

Dear Friends:

I'm proud to present the 2006 Idaho Humanities Council Annual Report. This report offers a summary of the Council's many projects and programs funded over the year, and brings attention to the efforts of many organizations and individuals throughout the state that sought to examine the history, traditions, and values of human culture.

For 34 years, the Idaho Humanities Council has actively nurtured the role of the humanities in the intellectual and cultural life of Idaho. As a not-for-profit, independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council works with Idaho cultural institutions such as libraries, historical sites, museums, arts councils, colleges and universities, and community centers to bring innovative, thought-provoking programs to thousands of Idahoans annually.

Through our statewide collaborations, and our own programs and services we work to foster the understanding of culture and to inspire a more literate, tolerant and intellectually inquisitive Idaho citizenry. We see the humanities as fundamental to our understanding of ourselves as human beings, to encourage societal responsibility and to find deeper meaning in everyday occurrences.

Throughout 2006, the Council continued to sponsor programs and research designed to enrich public discussion and encourage citizen involvement. The IHC expanded public programs statewide, including book discussions at local libraries, Smithsonian exhibit tours at rural cultural institutions, programs strengthening innovations in the teaching of the humanities, interpretive public lectures on literature and history, and a number of humanities research projects. This 2006 *Annual Report* of the Idaho Humanities Council showcases these programs and identifies further need for the humanities in our communities.

Sincerely,
Ron Pisaneschi
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Chair



IHC Chair Ron Pisaneschi (right), presented Tony Stewart with IHC's 2006 award for "Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities" in February.

Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award – The Idaho

Humanities Council honored North Idaho political science professor and human rights activist Tony Stewart with its 2006 Award for "Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities," presented in Post Falls in February 2007. The IHC annually recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions that promote greater public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the humanities in Idaho. Stewart was selected to receive the award for his contributions as an outstanding activist, lecturer, writer, and scholar.

"Let's Talk About It" (LTAI) Completed its 21st Year

Thirteen libraries were selected by the Idaho State Library to host 75 scholar-led book discussion programs as part of the 2006 "Let's Talk About It" series. IHC has partnered with the Library since 1985 to bring the series to rural and small Idaho communities since 1985. Generous support from **US Bank** made the series possible in the communities of Rupert, Sandpoint, Hansen and Kimberly (co-hosts), Preston, Star, McCall, Salmon, Weippe, Grandview, Elk River, Garden City, Jerome and Malad. Over 1,000 people attended.



Smithsonian Exhibit Key Ingredients: America by Food toured Idaho – The Smithsonian traveling exhibition *Key Ingredients: America by Food* visited six Idaho communities. Key Ingredients was displayed at the **Hayden Public Library in Hayden**, the **Hailey Public Library in Hailey**, the **Buhl Arts Council in Buhl**, the **Historical Museum at St. Gertrude in Cottonwood**, the **Museum of Winchester History in Winchester** and the **Teton Valley Museum in Driggs**. The 800-square-foot exhibition was part of Museum on Main Street, a Partnership between the Federation of State Humanities Councils, the Smithsonian Institution, and State Humanities Councils with rural America, a series of exhibitions and programs specially designed to serve museums, libraries and historical societies in

rural communities. The exhibit and complimentary programming reached over 45,000 people during its stay in Idaho.

Distinguished Humanities Dinners and Lectures

- *NewsHour* host and author **Jim Lehrer** spoke in Boise to a record audience of over 900 attendees for the IHC's 10th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture in mid November. Lehrer spoke about the current state of journalism, his experiences in news reporting, his new novel *The Phony Marine*, and his love of the humanities.



PBS NewsHour host Jim Lehrer spoke to a Boise audience about journalism in America.

Acclaimed author and journalist

Susan Orlean spoke about "extraordinary" people she has met in her life at the IHC's 3rd Annual North Idaho Distinguished Humanities



Author Susan Orlean spoke of her encounters with extraordinary people during her writing career to a Coeur d'Alene audience.

Lecture and Dinner in late October at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Earlier in the day, she spoke to 200 high school students in the Coeur d'Alene High School auditorium.

