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CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES

(ORANGE, CALIF.) — California Humanities has announced the recent round of Humanities For All Quick Grant awards. Chapman University has been awarded a \$3,987 for its project entitled “Ferlinghettifest 2022.”

The Humanities For All Quick Grant is a competitive grant program of California Humanities that supports locally-initiated public humanities projects that respond to the needs and interests of Californians, encourage greater public participation in humanities programming, particularly by new and/or underserved audiences, and promotes understanding and empathy among all our state’s peoples in order to cultivate a thriving democracy.

In February 2021, the last of the beat poets, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, died at 100. The John Fowles Center for Creative Writing, led by the center’s director, Dr. Axelrod-Sokolov, will host Ferlinghettifest 2022 honoring him with invited speakers to discuss his art, writing, and his other creative talents. This event will recognize Ferlinghetti’s creative talents and will contribute to a broader understanding of Ferlinghetti’s work as an artist and humanitarian. The Ferlinghettifest will be the culminating literary event of the 25th Anniversary of the John Fowles Center for Creative Writing. Ferlinghetti experts, including George Krevsky, his gallerist from San Francisco; Robert Barsky, a literary critic and literature professor from Vanderbilt University; and Barbara Epler, editor of New Directions Publishing, the house that published many of Ferlinghetti’s work will talk intimately about the nature of his writing and his artwork. “Ferlinghettifest will give our audience a greater appreciation of his talents, whether they are familiar with Ferlinghetti’s work or coming to it for the first time,” said Dr. Mark Axelrod-Sokolov

“These projects will bring the complexity and diversity of California to light in new ways that will engage Californians from every part of our state, and, will help us all understand each other better,” said Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities. “We congratulate the grantees whose projects will promote understanding and provide insight into a wide range of topics, issues, and experiences.”

A complete list of all Humanities For All Quick Grants can be found on the calhum.org website [here](#).

California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment of the Humanities, promotes the humanities – focused on ideas, conversation and learning – as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect us to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more visit calhum.org, or follow California Humanities on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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