

# UC DAVIS

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## HUMANITIES INSTITUTE

In the past year, the UC Davis Humanities Institute has extended our efforts at crossing boundaries and convening diverse perspectives within our conventional constituents of faculty and graduate students, and increasingly to undergraduates and the broader public.

We have cultivated a double "conversation" series: one to bring our campus experts to general audiences off campus, the other to reach UCD's growing undergraduate population on campus. Topics have included the global rise in extremism, immigration, pitfalls and social risks of DNA testing, and the effects of the #MeToo movement. Our Human Rights Film Festival had its third run this fall, hosting opening and closing nights at the Manetti Shrem and Crocker Art Museums, and continues to be a successful program. The DHI has partnered with local businesses and institutions to showcase our Book Chats within the local community.

These efforts highlight our desire to unite distant corners of the university and community, while maintaining other aspects of our core mission to support and advocate for humanities and arts research.

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## 2019 Impact Report

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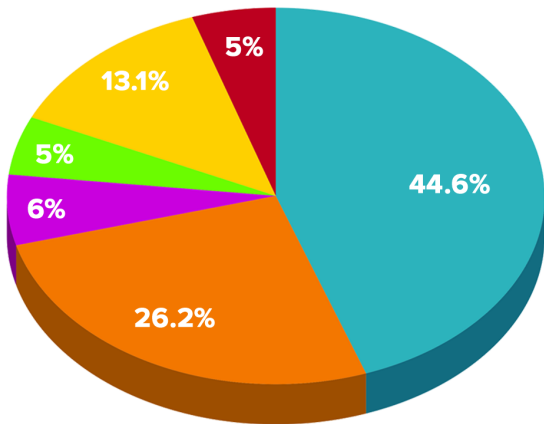
Lindsay Baltus, English  
Maya Weeks, Geography



## Cross Campus Impact

The work of the institute touches and involves every corner of the university, from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to the School of Law. In 2019, we invited faculty to propose research collaborations that drew on faculty from two or more colleges and professional schools with great results.

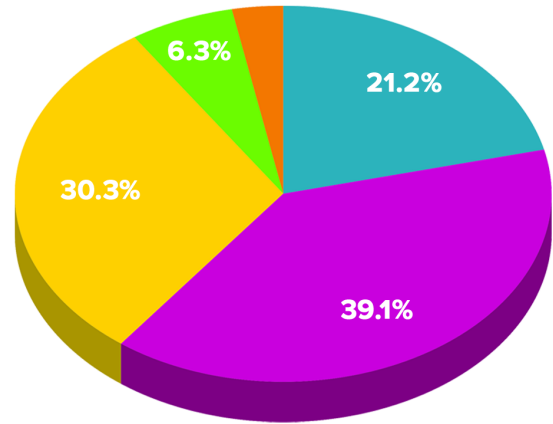
- Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences
- College of Ag & Environmental Sciences
- School of Law
- College of Engineering
- College of Biological Sciences
- School of Medicine
- School of Education
- School of Nursing
- Graduate School of Management



### Revenues

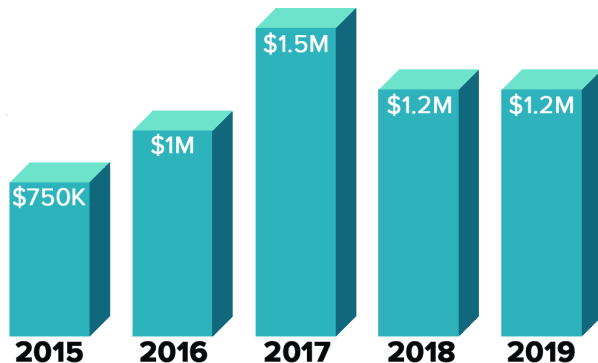
- External Grants (Expiring 2021)
- College of Letters & Sciences
- UC Humanities Network
- Office of Research
- Endowment
- Gifts

2019



### Awards & Expenses

- Research Collaborations
- Faculty Research
- Graduate Student Research
- Public Programming
- Development & Publicity



## Research Development

The institute serves as a critical incubator of humanities research and artistic creativity, for both individual and collaborative projects. Our staff works directly with faculty to connect them with private and public funding agencies and guides them in writing competitive proposals for support.

## Support the UC Davis Humanities Institute

Please consider making a donation to the DHI. Your gift would make it possible to support a graduate fellow, research forum, or public lecture. The DHI exists to facilitate the research studies of faculty and graduate students and to convey that work to audiences beyond the university. Fulfilling this mission would not be possible without the generous support of private foundations and individual resources. To give, please visit our website at [dhi.ucdavis.edu](http://dhi.ucdavis.edu).