THE CAMPAIGN

NCPH is embarking on a three-year campaign to secure the future of the public history community. With your help, by the time we celebrate our organization’s 40th anniversary in 2020, we aim to raise $250,000 to top our endowment at $1 million. We seek to build our capacity and achieve three transformational goals:

1. to significantly expand our already-vibrant community through increased professional development opportunities;
   NCPH seeks to grow the regional mini-conference program and to pilot virtual professional development offerings designed to serve public historians at every stage of their careers and throughout the year.

2. to catalyze our capacity to lead via scholarship, excellence, and best practices in the field through our awards and travel grant programs;
   NCPH awards recognize excellence in the many ways public historians apply their skills in the world around us, with the goals of promoting professionalism and best practices among public historians and raising awareness about their activities. NCPH seeks to expand travel grants and award offerings to increase diversity and inclusion in the organization and field.

3. to increase our fiscal independence.
   NCPH seeks to enhance existing internal infrastructure to better support the organization’s programs. This includes funding the existing full-time Program Manager and Membership Manager positions without salary support from the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI (NCPH’s institutional host) in order to keep pace with our growth in membership and conference attendance, and to allow the organization more flexibility in meeting its staffing needs.

OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

NCPH serves the public history community in the following ways:

• through PUBLICATIONS
  • The Public Historian – The voice of the public history profession. The Public Historian provides the results of research and case studies, and addresses the broad substantive and theoretical issues in the field.
  • Public History News – This quarterly newsletter provides updates on the work of the NCPH staff, board, and committees as well as news on developments in the field.
  • Digital Publications – To build intellectual and professional community, NCPH uses social media and online collaboration spaces such as the Public History Commons, hosted on www.ncph.org. History@Work, a multi-authored, peer-edited blog blends scholarly, professional, and civic discourse arising from the practice of presenting history in public. The website also hosts born-digital publications such as Public History in a Changing Climate and Preserving Places.
  • Online Resources – NCPH produces the interactive Guide to Public History Programs, The Public History Navigator, a searchable, free jobs page; a directory for public history consultants; and numerous “best practices” documents for public history curriculum and program development.

• through PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, and AWARDS
  • Annual Meeting – Each year’s program includes sessions, field trips, professional development workshops, seminar-like working groups, “Speed Networking,” Pop-Up exhibits and activities, a poster session, and an exhibit hall. Attendance at the conference has grown by approximately 74 percent over the last five years.
  • Mini-Cons – NCPH mini-conferences are designed to help maintain the energy, conviviality, and productivity of the annual meeting year-round. Mini-cons are an opportunity to strengthen the public history community on a regional scale.
  • Advocacy and Collaborative Efforts – Cooperative relationships with other organizations and institutions have been crucial to magnifying the influence of NCPH throughout the US and internationally in order to represent the interests of public historians and to promote historical understanding.
  • Awards and Travel Grants – NCPH’s awards program recognizes books, projects, articles, and other work within an expanding, interdisciplinary, and international field. Travel grants assist graduate students and new professionals attending the annual meeting.
WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN OUR NEXT 40 YEARS?

OUR VISION

Interest in public history continues to grow throughout the world, increasing the need for ongoing professional development of members, greater recognition of excellence in public history scholarship and practice, and a more flexible institutional infrastructure. Growing our endowment and increasing our capacity will allow NCPH to meet this demand by being the “go-to” organization that public history professionals turn to day-to-day and throughout their careers.

ACTIVE COLLABORATION

NCPH serves public history professionals through collaborative efforts. Its partners include the University of California, Santa Barbara, which hosts the editorial offices of *The Public Historian*. The journal’s co-editor is a public historian in residence at Rutgers University—Camden’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities, and partnerships with universities in Europe and Asia supply four international consulting editors for the journal. NCPH helped form the International Federation for Public History (IFPH) and provides staff support for the administration of the IFPH’s membership program and finances.

HONOR AND PROMOTE EXCELLENCE

The awards program includes the Robert Kelley Memorial Award, which honors distinguished and outstanding achievements in public history; the Michael C. Robinson Award for Historical Analysis; the NCPH Book Award; the Outstanding Public History Project Award, the Excellence in Consulting Awards; and the Student Project Award, along with graduate student and new professional travel grants. Through this campaign NCPH will explore the best ways to honor inclusive public history work and to encourage greater diversity in the field through travel grants.

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