



Request for Proposals  
Regional Humanities in the American Studies Initiative  
at Ohio University  
January to December 2019

The Central Region Humanities Center, an institute established in 2001 with grants to the Ohio University Foundation from the National Endowment for the Humanities and private donors, will support and augment the proposed undergraduate American Studies Certificate and participating faculty in ways **consistent with the CRHC's mission to promote humanities teaching, research, and public programming on topics related to the culture(s) of the NEH-defined Central Region—the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan.** The 1965 National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act defines humanities studies as including “language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.”

Teaching (Committee: Jerry Miller, COMS; Jennie Klein, ART; Katherine Jellison, HIST; Gary Holcomb, AAS)

Up to six \$1000 CRHC faculty development per academic year in 2018-19 and 2019-20 will support addition of relevant regional humanities content constituting 20-25% of a course for the American Studies Certificate. Funds will be provided as a spending account for professional travel, supplies, books, and other materials permitted as expenditures by the university; expenditures need not specifically support the curricular work as long as they are permissible expenditures. Interested Group I and II faculty should apply by **March 19, 2019**, for the spring semester award cycle (with grants announced by April 1) to update courses that are already scheduled to be offered in 2019-20, and by **September 16, 2019** for the fall semester award cycle (with grants announced by October 1, 2019) for courses expected to be offered in spring semester of 2020 and beyond. The goal is to have 6 American Studies courses with Central Region humanities content ready to go in the fall of 2019 and a total of 12 by the start of 2020-21. **Submit applications—including the existing syllabus, a statement (150-250 words) of intended revisions, and the CRHC proposal cover sheet—to Jerry Miller <[millerj5@ohio.edu](mailto:millerj5@ohio.edu)> or Jennie Klein <[kleinj1@ohio.edu](mailto:kleinj1@ohio.edu)>.**

Research (Committee: Brian Schoen, HIST; Roger Aden, COMS; Geoff Buckley, GEOG; Judith Yaross Lee, CRHC)

The CRHC will award research grants of up to \$3000 each to support Group I and Group II faculty who engage in scholarly research on humanities themes and materials related to the Central Region, with a total budget of \$6000 per year in 2018-19 and 2019-20. Preference is for interdisciplinary scholarly projects closely tied to regional American Studies themes and expenses related to project development. Topics need not play directly into the courses that faculty will teach, and curriculum-related work is not eligible, although a central premise of faculty scholarship is that such expertise always informs instruction. Rather the criteria will focus on the scholarly value of the project for advancing knowledge of regional American culture, as persuasively proposed. Deadlines are **March 19, 2019** for 2018-19 funding and **September 16, 2019** for 2019-20 funding. The goal is to support at least 4 faculty American Studies research projects between January and December 2019. **Submit applications—including the CRHC proposal cover sheet, itemized budget, and project description (5 pp. max), and timeline for completion—to Brian Schoen <[schoen@ohio.edu](mailto:schoen@ohio.edu)> or Roger Aden <[aden@ohio.edu](mailto:aden@ohio.edu)>.**

Public Programming (Combined committees above)

The CRHC will award up to \$5000 in 2018-19 and again in 2019-20 for public programming on regional humanities topics of broad university and community interest. Deadline is **March 19, 2019** for spring or fall 2019 programming and **September 16, 2019** fall 2019 or spring 2020 programming. **Submit applications—including the CRHC proposal cover sheet, itemized budget, project description, CVs, and letters of commitment from relevant participants—to Gary Holcomb <[holcomb@ohio.edu](mailto:holcomb@ohio.edu)> or Jerry Miller <[millerj5@ohio.edu](mailto:millerj5@ohio.edu)>.**