



THE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES RECIPIENT OF EVJUE FOUNDATION GRANT

MADISON, Wis. (May 25, 2017) – The Ejvue Board has awarded a generous grant to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for the Humanities to develop and strengthen the Center’s public humanities programming in the 2017-18 year. The Center received one of the largest grants awarded this cycle.

Funding from the Evjue Foundation will support the Public Humanities Exchange (HEX), a program that connects UW-Madison graduate students with community organizations. Each year 8-10 graduate students in the humanities design projects that use their academic work to address social justice concerns within the community. Recent projects include a series of social justice public speaking workshops, a James Baldwin-themed reading group for Madison students and members of the Madison Police Department, a college-readiness program for local female high school students of color, and more.

In addition to HEX, the grant will also support the Center’s Great World Texts in Wisconsin program. Through this program, Wisconsin high school students, teachers, and world-renowned scholars engage in thoughtful conversation about a major piece of world literature. This year, hundreds of students will read Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* and create projects to present at the capstone student conference on April 9, 2018. With support from the Evjue Foundation, Great World Texts builds bridges between Wisconsin high schools across the state and the vast academic resources at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“The Evjue Foundation has made it possible for the Center for the Humanities to sustain innovative programs at the cutting edge of the public humanities,” says Sara Guyer, Director of the Center for the Humanities. “These two programs are unique both locally and nationally, while also exemplifying the Wisconsin Idea by sharing the creativity and intellectual riches of the University with individuals throughout the city and state.”

About the Evjue Foundation

As the charitable arm of the Madison news source *The Capital Times*, “The Evjue Foundation provides funds derived from the profits of *The Capital Times* to many educational, cultural, and charitable causes that add so much to the quality of life in Madison and Dane County.” Since 1970, the foundation has awarded grants to a variety of local nonprofits and University of Wisconsin-Madison projects that service the Madison area. In 2017, the Evjue Foundation distributed nearly \$1.5 million in grants.