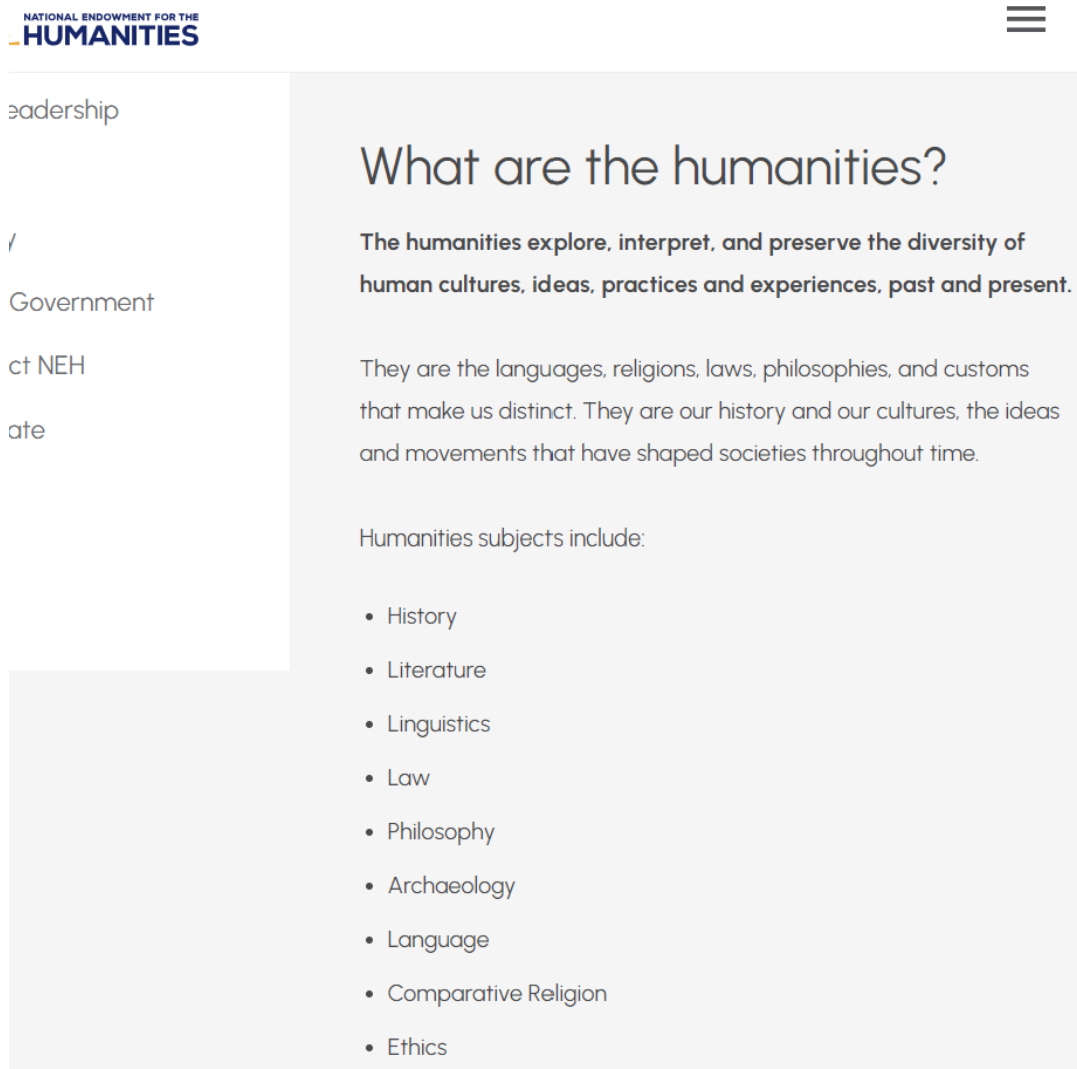


CHAP Speaker Fee Request

From the JOHN REID MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM – FUND #41745

Criteria for use of the fund as defined by the National Endowment for the Humanities:



The screenshot shows the National Endowment for the Humanities website. The header includes the logo and a hamburger menu icon. A left sidebar contains navigation links: Leadership, Government, and NEH. The main content area features the title "What are the humanities?" followed by a definition: "The humanities explore, interpret, and preserve the diversity of human cultures, ideas, practices and experiences, past and present." Below this, it states: "They are the languages, religions, laws, philosophies, and customs that make us distinct. They are our history and our cultures, the ideas and movements that have shaped societies throughout time." A section titled "Humanities subjects include:" lists the following subjects: History, Literature, Linguistics, Law, Philosophy, Archaeology, Language, Comparative Religion, and Ethics.

We are asking for the JOHN REID MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM Fund to pay an honorarium (which will cover a speaker's fee and travel) in the amount of **\$3,000**. This sum is for **Jenna L. Carson, Ch, Capt, USAF, Chaplin** to make a presentation on the current CHAP theme "Don't Stop Believing?" Carson will speak on March 7, 2025 and discuss her experience as a woman and chaplain working in the Federal Prison system.

Carson's lecture will meet the criteria for the use of the funds, specifically in regard to the "...religions...philosophies, and customs that make us distinct." Through "...practices and experiences, past and present." Specifically in the areas of **Philosophy, Comparative Religion, and Ethics**.

JENNA L. CARSON, Ch, Capt, USAF Chaplain

EDUCATION

Harvard Divinity School
Master of Divinity

Brigham Young University, Provo
Bachelor of Arts, English

BRIEF BIO

Jenna Carson holds a MA from Harvard Divinity School and a BA in English from Brigham Young University. She served for years as a Chaplain in a hospital and then a men's Federal Prison. She advocated for years to be recognized as the first female chaplain recognized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a distinction she achieved in 2022.

Capt. Carson now serves as an LDS Chaplain for the US Air Force on the Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. She continues to advocate for religious gender equality within her church and around the world. She has spoken about her experience in working with inmates in the Federal Prison System at conferences and on podcasts, including the International Conference on Sermon Studies held at Christ Church Oxford in 2023.