IHC Sponsored Presentations

During the Corps of Discovery Exhibit Tour in Idaho

The National Park Service's **Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future** traveling exhibit about the Lewis and Clark Expedition visited Boise and Lewiston in May and June. IHC sponsored presentations by chautauquan Hasan Davis (who portrayed William Clark's slave York), Boisean Tim McNeil (who performs as Meriwether Lewis) as well as lectures by Lewis and Clark scholars Carol MacGregor, Mike Crosby, and Carole Simon-Smolinski.

Author Richard Bushman Spoke in Boise and Idaho Falls – Prize-winning historian Richard Lyman Bushman, Professor of History Emeritus at Columbia University and the author of *Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling* (Knopf, 2005), presented two free public lectures in Boise at the Boise State Special Events Center and at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls in June.



Author Richard Bushman spoke on Joseph Smith in Boise and Idaho Falls.

IHC publishes book about great food memories –

To compliment the Idaho tour of *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, the IHC published *Dishrag Soup & Poverty Cake: An Idaho Potluck of Essays on Food*, a collection of essays and recipes by 43 contributors from Coeur d'Alene to Pocatello about something we all have in common—great stories about food. The book features an eclectic mix of poignant and humorous essays about food making, food gathering, and, well, eating.



2006 at a Glance

IHC Awarded \$120,862 in Grants

IHC funded a total of 48 humanities grants to community groups, schools, teachers and individuals, supporting projects, programs, planning, and research fellowships serving both local and statewide audiences.

Speakers Bureau Booked 152 Programs Statewide

IHC's popular Speakers Bureau, operating with generous contributions from the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, continued active bookings in all regions of the state. Programs were presented in 32 cities and towns throughout Idaho, reaching more than 8,000 people.



Twenty-nine teachers attended IHC's 2006 summer institute.

Teachers Studied Abraham Lincoln at 2006 Summer Institute

– Twenty-nine teachers from around the state attended IHC's 2006 summer institute *Controlled by Events: The Presidency of Abraham Lincoln* in July at Albertson College in Caldwell. The lead scholars of the institute were Idaho State University professors David Adler and Ron Hatzenbuehler. Teachers studied the evolution of Lincoln's thoughts on crucial issues that punctuated his troubled years including slavery, state sovereignty, presidential powers, suspending civil liberties and the suspension of habeas corpus. Teachers evaluated Lincoln's legacy, universally considered by many to be America's greatest chief executive, and characterized as the nation's "poet president."

2006 Grants for Public Projects, Research Fellowships, K-12 Teacher Projects, and Planning

Mini and Major Grants:

Idaho Center for Idaho History and Politics (Boise) received **\$1,800** to support two issues of *Idaho Issues Online*, the online journal focusing on public policy issues of interest to Idahoans.

University of Idaho Department of Philosophy (Moscow) received **\$1,990** to help fund a public forum titled *What Should We Do For Nature: Environmental Problems, Responsibility, and Action*, as part of the 9th Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference held in the spring in Moscow.

Idaho Law Review (Moscow) received **\$2,000** to help support a symposium titled *Community Justice: Exploring Possibilities*. The symposium brought together community members and representatives of the traditional criminal justice court system to discuss unique solutions to neighborhood problems.

Long Valley Preservation Society (Lakefork) received **\$1,500** to preserve fragile historical records on a computer program, making the records more accessible to students, schools, libraries, and the general public.

Museum of Winchester (Craigmont) was awarded **\$2,000** to support community events as part of the tour of *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, a traveling Smithsonian exhibit in Winchester.

 **Rathdrum Library (Rathdrum)** received **\$1,000** to host a community-reading project and a lecture about the book *A Thousand Pieces of Gold*, the fictionalized story inspired by the life of Polly Bemis, one of Idaho's most noted Chinese Americans.

Buhl Arts Council (Buhl) was awarded **\$2,000** to develop three community-related exhibits complementing the *Key Ingredients: America by Food* traveling Smithsonian exhibit in Buhl.

Boise State University (Boise) received **\$3,860** to help support a public lecture by Terry Tempest Williams, author of *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* and *The Open Space of Democracy*, as part of the Western American Literature Association conference in Boise in October.

Idaho Botanical Garden (Boise) was awarded **\$2,536** to help fund the Lewis and Clark Lecture Series in Boise during the summer of 2006.

