



Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities Global Research and Education Initiative

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The Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities (MJCH) was officially launched by Lewis and Clark Community College in 2011 with a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant and later aligned with Mannie Jackson's vision and significant personal investment to create a global humanities research center.

To accomplish its goals, L&C President Dr. Dale Chapman and the MJCH have assembled university partners and world class scholars with expertise in content and research methodologies, enabling the MJCH to conduct large scale research.

The research funded by the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities Foundation (MJCHF) uses the humanities to gain insights in the scientific study of the environment, resulting in improved environmental equity for communities of disenfranchised people throughout the world. The MJCH will engage teams of humanities faculty, working directly with environmental scientists, to communicate the importance of bridging information gaps and applying results of leading-edge knowledge to construct positive, research-based policy solutions to current issues and problems on a national and global scale.

The Mannie Jackson vision contemplated for the center requires creating five to seven Humanities/Environmental Science research teams at an operating cost of \$300,000 each, plus endowed chairs in the range of \$20 million to be established over a 10-year period. This additional \$20 million will fully actuate a sustained and resilient program.

What is the Global Research and Education Initiative?

The world's population is becoming increasingly pluralistic and polarized, creating conditions of resource scarcity and economic imbalances resulting in imploding nation states and worldwide migration of populations seeking safe harbors. The MJCH seeks to understand how people interact with their environments, their "sense of place" and how that can connect with environmental science to resolve social and economic issues faced by disenfranchised people.

Human and environmental sustainability is not uniformly protected throughout the world. There are issues of environmental inequities adversely impacting poor communities globally.

The mission of the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities is to promote mutual understanding, respect, compassion and equity among people of the global community, with particular emphasis on environmental equity. The MJCH is uniquely positioned to use the humanities to address issues of environmental fairness and to elevate the human spirit through human expression.

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