Director’s Message for September 2015

Dear Colleagues,

We’re past Labor Day now and it’s feeling less like the summer, more like autumn. I’m invigorated and looking forward to our upcoming CEAH events.

Our first CEAH-sponsored symposium "The Ethics of Debt" will take place this month, **September 25-26**. William Carter and Kate Padgett-Walsh have assembled a very impressive conference. There will be thirty presentations given by international scholars from multiple disciplinary points of view. The plenary speakers will be Clara Han (John Hopkins University), Gustav Peebles (New School for Social Research), and Miranda Joseph (University of Arizona). The conference is open to the entire ISU community. All presentations will be in Curtiss Hall, with a dinner reception in the Campanile Room. Check the [CEAH website](#) for links to the details. See you there!

The CEAH is joining with the College of Design, LAS, and the Department of English to sponsor a digital humanities symposium "Reflecting Past and Present: 19th Century Humanities in a Digital Age" **Saturday October 24** in the Ensminger Conference Room, Kildee Hall. This one-day conference is the brainchild of Sean Grass, and I have enjoyed working with him as a co-organizer. The purpose of the event is to expose ISU faculty to examples of high-level work in digital humanities, with access to experts in this field. To create synergy we decided to invite four scholars who while taking different methodological approaches to digital humanities have in common studying 19th century art and literature. It’s important to emphasize here that this event is not just for scholars in 19th-century studies, it is for **everyone** thinking about adding digital humanities methods to their research toolkit. In addition to four talks on their work in and experiences with digital humanities, our guest speakers will join in a closing panel session on the practical, professional, and institutional challenges involved in digital humanities. Another special feature will be lunchtime discussion tables with the guest scholars. Registration is required, and there are a limited number of lunch table seats, so [register today](#)!

To close, with all this talk of upcoming conferences, it’s a good time to remind you that proposals for the CEAH Symposium Grants are due October 15. See the [CEAH Grants](#) page.

Best Regards,

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