New Research Areas in the Humanities: Ideas gleaned from the 2018 CHCI Conference

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In the midst of a declared crisis in the humanities, Humanities Centers at colleges and universities around the world are actively reimagining conventional models for humanities-based research, teaching, and collaboration. Public Humanities, Medical Humanities, Global Humanities, and Digital Humanities are well-established fields that are generating dynamic conversations across a broad, interdisciplinary community of scholars. This presentation reports back on some of those initiatives, as presented at the 2018 Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes meeting – an international gathering of scholars and administrators. In particular, this report back and discussion focuses on the conference theme – “Humanities Informatics” – to highlight some of the structures through which humanities faculty and centers have engaged with big data research and the possibilities for some of these models of interdisciplinary research at Wayne State.

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