



2021 Humanities Without Walls PreDoctoral Career Diversity Virtual Summer Workshop

All sessions
conducted via
Zoom

All times are
Central Daylight Time/
(UTC-5.00)

Some sessions may
not last the full
two-hours

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July 19th through August 6th. Online, virtual workshop sessions are planned for approximately four hours per day, to be scheduled between 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, for three weeks. Synchronous and asynchronous programming will comprise the remaining four hours per day.

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ONLINE. All workshop sessions will be virtual, taking place remotely via the Zoom video communications app.

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WEEK ONE

“Personal Values, Career Discernment, and Humanities Mindsets”:

In Week One you will begin to expand your imagination about what is possible with a PhD in the humanities and will engage in a discernment process designed to assist you in identifying your career values and prepare for your informational interviews. You will also begin a three-part series exploring careers within nonprofits, learn about publishing and editing careers, and participate in an op-ed pitch workshop.

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DAY 1

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021: “Reassessing Identity, Work, & Values” with Megan Stielstra

- Session 1** 10am–Noon
- Lunch Noon–2pm
- Session 2** 2pm–4:30pm
- Break 4:30pm–5pm
- Virtual Social Hour event 5pm–6pm

DAY 2

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021: “Careers in the Nonprofit Sector”

- Session 1** 10am–Noon
- Lunch Noon–2pm
- Session 2** 2pm–2:30pm
- Break 2:30pm–3pm
- Session 3** 3pm–4pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Advocacy Careers in the Nonprofit Sector”
Martha Collins, Co-Founder, Nonprofit Academy of Wisconsin
Rob Meiksins, Co-Founder, Nonprofit Academy of Wisconsin

Session 2: The Mellon Foundation
Dr. Elizabeth Alexander, President, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Session 3: Small group reflection check-in

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021: “Values Driven Career Decisions, Informational Interviews, and Humanities Mindsets”

Session 1 10am–Noon
Lunch Noon–2pm
Session 2 2pm–4pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Humanities Mindsets”

Derek Attig, Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Mearah Quinn Brauner, Director of Strategy and Policy, Northwestern University

Session 2: “Pathways into Nonprofit Careers”

Carolyn Swabek, Director, Trinity Fellows Program, Marquette University

Katie Shumway, Director, We CU, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021: “Careers in Academic Publishing”

Session 1 10am–Noon
Session 2 Noon–1:30pm
Half-day for Informational Interviews

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Editor and Author: Careers in Academic Publishing”

Dawn Durante, Editor in Chief, University of Texas Press

Badia Ahad-Legardy, Associate Professor of English and Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Loyola University Chicago

Session 2: Small Group Reflection Check-in

Informational Interviews

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FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021: “Freelancing and How to Pitch an Op-ed”

Session 1 10am–Noon
Lunch Noon–2pm
Session 2 2pm–4pm
Break 4pm– 5pm
Optional Virtual Happy Hour 5pm–6pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Navigating Uncertain Freelancing Terrain”

Joe Fruscione, Communications and Advancement Associate at The Siena School

Session 2: “How to Pitch an Op-ed Workshop”

Keyanah Nurse, ACLS Emerging Voices Fellow, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Virtual Social Hour



WEEK TWO

“Skills, Documents, and Making the Humanities Relevant”:

In Week Two you will work on translating your academic experiences, research, and methodological approaches into the skillsets and discourses valued by a variety of employment sectors including those working in federal government, digital humanities at national public humanities programs, and in the tech sector with a workshop led by representatives from the Shedd Aquarium and the City of Chicago.

