Dear Campus Liaisons,

As we near the end of the Fall semester, we are delighted to share our first liaison update with you. This robust newsletter includes notes from the DH@CSU Steering Committee, upcoming funding opportunities and other pertinent information. Please share within your campus community as you see fit. We'd also like give a special shout out to members of the steering committee who worked consistently over the past several months to launch us into 2024 with a new mission statement and website.

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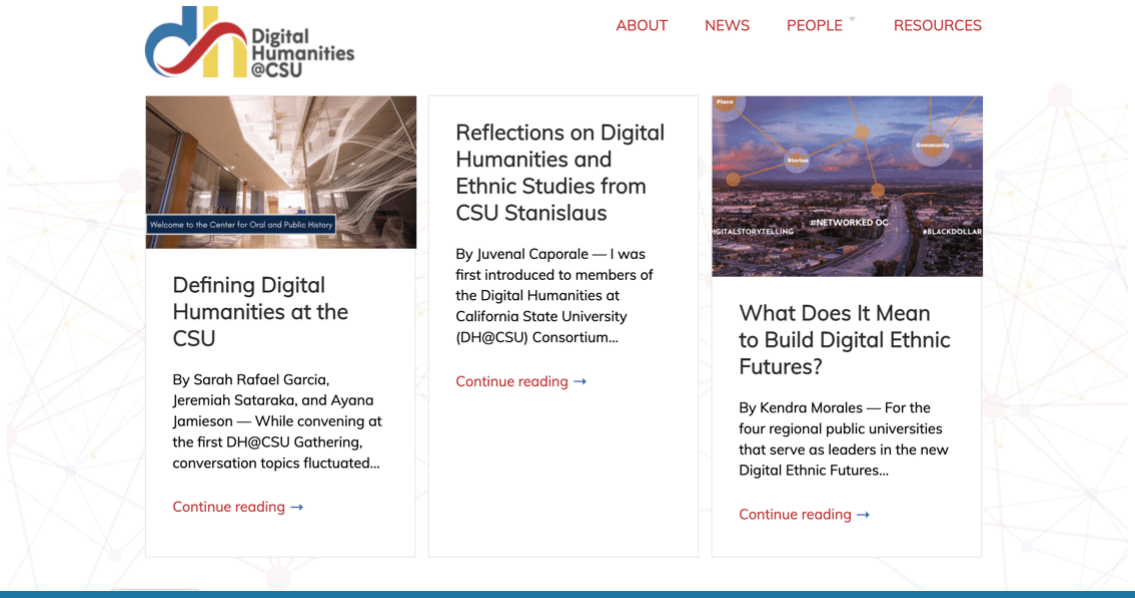
## DH@CSU Mission Statement

The DH@CSU Consortium was formed by faculty across the CSU who have research and teaching interests in Digital Humanities, with the goal of fostering a system-wide collaboration of resources and expertise in the many disciplines that contribute to the field. Building on the history of Ethnic Studies at the California State University (CSU) system, the Digital Humanities Consortium works to promote student, faculty, and staff use of digital tools and technologies to center the lived experiences of historically marginalized

groups, rethink historical questions and contemporary problems, and create ethical digital futures. We do this by building and sustaining a network that expands opportunities to engage in sustainable interdisciplinary community-centered work, with the ultimate goal of cultivating a more equitable and vibrant California.

## Our Website is Live!

https://dhatcsu.hcommons.org/




# Notes from the Steering Committee

## Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP)

This is a state-wide program funded through 2030-31 that may be useful in hiring students, either for DH@CSU Consortium work, or for your own research projects. From the state-level website on the program:

> "The Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP) offers eligible students at public colleges and universities the opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs while gaining education-aligned, career-related employment."

Every CSU should have received this funding, but each campus has a different process for approving jobs that are eligible. For example, at SJSU, the program is managed by the Career Center; eligible students apply to approved positions; funding up to $3000/semester is then available at an hourly rate along with mentoring by the faculty member. See a few existing campus LAEP web pages:

- SJSU
- Cal State Fullerton
- CSU East Bay
- CSU Long Beach
- Cal Sate LA

At SJSU, we have had a few folks in our library who have been successful in hiring students through LAEP.

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## Looking for ways to support your work with DH@CSU and similarly aligned projects?

### Consider Assigned Time for Exceptional Service

**(Usually one course release) for the time you are working on this project.**

Please note that this assigned time is intended for faculty and Unit 3 employees working on service related to DEI. Please look for the call for applications for ATESS on your respective campuses and apply for this assigned time for the work that you are doing with CSU DEFCon.

See Full Article on ATESS.

