

# ASU<sup>®</sup> Project Humanities

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### Upcoming Events



#### Event Alert

**Thursday, July 15, 2021, 6-7pm  
(MST/AZ)**

*Talking, Listening and Podcasting*

**Latino USA** episode, "**Decriminalizing the War on Drugs**"

Join Project Humanities interns for a discussion about the decades long drug-war in America based on the *Latino USA* episode "Decriminalizing the War on Drugs." We'll investigate "... the racial history behind the War on Drugs and why decriminalization may be the only way to end the persecution of people of color under the guise of drug enforcement."

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#### Event Alert

**Thursday, July 29, 2021, 6-7pm  
(MST/AZ)**

*Talking, Listening and Podcasting*

**Data & Society** episode, "**Memes to Movements**"

Listen to *Data & Society's* episode "Memes to Movements," as it unpacks the mechanics of memes and how these cultural artifacts impact the world around us. It explores how the "silly" and absurd is intertwined with social power and protest and shape the way we create our cultural realities.

Then join a Zoom conversation facilitated by psychologist Dr. Michelle Melton and Nikki Hinshaw, political science graduate student, George Washington University to discuss how memes affect our everyday lives.

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### Ten Years of TLC Announcements

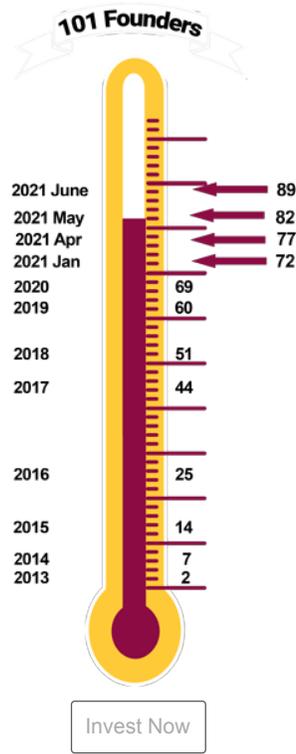
As part of our 10-year anniversary, Project Humanities is excited to announce new opportunities for high schoolers. This fall, **all youth enrolled in Arizona high schools or GED programs as of August 2021** are eligible to participate in our Humanity 101 Contest. Areas of submission are **personal essay, poem or reflection, multimedia, and physical art presentation**. The winner of each area will receive **\$500**. To learn more, click the button below. And spread the word!

Humanity 101 Contest

Are you excited about all that Project Humanities brings to the world? Support our work by becoming a Founder. Founders are individuals, groups, and organizations who invest at least \$1,000 (tax-deductible) in our Project Humanities programming. In addition to connecting more intimately with the impactful work of Arizona State University and Project Humanities...

- Founders are lifetime members of our organization supporters.
- Founders have via Project Humanities a local and national platform from which to explore topics and critical issues about which they are most passionate.
- Founders are VIP guests who meet and interact with Project Humanities keynote speakers.
- Founders are listed as such on our Project Humanities website and on a physical banner displayed at Project Humanities major public events and activities.
- Founders can serve as mentors, volunteers, potential speakers, workshop facilitators, competition judges, and panelists for Project Humanities events.
- ...And more.

#### 10th-Year Anniversary Goal



Such an investment can also take the form of a pledge of installments.



**Make up a story. Narrative is radical, creating us at the very moment it is being created." --Toni Morrison**

Please share a story up to 3 minutes about what Project Humanities means to you, how our presence and programming have impacted you, and why and how Project Humanities' work has relevance for now and the future. Just tell us a story of how and why we matter to you by leaving a voicemail, day or night at **(480) 378-7710**. Your voicemail can be used to publicly demonstrate how our work over the past 10 years matters to you.

We can't wait to hear and share your story. We are listening ...

### Homeless Outreach Updates

For June's 10 years of TLC homeless outreach Donation Challenge, supporters contributed **296** pairs of flip flops, **379** units of deodorant, and a whopping **423** bottles of mouthwash! Let's keep the generosity going with very important July challenge.

#### July Challenge: bottled water, Gatorade, Crystal Light packs

The deadline for drop-off is **Friday, July 30**. Drive through the ASU Project Humanities donation site between **2:00pm 4:00pm at 200 E. Curry Road, Tempe, 85281**. Or leave us a voicemail to arrange a pickup date and time at 480-727-7030.

And as always, if you'd like to donate other items not on this list, please check out the [Amazon Wishlist!](#)

Monthly Donation Challenges



**Healthcare**  
Nearly 350,000 health apps are in circulation today. Yet, according to the World Bank and World Health Organization, at least half of the world's population cannot obtain essential health services. What obstacles keep this issue alive? How can technology be a way to re-imagine existing approaches to healthcare that do not limit equitable access to quality care?

**Sports**  
Sports can bring individuals and communities together in a moment of shared humanity. This vastly profitable industry also can cause damage to the environment, exploit the vulnerable, and be politicized to do harm. Athletes, administrators, advertisers and fans all have a role to play. How can technology dismantle the inequity, injustice and sometimes downright abuse that occurs in sports?

**Water**  
Water is essential for creating and sustaining life on Earth. Whether people realize it or not, water plays a role in many social, political, environmental, and health issues. What solutions can lead to more respect for bodies of water and all the living things that need it to survive?

Learn More



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