

# Humanities Institute

## Montana State University

### Activities Supported to Date

- Symposium on “Stem Cell Research and Its Ethical Implications,” Dr. Irving Weissman, Stanford University
- Lecture on “Religion and Science,” Dr. E. O. Wilson, Harvard University
- Lecture by Shirin Ebadi, 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient
- Lecture on “Lincoln in Photographs,” Dr. Frank Goodyear, National Portrait Gallery
- 1st Annual Edward O. Wilson Biodiversity Technology Pioneer Awards public forum and awards ceremony. This event was co-sponsored by the American Computer Museum.
- Mendelssohn in Montana symposium and performances, featuring leading Mendelssohn scholars and MSU performers

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The Humanities Institute at MSU is a place where scholars, policymakers, community leaders, and members of the public come together to explore the important cultural concerns of our community, our region, our nation, and our planet. The Institute hosts scholars and lecturers from around the world, offers educational opportunities for the community, and provides exhibit and performing space for the arts.

### The goals of the Humanities Institute

- Advancing knowledge across and between the disciplines
- Building campus and community partnerships
- Creating a spirit of civic engagement
- Inspiring new ways of thinking about local, regional, national, and global challenges

### Components of the Humanities Institute

- Lectures and symposia
- Performances
- Exhibitions
- Short-term sabbaticals for community leaders to work with MSU faculty on collaborative projects
- Short-term sabbaticals for a local area K-12 teacher to work with Humanities Institute fellows to carry the lessons of above-named projects into the classroom
- The Humanities Institute is working with MSU and the City of Bozeman to secure funds to lease space in the Story Mansion for its operations.



*Dr. E. O. Wilson, photo by Jim Harrison, Harvard University*

### Humanities Institute Mission Statement

The MSU Humanities Institute promotes collaboration between the humanities, sciences, and arts to better prepare Montanans to ask the right questions about the future and come up with the best answers for the challenges that await us in the twenty-first century. The MSU Humanities Institute is dedicated to addressing the human prospect not in isolation from the broader community, but in collaboration with those who produce and apply knowledge beyond the physical boundaries of campus.



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