

Minnesota Humanities Center

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Building a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society.

About Us



We believe that the humanities help foster greater empathy, compassion, dignity, and understanding among people.



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Our Work



- workshops
- lectures
- discussion forums
- traveling exhibits
- field trips
- retreats
- professional development for educators and community leaders
- 1,000+ multimedia tools



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Legacy Appropriation Funding

FY2018-2019

Veterans' Voices "Why Treaties Matter" K-12 Education

Total = \$2,195,000 (over two years)



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Veterans' Voices

Amplifies Minnesotan's military Veteran experiences through storytelling, literature, workshops, and the Veterans' Voices Award.



FY2018-2019:

- 27 events
- 18 communities
- 1,436 attendees
- 145 Veterans Voices Awardees from 83 communities since 2013.



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2019 Veterans' Voices Programs

America's Secret War Educator Toolkit — A new inclusive curriculum that recognizes plurality over a singular narrative. Brings to light untold stories that make Minnesota's history and identity more complete.

Veterans' Voices Educator Salon, Duluth & St. Paul — Will remain in St. Paul and expand to Duluth to allow more educators to interact with Veteran's content using our Absent Narratives Approach™.

Warrior Writers Workshops — Focused on greater Minnesota: Duluth, Granite Falls, Minneapolis, St. Cloud, and Winona.

Veterans' Voices Award Ceremony — Re-envisioned to center on the voices of Veterans and highlight the transformative power of the humanities.



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“Why Treaties Matter”

A nationally recognized, award-winning, traveling exhibit made in partnership with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.



FY2018-2019:

- 14 tour stops and events
- 10 communities
- 10,420+ attendees
- 3 more stops scheduled
- On permanent display at the State Capitol



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2019 “Why Treaties Matter” Host Sites

In addition to the 3 hosts sites already visited in 2019

Century College (March 2019) — White Bear Lake

East Site Freedom Library (March 2019) — St. Paul

Park Rapids Area Schools (May 2019) — Park Rapids

More 2019 tour stops TBA

Now on permanent display on 3rd floor of Minnesota State Capitol



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K-12 Education

Builds on our nearly 50-year education history through workshops and experiences that examine the manifold cultures alive across Minnesota.



FY2018-2019:

- 89 events
- 24 communities
- 3,110+ attendees
- 600+ educational resources distributed



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2019 K-12 Education Programs

Increase Engagement Through Absent Narratives — Quarterly workshop that introduces our approach to community engagement through voices or stories that are left out or marginalized.

Learning from Place: Bdote — Daylong workshop, offered five times per year, spent visiting local Twin Cities sites that are significant to Dakota people and learning about them from Dakota perspectives.

Teaching Bdote — Opportunity for educators who have been on a Bdote trip to receive additional support on how to share the experience with their students.

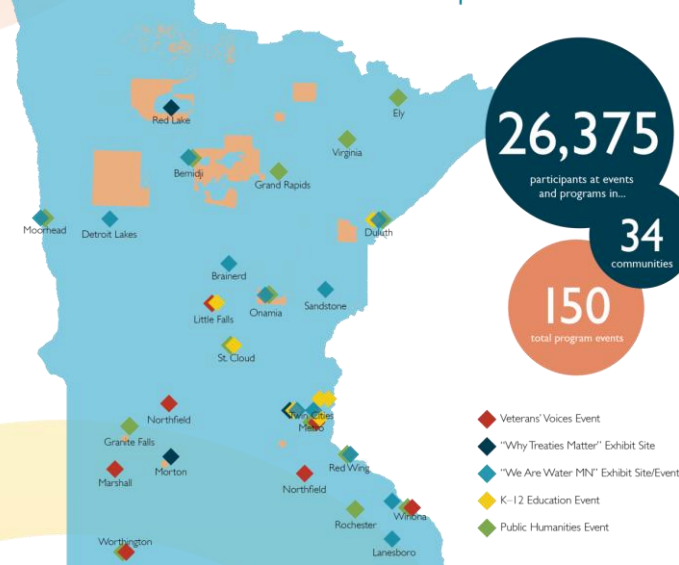
2019 Educator Institute — Annual weeklong experience that immerses participants in our proven approach to increasing student engagement through absent narratives.



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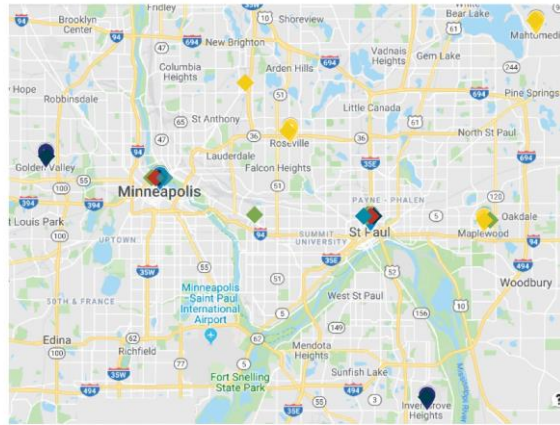
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Statewide Impact FY 2017–2018



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Twin Cities Impact Map FY2017-2018



- ◆ Veterans' Voices Event
- ◆ Why Treaties Matter Exhibit Site
- ◆ We Are Water MN Exhibit Site/Event
- ◆ K-12 Education Event
- ◆ Public Humanities Event



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Legacy Pass-Through Appropriations

Due to our responsible fiscal management, MHC enjoys the opportunity to be the fiscal agent for a variety of other government and community organizations. We value our role in making Minnesota stronger through pass-through grants management.

- Somali Community and Museum Grants
- Wheel & Cog Children's Museum of Hutchinson
- Children's Discovery Museum
- Minnesota Children's Museum
- Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota
- Duluth Children's Museum
- Rondo Commemorative Plaza
- Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
- City of St. Paul Dept of Recreation
- Minnesota Civic Youth
- Learning Law and Democracy Foundation
- YMCA Minnesota Youth in Government

\$2,957,000



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Testifiers

Leanne Akemann – High School Social Studies
Teacher, Northeast Range School

Amy K. Hamlin – Associate Professor of Art History,
St. Catherine University

Lindsey Erdmann – Marine Corps Veteran, 2017
Veterans' Voices Awardee



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