

Fri, Oct 6, 2023



## Humanities Institute

October 2023

Dear Friends of the Humanities Institute—

October is upon us, and the interdisciplinary centers have created a tremendous range of events for the season. The Center for Ethnic Studies offers its traditional Day of the Dead celebration, a workshop on human trafficking in Ohio, and will feature the new faculty in Latinx Studies leading a discussion on “What is Ethnic Studies?” The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies offers a symposium on Shakespeare’s first folio and an evening of musical epic from Benjamin Bagby. The Center for Folklore Studies invites you to a pre-Halloween screening of *Candyman* along with a series of information sessions about its famed Ohio Field School. The Melton Center for Jewish Studies presents a discussion of Superman’s Jewish origins and the documentary *Monument* by filmmaker Michael Turner. The Center for the Study of Religion has expanded the annual Davis Lecture on Christianity into an exciting day-long colloquium focused on Christianity and the economy. Along with the Chris Zacher Lecture in the Humanities, “The Ed Scare,” offered by Jonathan Friedman of PEN America, the month is packed with engaging opportunities for intellectual community.

Speaking of which, please mark your calendars for our Grand Re-Opening of the 455 suite on November 8. All the centers will be on display, with student presentations and information about how to become more involved in their activities. Please join us.

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## NEWS



### October 23: Zacher Lecture in the Humanities

Our annual Zacher Lecture in the Humanities is right around the corner. Jonathan Friedman, director of education programs at the literary and human rights nonprofit PEN America, will speak on book bans and educational censorship on Monday, October 23 from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Faculty Club.

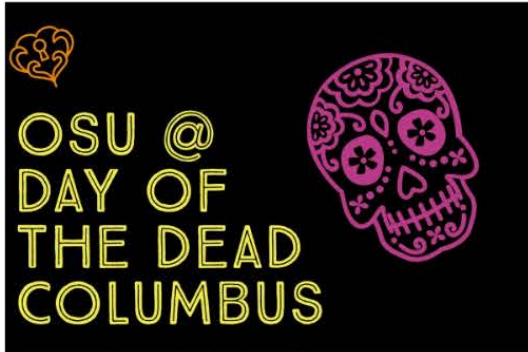
The “Ed Scare” — a campaign to foment anxiety and anger concerning public education — is being advanced by local efforts to ban books along with state legislation to exert ideological control over educational institutions. Friedman's talk will describe this battle and offer suggestions for how citizens can defend the freedom to read, learn and think for all.

To RSVP and find more information, [go to our website](#).

### Save the Date: Humanities Institute Reopening November 8

Save the date for our big celebration as we reopen the Humanities Suite following a season of renovations. We'll have refreshments, student presentations, giveaways and more. Plan to join us on Wednesday, November 8 from 5 to 7 pm in 455 Hagerty.

## EVENTS



Center for Ethnic Studies

Saturday, October 7

10 am - 6 pm

Bus from Ohio Union to  
Greenlawn Cemetery

### Day of the Dead Columbus

Take a free bus to Day of the Dead festivities! The festival features food trucks, art displays, dancing and musical performances and more. Fun for all ages! [more information here.](#)



Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Monday, October 9

7:30 - 9 pm

Timashev Recital Hall

### 6 Strings, 5 Fingers, 1 Voice: Harp, Mode and Text in Performing Medieval Epic

Benjamin Bagby, a founder of the medieval music ensemble Sequentia, will discuss the process of storytelling with voice and harp. Bagby's acclaimed performance of *Beowulf* has been heard worldwide and was released as a DVD in ~~2007~~ [more information here.](#)



Melton Center for Jewish Studies  
Tuesday, October 10  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
230 Sullivant Hall

## Film Screening: *Monument*

Filmmaker Michael Turner (*The Way We Talk*) documents his first visit to a Holocaust memorial created by his grandmother Lici, a Hungarian Jew whose parents and sister were killed in Auschwitz. The resulting personal documentary is a powerful and poetic story of two relatives meeting through time and space to carry their family memory forward. [Find more information here.](#)



Center for Ethnic Studies  
Thursday, October 19  
12:45 - 2 pm  
Barnett Center Collaboratory (ground floor of Sullivant Hall)

## Workshop: Human Trafficking and Race in Ohio

Advocating Opportunity's Senior Attorney Emily Dunlap and Senior Advocate Grace Tellez will explain human labor trafficking in industries that have been excluded from worker protections (domestic servitude, agriculture, hospitality) and the reasons we see high representation of minoritized groups within those settings. [Find more information and RSVP here.](#)



Center for Ethnic Studies  
Monday, October 23  
12 - 1:30 pm  
311 Denney Hall

## What is Ethnic Studies? Lunch and Panel Discussion

New Latinx Studies faculty members will discuss their current research, revealing what we mean when we talk about "Ethnic Studies" as a field of study. [Find more information and RSVP here.](#)



Melton Center for Jewish Studies  
Wednesday, October 25  
1 - 2 pm  
Will Eisner Seminar Room, Sullivant  
Hall

## Superman's "Jewish Origins" and Other Thoughts on Jews and Comics

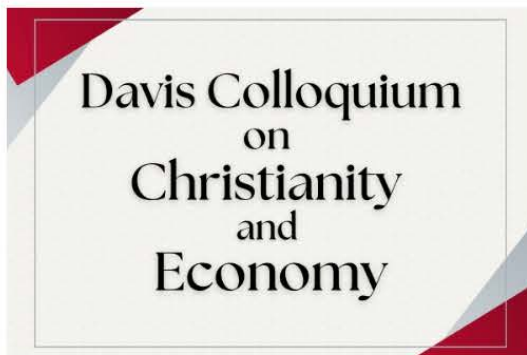
Samantha Baskind, Professor of Art  
History at Cleveland State University,  
will discuss the enormous Jewish  
contributions to comics and the graphic  
novel. Beginning in the 1930s, Jews built  
the comic book industry from the ground  
up. Co-sponsored by the Billy Ireland  
Cartoon Library.



Center for Folklore Studies  
Wednesday, October 25  
4 - 6:30 pm  
455 Hagerty Hall

## Candyman Movie Screening

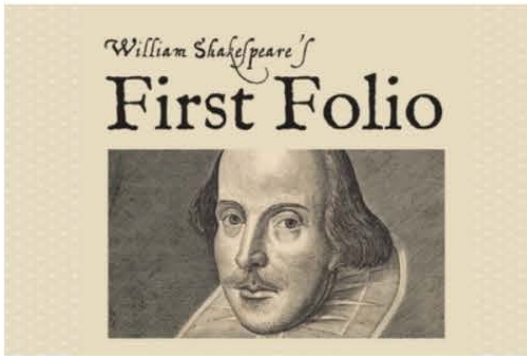
A screening of the 1992 release of the  
movie *Candyman*, followed by a  
discussion of the movie from a  
folklore perspective and a  
Halloween costume contest.



Center for the Study of Religion  
Friday, October 27  
10 am - 4 pm  
Ohio Union, Senate Chamber

## Davis Colloquium on Christianity and Economy

Six scholars, representing a range of  
disciplinary, historical, cultural and  
theological perspectives, will each offer a  
20-minute presentation based on their  
own research, addressing a common set  
of questions. Co-sponsored by  
Comparative Studies. [Find more](#)



## 400 Years of Shakespeare's First Folio: Separating Fact from Fiction

Four scholars will present 25-minute papers to correct misapprehensions about the trade and collection of English books.

[Find more information here.](#)

Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Friday, October 27

3:30 - 5:30 pm

150 Thompson Library

## CONTACT US

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