Ernest Hemingway Festival (Sun Valley) received **\$4,000** to assist with the fall 2006 Hemingway Festival in Sun Valley.

South Bannock County Historical Center (Lava Hot Springs) received **\$4,845** to annotate, clean, digitize, and reprint a selection of historical photographs from their archives and create a permanent exhibit featuring about 150 photos about the history of the area.




Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho (Boise) was awarded **\$5,400** to help support activities surrounding the 2006 *Fiesta Idaho*, the annual Hispanic Folklife Festival.

Friends of the Moscow Public Library (Moscow) received **\$3,400** to help develop a traveling exhibit commemorating the centennial of the library. The library was one of the original ten Carnegie libraries in Idaho, founded by two women's groups, the Pleiades and the Women's Historical Club.



Trailing of the Sheep Cultural Heritage (Ketchum) was awarded **\$3,000** to support scholars and storytellers participating in the *Trailing of the Sheep Festival* in Ketchum in October 2006.

Boise Philharmonic Association (Boise) received **\$4,000** to develop a traveling exhibit documenting the history of arts and music in Boise since 1887.

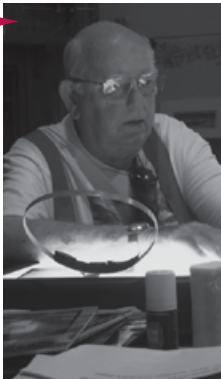


Nezperce Community Library (Nezperce) received **\$1,400** to create a permanent exhibit of historical photos of the area that were recently donated to the library.

Confluence Press (Lewiston) was awarded **\$2,000** to help fund the 6th annual program, called "What if Everyone Read the Same Book?"

The College of Southern Idaho (Twin Falls) received **\$2,000** to help support honoraria for the keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual "Passports and Passages: Conversations about Developmental Writing" conference for English teachers held in Hailey in spring 2007.

The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences (Twin Falls) received **\$2,000** to help bring photographer, writer, and Ansel Adams colleague Al Weber to Twin Falls for two public talks on creative expression in March of 2007.



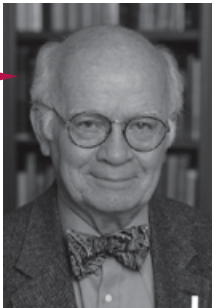
The Post Register (Idaho Falls) was awarded **\$2,000** to support development and display of a photography exhibit commemorating the 30th anniversary of the collapse of the Teton Dam and flooding of communities on the Upper Snake River.

The Human Rights Education Institute (Coeur d'Alene) received **\$2,000** to support an exhibit of family photographs taken by Otto Frank, father of Holocaust victim Anne Frank, on tour from the Anne Frank Center USA in New York City.

Lewis-Clark State College (Lewiston) received **\$2,000** to support the 20th Annual Native American Awareness Week in Lewiston in March 2007.

The Malad Valley Welsh Foundation (Malad City) received **\$2,000** to help support the third annual Welsh festival, focusing on Welsh culture, history and heritage, in July 2007.

Boise State University (Boise) was awarded **\$3,085** to bring University of Chicago religion scholar and National Book Award-winner Martin Marty to Boise for a public lecture in BSU's Jordan Ballroom in May of 2007.



Albertson College of Idaho (Caldwell) received **\$5,000** to host a series of lectures and a national traveling exhibit of 134 Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs from 1942 to the present, entitled *Capture the Moment*.

Idaho Public Television (Boise) was awarded **\$12,100** from IHC's special "Gift-and-Match" program for statewide broadcast of the 19th season of *American Experience*.

The Idaho Black History Museum (Boise) was awarded **\$6,980** for a project titled *African American Contributions to the Arts and Humanities*, a series of presentations at the Museum throughout 2007.

The University of Idaho (Moscow) received **\$3,500** to support the fourth annual American Indian Film Festival in Moscow in March 2007.

Idaho Public Television (Statewide) received **\$3,800** to help support the 2006 season of *American Masters*. This documentary series examines the lives, works, and creative processes of America's outstanding cultural artists.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum (Murphy) received **\$3,500** to support presentations and research by folk musician Phillip Gary Eller, in an effort to gather original Idaho folk songs about the Snake River Plain.



