



EVJUE FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO THE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

MADISON, Wis. (May 24, 2018) – 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 2018-19 season. The Center received one of the largest grants awarded this cycle.

Funding from the Ejvue Foundation will support the Public Humanities Exchange (HEX), a program that connects UW-Madison graduate students with community organizations. Each year, 8 to 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 community story-telling project that leverages the accessibility of mobile phones to produce and share stories from primarily working class and racial minority populations and a poetry project to highlight and celebrate the nuances and complexity of identity development for queer youth of color as they navigate spaces and meaning.

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, over 1,000 students are expected to read world-renowned novelist Jamaica Kincaid’s *A Small Place* and create projects to present at the capstone student conference on April 8, 2019 in Madison. With support from the Ejvue 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 Ejvue 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 Ejvue Foundation

As the charitable arm of the Madison news source *The Capital Times*, “The Ejvue 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 donated more than \$60 million to a variety of local nonprofits and University of Wisconsin-Madison projects that service the Madison area. In 2018, the Ejvue Foundation distributed \$1.6 million in grants.