

# THE NEH SUPPORTS CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH



The National Endowment for the Humanities supports innovative research and development, enhancing our understanding of our shared past and providing fruitful insights for our future.

## THE NEH PROVIDES INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY AND INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

Victoria E. Bynum's *The Free State of Jones: Mississippi's Longest War* investigates the history of a guerilla-style band of resistance against the Confederacy that was centered in Jones County, Mississippi, reshaping national narratives about the Civil War South. The book was later made into a film.

William Kerrigan's *Johnny Appleseed and the American Orchard: A Cultural History* examines the life of Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman while providing an inroad to an understudied period of American history: the Midwestern frontier in the 75 years following the American Revolution.

## NEH GRANTS HAVE SUPPORTED MAJOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS.

NEH-funded archeological digs have discovered the original Jamestown settlement as well as the original settlement at Plymouth. And at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the NEH has supported archaeological digs uncovering the history of slavery at the plantation. This research has profoundly influenced our national understanding of Jefferson and of the Chesapeake Bay region.

NEH-supported research at New Mexico's Chaco Canyon helped archaeologist Patricia Crown make major discoveries into pre-Columbian, pueblo-dwelling peoples' religion and culture.

## THE NEH SUPPORTS INTERDISCIPLINARY AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH THAT HAS RESULTED IN LARGE-SCALE RESOURCES AND SURPRISING DISCOVERIES.

Through a grant to Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute, a team of anthropologists, archaeologists, biologists, and medical doctors created a database of radiological scans taken from mummies and found that ancient peoples around the world suffered from heart disease—a major medical discovery with modern implications.

## THE NEH SUPPORTS THE DOCUMENTATION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES.

Through a partnership with the National Science Foundation, the NEH has provided \$11.4 million in support of research that records, documents, and archives languages that are in danger of dying out while providing new language-acquisition tools for those who speak and wish to learn them. One such research project, the *Penobscot Dictionary*, is digitizing nearly a hundred years of research into the language and making it available to the Penobscot people.



"I can't speak highly enough of the NEH and what their modest support did for me in getting this project done. And I try to give back to the region by beginning to share the stories of Johnny Appleseed across the state."

— William Kerrigan, Muskingum College, author of *Johnny Appleseed and the American Orchard: A Cultural History*

