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**Humanities Commons** is an open-source, nonprofit network developed and supported by scholarly societies for humanities instructors, researchers, and practitioners across the disciplines and around the world.

**Humanities Commons** brings together a library-grade repository with a dynamic social networking system and publishing platform, enabling users to share and discuss work, collaborate with colleagues, and create new projects and publications.

**What can you do on Humanities Commons?**
- Build and maintain a professional online presence
- Join groups to discuss common interests
- Collaborate on new projects
- Create open-access publications
- Archive, publicize, and share scholarly work

The 20,000 members of **Humanities Commons** have deposited work in more than 20 languages, and our nearly 30,000 monthly visitors come from over 100 countries around the world.

**Selected Results from a 2020 Survey Developed by HC team**

“Democratic eradication of stature, to better enable get inside another's point of view, to ascertain worth, validity, outside of prejudice.”
- Anonymous respondent

**Reasons for participating in online scholarly community:**
- “Gets me outside my usual network!”
- “Learning about new publications and/or discussions and/or research projects in my field”
- “I have the sense that more and more professional discussions are taking place online, and that it's part of my responsibility as a scholar to take part.”

Majority of respondents reported “Open Access” “Scholar-led platform” “Non-for-profit platform” as the prior reason (in total: 50%) for their attraction to Humanities Commons.

“Building online presence” (13%) and “Communication” (13%) followed as the second major reasons.