

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

FY 2008 GRANT OBLIGATIONS

**ILLINOIS**

**Barrington**

**Barrington Area Historical Society** **\$1,000**  
 Project Director: Harkins, Michael Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: NEH on the Road Begin: 6/08 End: 8/08  
*NEH on the Road: Going Places (A We the People project.)*

**Carbondale**

**Boulukos, George E.** **\$6,000**  
 Institution: Southern Illinois University, Carbondale Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: Summer Stipends Begin: 6/08 End: 8/08  
*Memoirs on the Life and Travels of Thomas Hammond, 1748-1771*

**Southern Illinois University, Carbondale** **\$3,000**  
 Project Director: Rice, Prudence M. Council Approval: 5/06  
 Program: Collaborative Research Begin: 6/06 End: 8/09  
*Nixtun-Ch'ich', Pet'en, Guatemala: An Archaeological and Historical Investigation of the Pete'n Itza*  
 Three seasons of fieldwork, analysis, and interpretation at Nixtun-Ch'ich', Petén, in northern Guatemala. (24 months)

**Champaign**

**Curry, Ramona** **\$6,000**  
 Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: Summer Stipends Begin: 5/08 End: 7/08  
*Trading in Cultural Spaces: How Chinese Film Came to America*

**University of Illinois** **\$24,997**  
 Project Director: Edelson, S. Max Council Approval: 7/08  
 Program: Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants Begin: 9/08 End: 8/09  
*The Cartography of American Colonization Database Project (A We the People project.)*  
 The development of a database of 1000 historical maps illustrating the trajectory of colonization in the Americas. The database will provide a searchable introduction to the mapping of the western hemisphere in the era of European expansion, ca. 1500-1800.

**University of Illinois** **\$111,278**  
 Project Director: Kozuch, Laura Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: Humanities Collections & Resources Begin: 5/08 End: 4/10  
*Cataloging and Rehousing Cahokia Archaeological Artifacts*  
 The completion of the cataloging and rehousing of circa 500 cubic feet of materials excavated since 1920 at Cahokia, a prehistoric site in Illinois dated A.D. 1200 to 1300.

**Charleston**

**Eastern Illinois University** **\$7,590**  
 Project Director: Raybin, David Council Approval: 7/07  
 Program: Seminars for School Teachers Begin: 10/07 End: 9/08  
*Chaucer's CANTERBURY TALES*  
 A four-week summer seminar for fifteen school teachers on Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, to be held in England in London and in Canterbury.

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Chicago

<b>American Library Association</b>	<b>\$136,361</b>
Project Director: Castle, Lainie	Council Approval: 11/06
Program: Picturing America	Begin: 1/07 End: 1/09
<i>Picturing America (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>American Library Association</b>	<b>\$2,139,206</b>
Project Director: Castle, Lainie	Council Approval: 11/07
Program: Picturing America	Begin: 11/07 End: 7/10
<i>Picturing America (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>Chicago Architecture Foundation</b>	<b>\$28,109</b>
Project Director: Linsner, Jean	Emergency Grant: 4/08
Program: Picturing America	Begin: 5/08 End: 8/08
<i>Picturing American Demonstration Workshop (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>American Library Association</b>	<b>\$743,463</b>
Project Director: Castle, Lainie	Council Approval: 5/07
Program: Bookshelf Cooperative Agreement, We the People	Begin: 6/07 End: 7/09
<i>We the People Bookshelf: Created Equal (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>American Library Association</b>	<b>\$978,587</b>
Project Director: Castle, Lainie	Council Approval: 5/08
Program: Bookshelf Cooperative Agreement, We the People	Begin: 6/08 End: 7/10
<i>We the People Bookshelf: Picturing America (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>Illinois Humanities Council</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Project Director: Valaitis, Kristina A.	Council Approval: 5/07
Program: Grants for State Humanities Councils	Begin: 7/07 End: 10/08
<i>We the People in Illinois (A We the People project.)</i>	
To support a musical heritage initiative focused on the "New Harmonies" travelling exhibition and the Illinois Music Heritage initiative, the speakers bureau, and a grant program to support We The People themes.	
<b>Illinois Humanities Council</b>	<b>\$173,960</b>
Project Director: Valaitis, Kristina A.	Council Approval: 5/08
Program: Grants for State Humanities Councils	Begin: 7/08 End: 6/09
<i>IHC Road Scholars, Museums on Main Street and Grants Program (A We the People project.)</i>	
To support two traveling exhibitions, "Between Fences" and "Journey Stories," to support the Speakers Bureau which emphasizes programs related to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial; to make grants on topics in American history and culture; and to promote Picturing America and to provide humanities scholars for Picturing America presentations.	
<b>Chicago Architecture Foundation</b>	<b>\$143,792</b>
Project Director: Linsner, Jean	Council Approval: 7/08
Program: Landmarks of American History	Begin: 10/08 End: 12/09
<i>The American Skyscraper: Transforming Chicago and the Nation (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>American Library Association</b>	<b>\$31,825</b>
Project Director: Robertson, Deborah	Council Approval: 11/02
Program: Challenge Grants	Begin: 12/01 End: 7/09
<i>Cultural Communities Fund</i>	
Endowment for humanities scholars to provide on-going training and consultation for libraries' programming staff.	

