

Center for Humanities & the Arts Newsletter

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Dear CU Boulder Community & Supporters of the CHA,

August marks my year anniversary with the CHA. And it has been a tremendous year, which you can see for yourself in the attached annual report. There are many people I need to thank—too many to make it readable for this newsletter. But one person who has been critical to the success of anything coming out of the CHA is [Sharon Van Boven](#), our Finance and Operations manager. Sharon is hard working, meticulous, organized, warm, friendly, patient, generous, and the best guide I could have to explain CU Boulder to me when I first arrived last year. I'd tell you to go say hello in Macky if we were there, but like other units that aren't essential to the day-to-day operations of CU Boulder, we will be working remotely through Fall 2020.

Despite the pandemic, we are trying to plan just a few events that center on arts and humanities, such as unveiling our [Shelter Projects](#) and hosting the next in our series of "Difficult Dialogues": Unpacking Whiteness (we'll be sending out a flyer with more details shortly) on Wednesday, September 9, 12:00-1:15pm. We are also continuing our [Pandemic Posts](#)—the latest comes from Professor Sue Zemka (ENGL); she is taking her sabbatical in London and shares her observations on life in quarantine from the [Hazel Barnes flat](#). And for any faculty reading this who work in arts and humanities, please check out the deadlines for our [small grant program](#) and the [faculty fellows program](#) (Thursday, October 1)—they can be found on our newly re-designed website (thank you Sharon and Kat) under "[Opportunities](#)."

Leaving UNC Chapel Hill was difficult—I was there for 16 years and had developed close ties to people and programs on and off campus. However, the warm welcome I've received at CU Boulder and the amazing students, staff, and faculty that I've met, as well as the Boulder county community members I've gotten to know, confirm the leap of faith that I took a year ago. I am happy to make Colorado my new home state and privileged and proud to lead the CHA and promote our mission: to foster community, support collaborations, and inspire creativity and research while promoting equity, inclusion, and academic excellence—all through the lens of arts and humanities. Because humanities and arts give meaning.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ho
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