



Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship Competition 2022-2023

Reckoning with Ecological Peril and Possibility

The climate crisis, pollution, and loss of biodiversity threaten the future of life on earth. What do these self-inflicted existential crises—and our halting responses to them—tell us about human nature, society, and our relationship to the earth on which all life depends? Which social forces, actors, and institutions are driving us toward catastrophe, and how do we fight back? How do we transform our political and economic systems? How do we prepare for and adapt to an environment that is already compromised? How do these crises introduce new threats to our physical and mental health, and how are communities and professionals grappling with these? What new forms of knowledge and technology are needed to comprehend and respond to the ecological perils we face? What can we learn through the study of history? What can we learn from social movements? What can we learn from visionary artists and futurists? What new cultural, moral, political, and social forms are emerging to frame and give meaning to these transformations? How can we reimagine more sustainable and socially just futures? How can we bring those futures into being and avert planetary disaster?

We invite a range of creative and humanities-based responses from faculty members in all academic disciplines, including the arts, humanities, social sciences, life and physical sciences, and professions.

All WSU full-time faculty in the humanities, arts, and related disciplines are eligible to submit proposals, except those who received a Faculty Fellowship Award from the Center within the last two years. The submission guidelines for this competition and the cover letter can be found on the FORMY. The Center will fund up to eight proposals with up to \$6,000 each. Recipients will be expected to present their findings to date at a Faculty Fellows Conference to be scheduled in April 2023.

Submit applications by March 24, 2023 via <https://forms.wayne.edu/6196626b9f649/>

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