As 2020 recedes from view and we begin a new semester, the Humanities Council looks back at an unforgettable year and toward continued connection and innovation. Despite the challenges of last year, the Council was able to support more projects and share more stories than ever before. In the following pages, we highlight some of the remarkable work of our humanities faculty, staff, and students in 2020. Much of this work, born in direct response to the pandemic and the ongoing fight for racial equity and social justice, will continue into 2021 and beyond. We also preview some of the exciting new projects, events, and initiatives launching this semester. We look forward to sharing them with you.
Confronting Racism

Working Group on Native American and Indigenous Research
A new project reenvisions the future of Indigenous Studies

2020 PROJECTS

Decolonizing Knowledge
Which voices are excluded from the archive?

What Did Race Mean in the Middle Ages?
Medievalists diversify the conversation

Remote Ethnography: A New Kind of Encounter
Fieldwork goes virtual

Pathologies of Difference
Mapping the racist history of medicine

Policing Urban America
“The open secret is this: police harassment ... has grown into torture”

2021 PROJECTS

Fictioning Archives
Creative writing transforms gaps in the historical record
Innovation

Keller Center and Humanities Council Collaborate
Humanities faculty win grants for projects that engage the public

2020 PROJECTS

- Sick Architecture
  Bodies, buildings, and disease

- Paleography, Democratized
  Digital humanities access for all

- Mapping Eastern Europe
  Putting scholarship on the map—literally

- Literary Visualizations of Dante
  Spotless leopards and adulterous garden kisses

- Medical Anthropology and the Present Moment
  Community solidarity stems from the classroom

- Tigers in Translation
  How many languages does Princeton speak?

2021 PROJECTS

- Social Justice Through Storytelling
  Activists share their approaches

- Graduate Fellowships in Humanities Data Science
  Developing computational curricula

- Literature of Migrants and Immigrants
  “Virtual London” for students prevented from studying abroad

- Justice Across the Ages
  Classics and incarceration, intertwined

"Equestrian Portrait of King Philip II (Michael Jackson)" by Kehinde Wiley
Digital Teaching, Learning, and Research

**Arts in the Invisible City**
Students engage with Trenton’s public art and history of racism ➤

**2021 PROJECTS**

- **Spring Digital Humanities Courses**
  “Education in digital methodologies is humanities education” ➤

- **Reporting on Policing, Race, and Inequality**
  Ethical journalism on social issues ➤

**2020 PROJECTS**

- **Digitizing the Middle Ages**
  A “one-stop shop” for late antiquity ➤

- **Book History Without a Hard Copy**
  Tips for research without archives ➤

- **Annual Colloquium Goes Digital**
  Can literature become an instrument for change? ➤

- **Literature in the Time of Covid**
  Department of English shares writing and podcasts ➤

- **Princeton Paints Around the World**
  Art facilitates community-building despite isolation ➤

- **Service, Social Justice, and the Western HUM Sequence**
  Should we challenge Plato and his legacy? ➤
Faculty Books
Some of the many books published by Princeton humanities faculty in 2020

For a full list of publications, author Q&As, and forthcoming books, visit the Faculty Bookshelf »
Toni Morrison Memorial Resolution

To celebrate Toni Morrison, a special committee prepared a Memorial Resolution that Humanities Council Chair Eric Gregory presented to the faculty. 

FACULTY AWARDS

Judith Weisenfeld earns grant from Henry Luce Foundation for The Crossroads Project

Katie Chenoweth awarded Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies by MLA

Florian Lionnet awarded NSF grant for “Dynamic Language Infrastructure—Documenting Endangered Languages”

Yaacob Dweck, Michael Dickman, Yiyun Li win Guggenheim

Michael Cook awarded 2020 Middle East Medievalists Lifetime Achievement Award

Esther Schor and Hal Foster receive Behrman Award for the Humanities

NEH grants awarded to Princeton faculty

STUDENT AWARDS

Humanistic Studies certificate student Kiara Gilbert ’21 named 2021 Marshall Scholar

Journalism certificate student Sophie Li ’21 wins Rhodes Scholarship

Linguistics certificate student Arjun Sai Krishnan ’21 named Schwarzman Scholar

Humanistic Studies certificate student Kirsten Traudt ’20 awarded Keasbey Scholarship

Behrman Undergraduate Fellow Sarah Hirschfield ’20 receives Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Humanistic Studies certificate student Emma Coley ’20 and Medieval Studies certificate student Ben Press ’20 given 2020 Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize
Council Events this Spring

Old Dominion Series

Humanities faculty share their research through a series of talks

February 11
Elizabeth Harman (Philosophy; UCHV)
Racist research: What does respect for researchers require? What should academic freedom allow?

March 3
Melissa Lane (UCHV)
Lycurgus, Solon, Charondas... Figuring the Legislator in Platonic Political Thought and its Aftermath

March 25
Yaacob Dweck (History; Judaic Studies)
The Rabbinic Reactionary in the Early Modern Sephardic Diaspora: Notes on a Social Type

April 19
Susan J. Wolfson (English)
Pride and Prejudice: not altogether ‘light & bright & sparkling’

CONTINUING SERIES

Archival Silences

Organizing Stories

Journalism Lunch Talks and Panel

To see all upcoming events, visit the Council calendar