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## 2023 Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium Grant

We completed our work for the DEFCon Capacity Building grant for the DH@CSU Consortium activities. To learn about our work January-September 2023, take a look at the Final Report. Highlights from our first year of capacity building include:

- 17 of the 23 CSU campuses are now involved on the Steering Committee for the DH@CSU Consortium with one or more representatives.
- We announced to each campus involved and the Chancellor's Office that we had received a grant award from DEFCon (supported by the Mellon Foundation).
- We launched the DH@CSU website on Humanities Commons.
- At our August in-person convening, we had an opportunity to craft a values framework for the Consortium. Though the CSU system is complex, unique on

a national scale, and individual on each campus, the Consortium's fundamental believes that we are stronger together, especially in:

- Amplifying historic legacy of CSUs in pioneering ethnic studies
- Gathering spaces
- Enhanced thinking, creativity,
- Build community, breakdown the silos, share/talk
- Creating space for shared conversations/dialog, and collaboration
- Building a larger knowledge base
- Collectivity/Solidarity

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### DH@CSU Convening Recap

This past summer, we gathered for the inaugural in-person Convening of the DH@CSU Consortium. The two-day event was hosted by CSUF DEFCon and held at California State University, Fullerton. The convening brought together teaching faculty and librarians from 17 different CSU campuses with the purpose of envisioning sustainable pathways for research, teaching, and community initiatives at the intersections of Digital Humanities and Ethnic Studies fields throughout the state. Highlights from the Convening are shared on the DH@CSU blog, the DEFCon Final Report and our new website.

## CFPs and Funding Opportunities

### Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium Funding Opportunity

**(US/US territories)**

The Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium (DEFCon) is now accepting applications for its current funding opportunities. Applications are due January 20, 2024. DEFCon offers...

- **Teaching Fellowships** $2500
- **Capacity Building Fellowships** $5000
- **Mentor Stipends** $2500

Learn More and Apply Today!

We will request funding for the DH@CSU Consortium to continue building a system-wide consortium. All CSU campuses are encouraged to apply in the same category. If you are unsure about applying for your campus, you can ask Theresa Avila (Channel Islands) or Christina Acosta (Stanislaus) about their Capacity Building grants this year. Consider organizing a workshop series, a speaker series, or a reading group. You can also explore the interest on your campus by leveraging the information from our student researcher who examined potential DH-y Ethnic Studies programs and projects on all 23 campuses. Additionally, assess your resources and administrators. Kathy Harris and Jamila Moore Pewu are available for brainstorming. Send an email to: dh.csuconsortium@gmail.com.

## Call for Participation: DH Mentor Opportunity

CSUF's Digital Ethnic Futures Initiative (CSUF Digital), in collaboration with the UCLA Center for Community Schooling, is seeking 2-3 CSU colleagues located near Shasta County or West Contra Costa Unified Schools Districts to serve as CS Mentors. Mentors will support small teams of Community Schools Fellows who are using digital storytelling to share the impact of community schooling on their lives and communities.

As a CS Mentor, you will hold regular Zoom check-ins with CS Fellows and participate in digital project development sessions. Additionally, you will strengthen partnerships between your home campus and at least one local school site.The time commitment for this role will be no more than 30 hours from January to May. Mentors will receive a **$1000 stipend**.

If you are interested in community-engaged DH and sharing your expertise over the spring 2024 semester, please send inquiries to Dr. Jamila Moore Pewu at jmoorepewu@fullerton.edu by December 15th.

## Urgent Appeal for Expert Speakers on AI, Digital Ethnic Studies and More.

With the increasing number of campuses forming Task Forces on AI, we believe it is crucial to foster collaboration and exchange ideas, theories, critiques, and presenters from across the CSU campuses and invite colleagues and administrators to lean on experts from within our respective learning communities.

As such, we're building an expert speakers pool to respond to urgent/hot button DH topics. To add a speaker from your campus or yourself to this pool please complete the Urgent Appeal Speaker Form.

## Save These Dates

### Join SJSU's iSchool faculty and Project CIRCLE, for a series of events on ethics in computing.

**This series is part of a**
**Mozilla Responsible Computing Award.**

### CSU San Bernardino will be hosting the 22nd Annual Symposium on Teaching and Learning.

**February 23-23, 2024 (in-person) | March 1, 2024 (virtual)**

## Open Positions in Digital Humanities

### Cal Poly Pomona's English and Modern Language Department

**Position open until filled**

Cal Poly Pomona's English and Modern Languages department is hiring in Comparative Literature with a focus on Chinese Literature and Culture. Approaches from Ethnic Studies and digital humanities/media studies is warmly welcomed. Apply today!

## TT job: Assistant/Associate Professors in Cultural Heritage Informatics, University of Arizona

We intend to hire **multiple** tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professors with records of research in creative and critical application of information and computing technology in cultural heritage to begin in mid-August, 2024.

**Position open until filled**

Apply today!

## Want more information about DH@CSU Consortium?

Check the member list on our website to see who from your campus might be represented on the steering committee.

## Let's stay in touch!

Join Colleagues across the CSU on Slack for casual communication

and community building. Try Now

**Interested in Digital Ethnic Studies? Fill out this Interest form**

**Share information about the DEFCon Capacity Building Grant**

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