Call for Proposals
Library Enhancement Program in the Humanities

The Center for Humanities & the Public Sphere, with the support of the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, is making available to faculty members at the University of Florida several grants up to the amount of $5,000 to acquire library resources, print, digital, or audio-visual media, in a field of study not currently well-served by the University’s collections. These resources are intended to enhance scholarly research and teaching in the humanities as well as related disciplines.

In addition to providing an explanation of the disciplinary or multi-disciplinary needs to be met by these purchases, individual or collective applicants are asked to submit to the Center an itemized bibliography or filmography with a rough estimate of the cost of each of these works. Priority will be given to applicants who do not have access to start-up funds or endowed research accounts. Requests that could potentially serve existing constituencies of the University beyond the immediate applicants will likewise be ranked more highly. Whenever possible, proposed acquisitions should also benefit students at the University of Florida and/or members of the community.

Proposal Format
The Center is soliciting proposals due Friday, 19 March 2010 so that the requested materials may be purchased by the appropriate libraries by Fall 2010. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length apart from the budget page(s) with specific items to be purchased. Applicants should provide a rationale for the purchases and indication of those expected to benefit from them. The proposal must address the following:

1. the specific project or field(s) the resources will support;
2. how the acquisitions will complement or extend existing library collections;
3. the potential constituencies that will benefit from the purchases;
4. a separate, detailed, and ranked list of desired acquisitions and their estimated cost.

Proposal Due Date
Friday, 19 March 2010 5:00 PM

Please submit proposals by electronic attachment to the Center Director, Bonnie Effros, at humanities-center@ufl.edu. Applicants will be notified in early April 2010 regarding the status of their proposals.