

LAFAYETTE

HUMANITIES CENTER

Call for Proposals
**Faculty grants made possible by the Cyril S. Lang '49
Center for the Humanities Endowment Fund.**

Pilot category IV: Humanities Center *Mini-Grants* (for AY 2020-21)

Mini-grants are designed to allow faculty to organize on-line “class visits” by scholars or practitioners in the humanities, with whose work students in one or more courses are becoming acquainted. The grants are to be used to compensate the guest or guests, exclusively for on-line live video meetings with class groups. The grants aim at promoting creative ways, made possible by technology, for instructors to facilitate encounters between their students and the scholars or practitioners whose work the students are encountering through a course.

Essential Details

HC Mini-Grants

- Open to all faculty.
- Individual and joint applications welcome.
- Funds available for courses being taught, in person or remotely, during fall 2020 or spring 2021, to support on-line live video meetings with classes, normally during the regular class time.
- Faculty may be affiliated to any academic department or program on campus, provided that the proposed event has a clear bearing on the Humanities.
- Grants available for up to \$500 *per request*. Joined requests involving more than faculty and more than one class may be eligible for proportionately larger amounts.
- Grants to be used exclusively for speakers’ honoraria. When determining the appropriate honorarium for a speaker, the faculty organizer(s), in consultation with their respective Department Head or Program Chair, will consider the guest’s stature in the profession, the applicable disciplinary norms, and the demands placed on the guest for the event. Granted amounts may be used for multiple speakers, or, for larger honoraria, be supplemented by other funds (e.g., departmental funds).
- Proposals will be judged by a committee comprising the Humanities Department Heads, or a subcommittee by them appointed.

How to Apply

Proposals should comprise a

- i) One-sentence title for the event(s) (please add in parentheses “Pilot category IV”)
- ii) 30-to-100-word event description, indicating the name or names of the invited speakers, their titles and affiliations, and what contribution the proposed virtual class visit will give to the class(es) involved
- iii) names, departmental/programmatic affiliations, and email addresses of the faculty proposing the project
- iv) one-sentence endorsement by the Department Head(s) or Program Chair(s) relevant to the course(s) hosting the proposed class visit(s), with indication of whether supplemental funds would be used towards the honorarium of each invited speaker

At least ten grants available on a rolling basis subject to the availability of funds.

Submission: Proposals should be sent *as a PDF file* to humanitiescenter@lafayette.edu

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