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<b>Chicago Metro History Education Center</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Project Director: Oppenheim, Lisa	Council Approval: 2/08
Program: Faculty Humanities Workshops	Begin: 5/08 End: 9/09
<i>"Destination Freedom: Black Chicago, 1934-1954" (A We the People project.)</i>	
A year-long workshop series for twelve elementary and secondary school teachers on social, political, literary, and artistic developments in Chicago's African American community from 1934 to 1954.	
<b>Barber, Sotirios A.</b>	<b>\$50,400</b>
Institution: University of Notre Dame	Council Approval: 11/07
Program: Fellowships for University Teachers	Begin: 7/08 End: 6/09
<i>American Constitutional Failure and Success (A We the People project.)</i>	
<b>Engelmann, Stephen G.</b>	<b>\$50,400</b>
Institution: University of Illinois at Chicago	Council Approval: 11/07
Program: Fellowships for University Teachers	Begin: 7/08 End: 6/09
<i>Biopolitics: Charles Darwin, Moral Philosophy, and the Growth of a Governmental Social Science</i>	
<b>Newberry Library</b>	<b>\$116,699</b>
Project Director: Zecher, Carla	Council Approval: 7/08
Program: Seminars for College Teachers	Begin: 10/08 End: 9/09
<i>Music Books in Early Modern Europe: Materiality, Performance, and Social Expression</i>	
A four-week seminar for fifteen college and university faculty to examine music books produced in Europe between 1500 and 1700 and their connections with broader cultural and historical patterns.	
<b>DePaul University</b>	<b>\$89,321</b>
Project Director: Selinger, Eric	Council Approval: 7/08
Program: Seminars for School Teachers	Begin: 10/08 End: 9/09
<i>"Say Something Wonderful: Teaching the Pleasures of Poetry"</i>	
A four-week summer seminar for fifteen K-12 teachers to investigate poetry from multiple perspectives.	
<b>Newberry Library</b>	<b>\$103,401</b>
Project Director: Akerman, James R.	Council Approval: 7/08
Program: Seminars for School Teachers	Begin: 10/08 End: 9/09
<i>Developing Cartographic Literacy with Historic Maps</i>	
A three-week summer seminar for fifteen school teachers on learning to "read" historical and contemporary maps.	
<b>Newberry Library</b>	<b>\$399,990</b>
Project Director: Stevens, Scott Manning	Council Approval: 7/08
Program: America's Historical & Cultural Organizations Implementation	Begin: 9/08 End: 8/11
<i>The Indians of the Midwest (A We the People project.)</i>	
Implementation of an interactive website on the cultures and history of the Indian tribes of the Midwest and on the changes and issues they have faced over time.	
<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Project Director: Moeller, Nadine	Council Approval: 7/08
Program: Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants	Begin: 9/08 End: 8/09
<i>Digital Documentation of a Provincial Town in Ancient Egypt</i>	
Development of new digital image capturing techniques enabling researchers to process data from archaeological excavations more accurately and efficiently at the site of Tell Edfu, one of the last well-preserved ancient cities in Egypt.	

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**American Library Association** **\$179,618**

Project Director: Brandehoff, Susan E. Council Approval: 7/06  
 Program: Libraries Implementation Begin: 10/06 End: 9/10  
*Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World - A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries (A We the People project.)*  
 Implementation of a traveling panel exhibition, related public programming, training, and companion digital and curricular materials about the life of Benjamin Franklin and his contributions to the founding of the United States, to circulate to 30 sites nationwide.

**University of Chicago** **\$350,000**

Project Director: Stolper, Matthew W. Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: Humanities Collections & Resources Begin: 7/08 End: 6/10  
*Persepolis Fortification Archive*  
 Cataloging and digitizing administrative documents dating from 500 B.C. from Persepolis, the chief imperial residence of the Achaemenid kings in the homeland of the ancient Persian Empire.

