

NASEM ROUNDTABLE

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

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Background

- NEH is a small federal agency that funds research, education, preservation, and public programming in the humanities.
- NEH was not covered by the 2013 OSTP “Holdren memo,” as we fund < \$100M in research.
- However, our agency is covered by the new 2022 OSTP “Nelson memo.”



Our Team

- The NEH Chair, Shelly Lowe, has appointed two staff members to begin to develop a public access policy for the agency:
 - Brett Bobley, CIO & Director, Office of Digital Humanities
 - Chris Thornton, Director, Division of Research Programs
- Both have also joined the OSTP Subcommittee on Open Science



Key Things for Us to Consider/Figure Out

- How many journal articles does NEH fund per year? (We think a rough estimate of 120 - 200.)
- What journals are publishing this work?
- Which repository should we store articles in? (And what are the costs?)
- What does a “dataset” mean in the context of various humanities disciplines?



Outreach

- We plan to be in touch with journals and scholarly societies to get their feedback as we draft our plan.
- We will talk to other funders who already have public access plans in place to learn from them.



Timeline

- OSTP has given new agencies like NEH a deadline of August 20, 2023 (360 days after the memo was signed) to submit a draft plan.



Thank you!

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