California Humanities believes that equity should be at the heart of the humanities.

We have a long history of striving for equity and it remains a guiding principle of ours. We recognize that marginalized people have been actively excluded from being seen, heard, and valued in the story of California through institutional as well as social and cultural oppression.

We understand that equity is a commitment to dismantling structural barriers, such as those based on race, ethnicity, ability, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, language, citizenship, economic status, and geography. The humanities, from the academic disciplines to family traditions and community practices, can help to amplify everyone’s voice.

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