Helping Humanists & Other Nonscientists

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Why it’s important

- Part of mission of full-service Research Development office
- Important members of university community (think Faculty Senate)
- Can strengthen multidisciplinary proposals
Need for funding

- Travel to archives (not everything is web!)
- Uninterrupted time for writing (instead of summer teaching)
- Costs of indexing, permissions for use of images, etc., for book project

- Costs of transcription, artistic equipment other project-specific expenses
Major humanities funders

- National Endowment for the Humanities
- State humanities councils
- American Council of Learned Societies
- American Philosophical Society
- Mellon Foundation
NEH

- Ken Burns’ movies
- Summer stipends
- Fellowships
- Digital humanities projects
- Challenge grants
- www.neh.gov
Am. Council of Learned Societies

- Fellowships
- Digital innovation fellowships
- http://www.acls.org
Am. Philosophical Society

• Fellowships
• Research grants for work in London or Edinburgh
• Native American research
• Research in its Philadelphia libraries
• www.amphilsoc.org
Andrew Mellon Foundation

- Higher education & scholarship in humanities
- Grants for liberal arts colleges
- Scholarly communications: digitization, preservation
- www.mellon.org
Other Sources

- Harry Frank Guggenheim Mem. Fdn.
  - Research on violence & aggression
  - Hfg.org

  - Fellowships for creative arts
  - www.gf.org

- Subject- or location-specific organizations
  - Check your funding database
Improving Your Chances

- Become a reviewer for NEH
- Ask awardees to share funded proposals
- Ask awardees to review drafts
Build on Institutional Strengths

- Environmental science:
  - Communicating disasters
  - Science reporting
  - Valuation of shoreline property – aesthetics
  - History of shellfishing
  - Science “cabaret”
Hot Topic: Public Access

- Public history – marine archaeology
  - Nat’l Geographic
- Digital humanities – material culture (quilts, schoolgirl samplers)
  - State humanities council
Internal programs

- VPR program for seed money and career enhancement
- VPR program for project completion
- Humanities center grants for research, subvention, visiting speakers
Research Development’s Role

- Get ‘em early
- Help them to make connections on campus
- Guide them to small start-up grants
Questions & Comments

Thank you!