we have every reason to believe that new programs will earn their place in our work and in the community’s support even as some other programs are concluded.

Uses of Funds

The total operating expenditures of ACLS reached $37,021,948 in FY 2022; roughly 75% was disbursed to our fellows and grantees. Increasingly, our work also includes community-convening efforts to explore and foster new directions for institutions or to build cohorts of various kinds.

Conclusion

We are grateful for the extraordinary support of the following foundations: the Mellon Foundation, the Arcadia Trust, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Getty Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Global, as well as significant support from individual donors.

Since completing our strategic plan in the spring of 2020, we have been devoting considerable time and resources to conducting and communicating work that provides our various constituencies with a clear sense of the value of working with ACLS.
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