Ana Maria Schachtell (Boise) received **\$750** to support translation from English to Spanish of the book *Latinos in Idaho: Celebrando Cultura*, first published by IHC in 2003.

The Idaho State Historical Society (Boise) was awarded **\$750** to explore ways to create an online collection of ISHS holdings, including participation in a "digitization summit."

The Cabin (Boise) received **\$750** to support consultations with other national summer writing programs, with local partners, and other funding agencies to study opportunities for a new Whittenberger Writing Project in Idaho.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts (Boise) was awarded **\$1,000** to fund the implementation of a two-phased project to provide technical assistance, practice, and work space to traditional performers and immigrant craftmakers in the Treasure Valley.

Research Fellowships:

Brandon Rottinghaus, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Bureau of Public Affairs Research at the University of Idaho (**Moscow**), received **\$3,330** for a fellowship to complete a study titled *The Power of Decree: Historical Use of Presidential Proclamations from George Washington to George W. Bush*.

Steven J. Stewart, Assistant English Professor at BYU-Idaho (**Rexburg**), was awarded **\$3,500** to translate Mexican-Uruguayan poet Eduardo Milán's book *Razón de Amor y Acto de Fe (Reason for Love and Act of Faith)*. Milán is a prolific and significant Latin American poet who has published 27 books of poetry and whose work has been published in notable anthologies of contemporary Mexican poetry.



Benedict J. Colombi, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Idaho State University (**Pocatello**), received **\$3,500** for research titled *The Nez Perce Tribe and the Extinction of Pacific Salmon: A Social Power Approach*. Colombi will conduct research from a new perspective into the efforts of the Nez Perce tribe to prevent the extinction of the Pacific salmon, specifically in the lower Snake River basin.



Sean M. Quinlan, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Idaho (**Moscow**), was awarded **\$3,500** for a fellowship titled *The Authority of Life: Biomedical Science and Cultural Politics in Revolutionary France, 1794-1848*.

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Teacher Incentive Grants:



Karen Smith, Jackson Elementary School (Boise) was awarded **\$280** to purchase Japanese language CDs and workbooks to assist her with her participation in a Fulbright Japan Master Teacher Program.

Bonnie Warne, South Fremont High School (St. Anthony) was awarded **\$1,000** to bring Portland author Susan Fletcher to the Upper Valley Young Author’s conference to be held in eastern Idaho.

Staci C. Shaw, ANSER Charter School (Boise) received **\$1,000** to bring an exhibit on contemporary Mayan culture to the Idaho Historical Museum and Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho in spring 2006.

Karla LaOrange, Malane Anderson, Cheri Dobson, and Terri Seal, Linden Park Elementary (Idaho Falls) were awarded **\$1,000** to support the 4th grade Idaho History Rendezvous in District #91.

Mark W. Bowman, Indian Hills Elementary (Pocatello) received **\$706** to provide a field trip for local students to a Civil War Reenactment Day at a local farm.

Dawn Kennedy-Haeder, Robert Janss School (Cottonwood) was awarded **\$1,000** to develop a new program to teach young offenders the importance of reading, analyzing, and discussing works of literature.

Susan Hodgin, Moscow High School (Moscow) received **\$1,000** to bring Portland author, Susan Fletcher, to the Inland Northwest Writing Project to be held in north Idaho.

David Pennock, Museum of Idaho in Cooperation with Southwestern ID Educators (Idaho Falls) received **\$1,000** to support the annual publication of the *Snake River Review*, featuring research papers written by Idaho high school juniors and seniors about Idaho history.



Becky Ford, Post Falls School District #273 (Post Falls), received **\$1,000** for the *Q’emiln Quest Educational Program*, a hands-on outdoor educational experience for fourth grade students to explore Post Falls’ history.

Parlene Davis and Debra Daniels, Thirkill Elementary School (Soda Springs), were awarded



\$1,000 to reprint a 1958 Soda Springs history book, *Tosoiba: Sparkling Waters*, to be used in 4th

grade classes at Thirkill Elementary School.

Humanities Education Endowment Goal Achieved

Since 2002, the IHC has waged its most aggressive fundraising campaign ever, and with your help we met our goal! With help from a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and tremendous support from friends of the humanities statewide, the IHC has raised \$1 million for its *Endowment for Humanities Education*.

