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NEH Grants \$22.2 Million for 224 Humanities Projects Nationwide, Some in SoCal

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The National Endowment for the Humanities Tuesday announced \$22.2 million in grants for 224 humanities projects across the country, with the Huntington Library, the International Documentary Association and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art among the local recipients of funding.

NEH grants, which support the preservation of historical collections, humanities exhibitions and documentaries, scholarly research and curriculum projects, also were awarded to three Southland universities — including UCLA, Cal State Fullerton and Occidental College.

“In these somber times, when every individual, community and organization in America is feeling the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, it is a joy to be able to announce new projects that will produce vibrant humanities programs and resources for the reopening of our cultural centers and educational institutions,” said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede. “These 224 projects exemplify the spirit of the humanities and their power to educate, enrich and enlighten.”

The Los Angeles-based International Documentary Association was awarded \$313,793 for production of a 90-minute film that uses the lens of three generations of the same family to explore ideas of what is lost and gained through immigration and assimilation.

LACMA’s \$400,000 grant will be used for implementation of a 10,000-square-foot traveling exhibition on the art of Colombia from 500 BCE to 1600 CE.

UCLA’s Chon Noriega will use a \$349,289 award for the arrangement, description and selected digitization of archival collections pertaining to the role of religion in Latino history. Included are nine collections totaling 237 linear feet, among which are 12,000 photographs to be digitized.

The Huntington Library in San Marino was awarded \$375,000 that will cover 24 months of stipend support — three eight-month fellowships — per year for three years and a contribution to defray costs associated with the selection of fellows.

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CSUF's Timothy Henry-Rodriguez was awarded \$30,000 to research and write a digital lexicon and grammar of the Native American language Purisimeno, a dormant language of the Chumash family of central coastal California.

Occidental College's Amy Lyford will use a \$6,000 summer stipend for research and writing leading to a book on the late French surrealist photographer Dora Maar.

NEH also announced six new Chairman's Grants made since December and totaling \$168,452, including \$19,936 to the Huntington Library for processing and cataloging the literary papers and correspondence of Dana Gioia, an internationally acclaimed poet and writer, former California Poet Laureate and onetime chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The project will enable the library to make Gioia's archive, which includes correspondence with other eminent poets as well as materials that reflect Gioia's work as an advocate for poetry and the arts, discoverable online and available to researchers.

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