**University of Chicago** **\$30,000**

Project Director: Tarcov, Nathan S. Emergency Grant: 9/08  
 Program: Humanities Collections & Resources Begin: 9/08 End: 4/09  
*Leo Strauss Center (A We the People project.)*

**American Institute of Indian Studies** **\$106,800**

Project Director: Nicholas, Ralph W. Council Approval: 2/06  
 Program: Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions Begin: 10/06 End: 9/11  
*Research Fellowships for Senior Humanists to Work in India*  
 Three or four fellowships per year.

**University of Chicago** **\$200,000**

Project Director: Gibson, McGuire Council Approval: 5/08  
 Program: Collaborative Research Begin: 7/08 End: 6/11  
*Nippur Monograph*  
 The preparation for publication of six volumes documenting and interpreting the excavations at the Mesopotamian sites of Nippur and Abu Salabikh in Iraq. (36 months)

**Illinois Humanities Council** **\$889,700**

Project Director: Harris, Alton B. Council Approval: 7/06  
 Program: State Programs (SO) Begin: 11/06 End: 10/11  
*State Humanities Program*

Decatur

**Decatur Public Library Foundation** **\$1,000**

Project Director: Dent, Maria Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: NEH on the Road Begin: 3/08 End: 4/08  
*Public Programming to Accompany Traveling Exhibition (A We the People project.)*

Des Plaines

**Oakton Community College** **\$2,500**

Project Director: Newhouse, Gary Council Approval: 7/08  
 Program: Small Grants to Libraries: John Adams Unbound Begin: 11/08 End: 12/12  
*John Adams Unbound: A Traveling Exhibition to Libraries (A We the People project.)*

Edwardsville

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**Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville** **\$6,476**  
 Project Director: Pryor, Caroline Council Approval: 7/07  
 Program: Landmarks of American History Begin: 10/07 End: 9/08  
*Abraham Lincoln and the Forging of Modern America (A We the People project.)*  
 Two one-week workshops for 100 school teachers on Abraham Lincoln and his role in American history, using sites in and near Springfield, Illinois.

**Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville** **\$151,137**  
 Project Director: Pryor, Caroline Council Approval: 7/08  
 Program: Landmarks of American History Begin: 10/08 End: 12/09  
*Abraham Lincoln and the Forging of Modern America (A We the People project.)*

Elmhurst

**Elmhurst Historical Museum** **\$1,000**  
 Project Director: Goddard, Leslie Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: NEH on the Road Begin: 4/08 End: 6/08  
*Public Programming to Accompany Traveling Exhibition*

Evanston

**Hilsdale, Cecily** **\$6,000**  
 Institution: Northwestern University Council Approval: 2/08  
 Program: Summer Stipends Begin: 7/08 End: 9/08  
*Greeks Bearing Gifts: Byzantine Art and Diplomacy in an Age of Decline*

**Northwestern University** **\$200,000**  
 Project Director: Gjerdingen, Robert O. Council Approval: 5/08  
 Program: Scholarly Editions Begin: 7/08 End: 6/11  
*Monuments of Solfeggi*  
 Preparation for online free access of the scores and musical sound files of surviving manuscripts of 18th-century solfeggi, or vocal exercises, for voice and bass accompaniment. (36 months)

Galesburg

**Knox College** **\$17,250**  
 Project Director: Wilson, Douglas L. Emergency Grant: 9/08  
 Program: Faculty Humanities Workshops Begin: 9/08 End: 10/08  
*The 23rd Annual Lincoln Colloquium: Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates (A We the People project.)*

Glencoe

**Chicago Botanic Garden** **\$55,911**  
 Project Director: Siegel, Leora Council Approval: 3/08  
 Program: Save America's Treasures Begin: 1/08 End: 12/09  
*American Botanical Heritage Collection*  
 Conservation of some 10,000 books, journals, and manuscripts related to the study of horticulture in the U.S. since the late 1820s.

Jacksonville

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**Illinois College** **\$98,395**  
Project Director: Davis, James Council Approval: 7/08  
Program: Seminars for School Teachers Begin: 10/08 End: 9/09  
*Frontier Illinois: Formation, Context, and Influence (A We the People project.)*  
A five-week seminar for fifteen school teachers on the development of the U.S. frontier in the greater Illinois region.

Lake Forest

**Lake Forest College** **\$25,000**  
Project Director: Schneiderman, Davis Council Approval: 2/08  
Program: Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants Begin: 4/08 End: 4/09  
*Virtual Burnham Initiative (A We the People project.)*  
The development of the Virtual Burnham Initiative (VBI), a multimedia project that would examine the history and legacy of Daniel H. Burnham's and Edward H. Bennett's Plan of Chicago (1909).

