



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
geography

The humanities, from the academic disciplines to family traditions and community practices, can help to amplify everyone's voice.

Because we are a part of this unique state of many stories, cultures and people, California Humanities seeks to foster the cultural life of California to create a more thoughtful, open, and just state.