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**CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES AWARDS \$301,735  
TO 16 NEW HUMANITIES FOR ALL PROJECT GRANTS**  
Locally-Initiated Public Humanities Projects Funded

(Oakland, CA) — After a highly competitive process, California Humanities is pleased to announce \$301,735 in awards to 16 new projects through the 2020 Humanities for All Project Grant program.

The 16 [Humanities for All Project Grants](#) include a range of locally-initiated public humanities projects from across California. Some grantee projects include the development of a new performance and dialogue project in Santa Monica exploring the experience of refugees and asylum seekers, a retrospective exhibition in San Diego featuring the work of Chicana artist Yolanda López, and a year-long series of community conversations in Oxnard highlighting the people, places, and perspectives surrounding homelessness. Every project in this round of grants contributes to a rich portrayal of California’s culture, people, and history.

“Our Humanities for All Project Grant program is always very competitive and drew applicants from across California this spring,” said **Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities**. “We are very pleased that California Humanities supports these 16 projects, which will share high-quality public humanities events and programming with the people of California while raising awareness on a variety of relevant issues that face our state.”

Our Project Grant program, a branch of our Humanities for All grants, offers funding (from \$10,000 to \$20,000) awarded twice a year for larger public humanities projects of up to two-years duration from the award date. Programming formats include but are not limited to interpretive exhibits, community dialogue and discussion series, workshops and participatory activities, presentations and lectures, conversations and forums, and interactive and experiential activities.

In this Spring 2020 round of Humanities for All Quick Project Grant awards, in addition to continuing consideration of all eligible project applications, California Humanities designated one specific funding focus area: Youth Voices.

**YOUTH VOICES**

California Humanities supports humanities programming that will reach and engage the next generation. These projects involve teens as primary program participants or audiences and address topics or subjects of interest to them (denoted by “\*”).

## **Grants Awarded in May 2020**

### **Both Eyes Open**

Musical Traditions, San Francisco  
Project Director: Paul Dresher

### **Chinese in the Richmond**

Western Neighborhood Project, San Francisco  
Project Director: Nicole Meldahl

### **CLOSE TO HOME: A year-long community conversation spotlighting the people, places and perspectives surrounding homelessness**

Oxnard Performing Arts Center, Oxnard  
Project Director: Carolyn Mullin

### **Compassion and Self Deception**

Los Angeles Poverty Department, Los Angeles  
Project Director: John Malpede

### **Exhibition to Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the El Monte Thai Garment Slavery Case**

Thai Community Development Center, Los Angeles  
Project Director: Gina Charusombat

### **Glendale Tree Stories**

City of Glendale, Glendale  
Project Director: Katherine Williams

### **Home in the Bay**

Aunt Lute Foundation, San Francisco  
Project Director: Joan Pinkvoss

### **Humanities Beyond Bars: Incarceration, Visibility, and Humanization**

CSU Bakersfield Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration, Bakersfield  
Project Director: Michael Burroughs

### **The K.N.O.T: Knowledge to Nurture our Traditions\***

California Indian Basketweavers Association, Woodland  
Project Director: Rebecca Tortes

### **Sounds of California – Boyle Heights**

Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Fresno  
Project Director: Amy Kitchener

### **SPACES: Oakland**

Downtown Oakland Association, Oakland  
Project Director: Simón Adinia Hanukai

**Tell Our Stories: Artifacts From The Assyrian Genocide**

California State University, Stanislaus, Turlock  
Project Director: Erin Hughes

**Theater Across Borders: Resilient Migrant**

TeAda Productions, Santa Monica  
Project Director: Ova Saopeng

**Tu voz importa / Your Voice Matters**

Migrant Clinicians Network, Chico  
Project Director: Jillian Hopewell

**Voices of our Story\***

Nevada City Community Broadcast Group, Nevada City  
Project Director: Betty Louise

**Yolanda López: Portrait of the Artist**

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego – Downtown, San Diego  
Project Director: Jill Dawsey, PhD

Full project descriptions of the [May 2020 Humanities for All Project Grants](#) are available on our website at [calhum.org](http://calhum.org). Click **here** to see the list of Humanities for All Project Grant projects funded to date. [Visit the Humanities for All Funding webpage for more information.](#)

**About California Humanities:**

California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, promotes the humanities—focused on ideas, conversation and learning—as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect people to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more, visit [calhum.org](http://calhum.org), or like and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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