This endowment will offer a sustainable source of funding for IHC’s annual, weeklong summer institutes, humanities workshops, and other programs for Idaho elementary and secondary teachers. IHC’s summer institute program is just one of several major IHC programs that bring the humanities to the Idaho public. IHC’s summer institutes help not only the many Idaho teachers who attend, but their students as well. Idaho students directly benefit from the knowledge gained and lesson plans their teachers develop at summer institutes.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Idaho Humanities Council is to deepen understanding of human experience by connecting people with ideas.

The Vision of the Idaho Humanities Council is that the humanities inspire a more literate, tolerant, and intellectually inquisitive Idaho citizenry, better able to embrace life’s possibilities.

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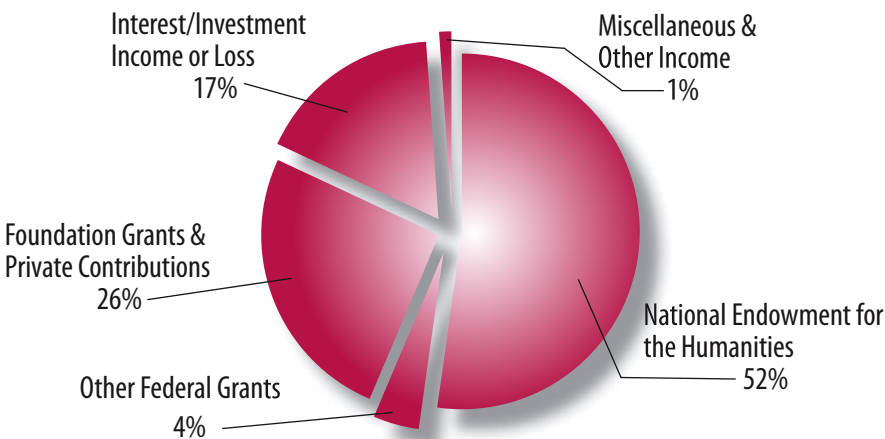
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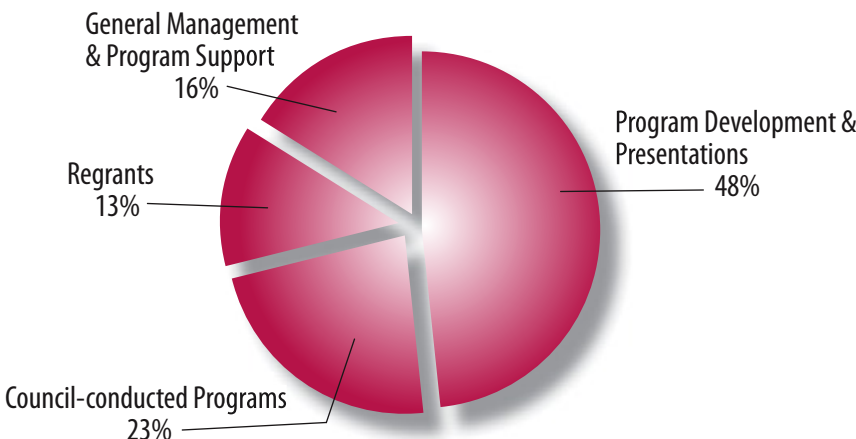
Financial Summary for the Year Ending October 31, 2006

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$470,030.00
Other Federal Grants	37,624.00
Foundation Grants and Private Contributions*	230,676.00
Interest/Investment Income or Loss	151,687.00
Miscellaneous and Other Income	8,660.00
Total Revenues and Other Support	898,677.00
EXPENSES	
Program Development and Presentations	305,620.00
Council-conducted Programs	143,489.00
Regrants	80,767.00
General Management & Program Support	101,400.00
Total Expenses	631,276.00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	267,401.00
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR**	1,410,458.00
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	1,677,589.00
NOTES:	
*Includes income received for annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner registrations as attendance fees and expensed for price of dinner. Actual program income totaled \$163,790.	
**Includes nonfederal accumulated income raised over the history of IHC and invested in money market, and mutual fund and endowment accounts. Nonfederal funds are used for special programming initiatives.	
Annual audit conducted by Wilson, Harris & Company Detailed audit reports available from IHC upon request	

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