Naperville

**John, Richard R.** **\$25,200**  
Institution: University of Illinois at Chicago Council Approval: 11/07  
Program: Fellowships for University Teachers Begin: 1/08 End: 6/08  
*Network Nation: Ideals and Institutions in American Telecommunications, 1840-1920*

**Naperville Heritage Society** **\$590,588**  
Project Director: Howard, Louise Council Approval: 5/08  
Program: Stabilization Grants Begin: 8/08 End: 1/10  
*Improved Storage for Naper Settlement's Humanities Collections (A We the People project.)*  
The purchase of storage furniture and rehousing of approximately 24,000 items from Naper Settlement's archival and material culture collections, which document the history of Naperville from its pioneer days to the present.

Normal

**Illinois State University** **\$2,500**  
Project Director: Schwartz, Vanette Council Approval: 7/08  
Program: Small Grants to Libraries: John Adams Unbound Begin: 11/08 End: 12/12  
*John Adams Unbound: A Traveling Exhibition to Libraries (A We the People project.)*

Oak Park

**Oak Park Public Library** **\$2,500**  
Project Director: Madigan, James Council Approval: 7/08  
Program: Small Grants to Libraries: Pride and Passion Begin: 9/08 End: 12/12  
*Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience - A Traveling Exhibition to Libraries (A We the People project.)*

Quincy

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**Quincy University** **\$5,000**  
Project Director: Tomczak, Patricia Council Approval: 11/07  
Program: Preservation Assistance Grants Begin: 1/08 End: 6/09  
*Quincy University Rare Materials Assessment (A We the People project.)*  
A preservation assessment of rare book and archival collections, including a local history collection of documents and photographs on Quincy, Illinois, during the Civil War and steamboat eras; an early collection of African American folklore; and a collection of books, manuscripts, and letters on 17th- and 18th-century Franciscan missionary work in Mexico and the American Southwest.

Skokie

**Chinitz, David Evan** **\$50,400**  
Institution: Loyola University, Chicago Council Approval: 11/07  
Program: Fellowships for University Teachers Begin: 1/08 End: 12/08  
*Langston Hughes's Middle Way (A We the People project.)*

Springfield

**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Foundation** **\$400,000**  
Project Director: Beard, Richard E. Council Approval: 11/07  
Program: Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibitions Begin: 1/08 End: 12/10  
*Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America Traveling Exhibition Program (A We the People project.)*  
Implementation of a panel exhibition about the life and times of Abraham Lincoln traveling to 40 sites, with a companion publication, curricular materials, summer workshops serving 200 teachers, and reading and film discussion programs for the public.

**Illinois Historic Preservation Agency** **\$109,948**  
Project Director: Stowell, Daniel W. Council Approval: 5/07  
Program: Scholarly Editions Begin: 7/07 End: 6/10  
*The Papers of Abraham Lincoln (A We the People project.)*  
The digitization of Lincoln-related documents found in many different repositories, preparatory to making the documents available on a freely accessible website. (36 months)

Urbana

**University of Illinois, Urbana** **\$249,997**  
Project Director: Burton, Orville Vernon Council Approval: 7/08  
Program: Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities Begin: 9/08 End: 8/09  
*Humanities High Performance Computing Collaboratory (HpC): Coordinating High Performance Computing Institutes and the Digital*  
A total of nine institutes and one joint conference for humanities scholars, to be hosted by three different high-performance computer centers: the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, and the San Diego Supercomputer Center.

**University of Illinois, Urbana** **\$4,998**  
Project Director: Swain, Ellen Council Approval: 11/07  
Program: Preservation Assistance Grants Begin: 1/08 End: 6/09  
*Preserving Archival Records*  
The purchase of preservation supplies and environmental monitoring equipment for the Stewart S. Howe Collection, one of the largest collections of national fraternity and sorority materials in the United States. It contains over 350 cubic feet of records, dating from 1810 to the present, including books, journals, newsletters, clippings, correspondence, photographs, and student files reflecting campus life at more than 300 American colleges and universities.

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**University of Illinois, Urbana**

**\$402,222**

Project Director: Stuart, Mary

Council Approval: 5/95

Program: Preservation/Access Projects Pre 1996

Begin: 1/96 End: 10/09

*Illinois Newspaper Project: Cataloging (A We the People project.)*

The cataloging of 1,100 newspaper titles as part of Illinois' participation in the United States Newspaper Program.