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MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021: “Cover Letters and Resumes” with Briana Mohan

Session 1 10am–Noon
Lunch Noon–2pm
Session 2 2pm–4pm

SPEAKERS:

Briana Mohan, Senior Academic and Career Advisor, Tulane University

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TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021: “National Fellowships with the ACLS and Federal Jobs Application Portal”

Session 1 10am–Noon
Lunch Noon–2pm
Session 2 2pm–4pm
Break 4pm- 4:30pm
Session 3 4:30pm–5:30pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “ACLS Fellowships”
John Paul Christy, Director of Public Programs,
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

Session 2: “Applying for Federal Jobs”
Benjamin Huskinson

Session 3: Small Group Reflection Check-in

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021: “Digital Humanities Programming for the Public”

Session 1	10am–Noon
Lunch	Noon–2pm
Session 2	2pm–4pm
Session 3	Asynchronous Video

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Making the Humanities Relevant”

Matthew Costello, Vice President, David M. Rubenstein Center, White House Historical Association
Virtual App Site Visit Component

Session 2: “Faculty & Teaching Careers at Community Colleges”

Amy Penne, Professor of Humanities, Parkland College

Session 3: Implicit Bias Training (asynchronous video; fellows to watch on their own time)

Assata Zerai, Professor of Sociology and Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, University of New Mexico

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THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021: “HWW Homecoming Day”

Session 1	10am–11am
Lunch	11am–1pm
Session 2	1pm–3pm
Session 3	Asynchronous Video
Virtual Happy Hour	4pm–5pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: Small Group Reflection Check-in

Session 2: “HWW Homecoming”

Angela Tate, HWW 2018
Michelle May-Curry, HWW 2018
Luisa Arrieta Fernandez, HWW 2019

Session 3: “Nonprofit Advocacy” Part 2 with Martha Collins and Rob Meiksins (asynchronous video; fellows to watch on their own time)

Session 4: Virtual Social Hour

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FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021: “Tech Careers and the Humanities”

Session 1	10am–Noon
Session 2	Noon–1pm
Half-day for Informational Interviews	

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Tech Careers and the Humanities”

Danielle DuMerer, Vice President of Technology, Shedd Aquarium
Stacy Mansker-Young, Assistant Chief Information Officer, City of Chicago

Session 2: Small Group Reflection Check-in



**WEEK
THREE**

“Interviewing, Social Media, and Careers in Public Education “:

During Week Three you will consider how to build networks with potential employers in a variety of forums and develop strategies for building a professional brand on social media. You will also spend time preparing and practicing for job interviews. What do you do once your cover letters and resumes get you an in-person interview? What are some of the best strategies for interviewing well or navigating implicit bias in the interview process?

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MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021: “Job Interviewing, Networking, and Careers in Consulting and Research”

Session 1	10am–Noon
Lunch	Noon–2pm
Session 2	2pm–4pm
Session 3	4pm–5pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Job Interviewing and Networking”
Derek Attig, Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Session 2: “Careers in Consulting and Research”
Dylan Ruediger, Ithaca S&R
Collette Johnson, Ithaca S&R

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021: “Reform Movements in Higher Education”

Session 1	10am–Noon
Lunch	Noon–2pm
Session 2	2pm–4pm
Virtual Social Hour	4pm–5pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: “Reform Movements in Higher Education”
Jessica Neptune, Bard Prison Initiative
Chris Guzaitis, Illinois Humanities

Session 2: “Empowering Graduate Students via Reciprocal & Redistributive Programming”
Theresa Tobin, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Director of Education Preparedness Program, Marquette University
Marisola Xelilli Ciaccio, Associate Director of Education Preparedness Program, Marquette University
John Shaffer, Associate Director for Student Success & Professional Development, University of Texas at San Antonio

Virtual Social Hour

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Session 1 10am–Noon
Lunch Noon–2pm
Session 2 2pm–3pm

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: "Careers in Public Secondary Education"
Jim Nelsen, Milwaukee Public School District

Session 2: Small Group Reflection Check-in

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Session 1 Asynchronous Video
Session 2 Asynchronous Video
Half-day for Informational Interviews

SPEAKERS:

Session 1: "Social Media and Networking" Workshop with Paul Gordon Brown, HWW 2017 (asynchronous video; fellows to watch on their own time)

Session 2: "Non-Profit Advocacy" Part 3 with Martha Collins and Rob Meiksins (asynchronous video; fellows to watch on their own time)

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Session 1 10am–Noon
Break Noon–12:30
Session 2 12:30pm- 2pm (Workshop Goodbye Virtual Lunch)