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Xavier University College of Arts & Sciences Receives \$35,000 Grant from NEH

Xavier University of Louisiana will receive funding from The National Endowment for the Humanities to develop an undergraduate minor in Digital Humanities, Data Science and Digital Justice

New Orleans LA - The National Endowment for the Humanities announced its support of Xavier University of Louisiana's proposed project entitled "Digital Humanities, Data Science, and Digital Justice Minor," with \$35,000 in funding through its Humanities Connections grant program, an initiative that is designed to expand the role of the humanities in undergraduate education..

Under the direction of Dr. Kim Vaz-Deville, professor of education and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the grant funds will be used to address the long-term plans of the university and the workforce development needs of the community it serves. The minor in Digital Humanities, Data Science, and Digital Justice will teach students the humanistic tools of critique, appreciation and engagement with the byproduct of providing skills development in digital platforms that are used in businesses.

Vaz-Deville said the minor is steeped in Xavier's mission as a Historically Black and Catholic University preparing students for leadership and to work toward a more just and humane society.

"The minor in Digital Humanities, Data Science, and Digital Justice solidifies an appropriate and necessary partnership between the humanities and the sciences within the university," said Miranda Restovic, President and Executive Director of LEH. "As the leading humanities organization in Louisiana, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities is prepared to support this important planning project."

About the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: www.neh.gov.

About Xavier University of Louisiana

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, lead, and care for their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked

No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under “Great Schools, Great Prices.”

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