The National Endowment for the Humanities & Digital Curation (and/or “Duration?”)

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The Humanities

- History
- Art
- Literature
- Archaeology

and more . . .
- Philosophy
- Jurisprudence
- Linguistics
- Language
- Ethics
- Comparative Religion
**NEH Divisions & Offices**

**Division of Research** – grants to scholars and institutions for research projects (individual & collaborative)

**Division of Education** – grants for seminars for teachers, curriculum development, and learning resources

**Division of Public Programs** – grants for museum exhibits, library programs, and media projects (e.g. documentary films)

**Office of Challenge Grants** – matching grants for infrastructure (buildings, endowments)

**Division of Preservation & Access** – grants for preserving and creating intellectual access to cultural resources of importance for research, education, and public programming

**Office of Digital Humanities** – grants for developing expertise and innovative practices in the digital humanities through analysis, communication, and education
Our Cultural Commonwealth: The ACLS Report on Cyberinfrastructure for the Humanities and Social Sciences

The ACLS report provided much of the inspiration for NEH’s Digital Humanities Initiative.

Recommendations Included:

- Federal funding agencies and private foundations should establish programs that develop and support expertise in digital humanities...

- Universities and university consortia should develop new and support existing humanities and social sciences computing centers.

- NSF, NEH, IMLS, the Mellon Foundation, and other funding agencies should support the development of tools for the analysis of digital content.

- The NEA, NEH, and IMLS should work together to promote collaboration....
Funding Opportunities:

- **Digging into Data Challenge**: Mar. 15, 2009 for letters of intent, July 15, 2009 for applications

- Digital Humanities Challenge Grants: May 5, 2009

- Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants: April 8, 2009

- Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities: February 18, 2009

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

Deadline: April 8, 2009

- Designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities.

- Relatively low-dollar grants during the planning stages
  - Level 1: up to $25,000
    - Proof-of-concept, initial stages, brainstorming
  - Level 2: from $25,001 to $50,000
    - Prototyping
Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities

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- Supports national or regional (multi-state) training programs on applications and approaches in humanities computing.

- Brings together humanities scholars and digital technology specialists from different disciplines to share ideas and methods that advance humanities research through the use of digital technologies.

- Prepare current and future generations of humanities scholars to design, develop, and use cyber-based tools and environments for research.

- Devise new and creative uses for technology that offer valuable models that can be applied specifically to research in the humanities.
Grant Opportunities in the Division of Preservation and Access

- Humanities Collections & Reference Resources: July 15, 2009
- Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions: May 14, 2009
- Research & Development: July 31, 2009
  - Digital Preservation
  - Sound Recordings / Moving Image Sources
  - Preventive Conservation
- Education & Training: July 1, 2009
- National Digital Newspaper Program: Nov. 3, 2009
- Documenting Endangered Languages (NSF): Sept. 15, 2009
- NEH Emergency Grants for Disaster Response
Collaborative Efforts

- **US partnerships:**
  - National Science Foundation
    - Tool Curation
  - Institute for Museum and Library Services
    - Advancing Knowledge
    - Start-Up Grants
  - Department of Energy
    - Humanities High Performance Computing
  - CLIR
    - Promoting Digital Scholarship symposium

- **International partnerships (current or in development):**
  - JISC (UK)
  - DFG (Germany)
  - CNR (Italy)
  - More???
Digital Projects that get Funded at NEH, regardless of the Program, *Typically* Include these Characteristics:

- Free, Unrestricted Access Online
- Broad, variable discoverability
- Maximum Interoperability
- Open Source Outcomes
- Extensibility and/or Impact Beyond the Applicant Institution
- Adherence to standards and best practices….
- Sustainability
Final Reminders and Contact Info

- The “H” word….
- Merit Review Process
- NEH Staff Assistance

Questions?
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