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## **MIDSTORY RECEIVES OHIO HUMANITIES MEDIA PRODUCTION GRANT**

*Midstory is pleased to announce the production of a video podcast to reflect on the public health, social injustice and environmental crises of 2020 through the lens of various humanities fields and consider how these crises will change our frame of thinking moving forward.*

### **Toledo, Ohio:**

Midstory has received a grant from the Ohio Humanities to pursue a 2021 project that addresses some of the greatest challenges of 2020 from the unique lens of the humanities, including interviews from leading humanities professionals from across Ohio. The eight-episode video podcast series curates the perspective and experience of experts from literature, history, law, anthropology and more to approach the same theme: crises of identity and representation in light of recent national and global events, such as the COVID-19 public health crisis and protests against police brutality, both of which have had disproportionate repercussions for underrepresented populations. Guests include former Ohio Poet Laureate Dave Lucas, Dr. Anne Sokolsky of Ohio Wesleyan University (Comparative Literature), Dr. Akil Houston of Ohio University (Cultural and Media Studies), Dr. Amílcar E. Challú of Bowling Green State University (History) and other distinguished humanities professionals.

The video podcast series is currently in production and will be released in late spring of 2021.

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**About Midstory:** Midstory is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to informing, interpreting and inspiring in post-industrial communities across the Midwest through multimedia storytelling and solutions-oriented research. You can learn more at

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**About Ohio Humanities:** Established in 1972, Ohio Humanities is a private nonprofit organization and the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ohio Humanities increases Ohioans' appreciation and understanding of the humanities through the organization's grant-making capacity and programs. Operating statewide, Ohio Humanities provides assistance to grant applicants, oversees organization-developed programs, and promotes the humanities in Ohio through collaborations with cultural and educational institutions. Ohio Humanities is governed by a volunteer board which makes decisions on grant awards and sets policy.

