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building real communities

Science advances at a breathtaking pace. Technology brings the universe to our fingertips. Our understanding of the world has never been greater, yet the distance between each of us seems only to grow.

The humanities bridge distances, reminding us that on each side, there is a person. No matter how far outward we are able to gaze, the humanities mean we never lose sight of each other.

Project Humanities at ASU enables faculty, students, staff and communities around the world to build bridges and connect across distance — creating communities that join together to explore the human condition and human expression.

Communities begin with each of us *talking, listening and connecting*; sharing and embracing perspectives, stories, histories, languages and cultures; and finding the truth of Maya Angelou's poem "The Human Family": "We are more alike than we are unlike."

Research and technology are vital to progress. They allow us to build a better world. The humanities guarantee it will be a world — a community — worth leaving to future generations.

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our charge

Project Humanities encourages all of us to cross boundaries of place, to connect with one another, creating an environment of mutual respect wherein we live, learn and grow together. Only then can individuals and communities thrive, changing the future and flourishing in its diversity.

Project Humanities is designed as a catalyst, offering community-building tools and opportunities to use them. Discussions and seminars, multidisciplinary events, community forums, film screenings and more; all of these increase dialogue and understanding and expand individual perspectives.

Project Humanities progressed from blueprint to reality with such community forums as:

- Truth and the Arts
- Are We Losing Our Humanity?
- Top 10 Questions Humanities Will Answer this Year
- Human Identity in the Digital Age
- Heroes, Superheroes & Superhumans



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Gandhi said, “A small body of determined spirits fired by unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.” That fire is alive in ASU’s Neal A. Lester as he leads **Project Humanities**. Lester, associate vice president for humanities and arts in the Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development and Foundation Professor of English, describes a humanities experience as “when we somehow connect to a larger world and see ourselves not as islands, but connected to other people, working toward some common good. **Project Humanities** creates these experiences.”

— Neal A. Lester, *humanist, teacher, scholar*



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you can invest in stronger communities

Imagine a world where each of us cares about all of us; a world, in the words of Rabindranath Tagore, “not broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls.” Imagine a world where individuals look beyond our own geography and culture to explore others less familiar.

As a New American University, ASU is committed to excellence, access and impact. We measure ourselves by those we include, not by those we exclude. Imagine combining the energy of a university bold enough to make that statement with a project dedicated to building alliances of diverse communities to create informed global citizens.

That is the power of **Project Humanities**.

Join this movement. Add your power to ours. Your investment will:

- Sponsor public discourse through community forums.
- Engage the community through the Distinguished Lecture in Humanities Series film series, readings and other special events.
- Underwrite student engagement opportunities and research projects.
- Spotlight solutions to national and global issues.
- Fund student scholarships and internships.

The humanities bridge distances and differences. You can help build the bridge. Learn more at humanities.asu.edu. Start building at asufoundation.org/projecthumanities.

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