Celebrating the Humanities at UVM

By David Rosowsky

In my role as Provost, I am fortunate to have occasion to promote and celebrate the many accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students. These range from academic and scholarly achievements, to successes and innovations in pedagogy, to impactful community and statewide engagement. This week's release of *Humanities*, a beautiful new publication of the UVM Humanities Center, is just such an occasion and I intend to take full advantage of it!

Humanities describes many of the exciting activities underway in the humanities and fine arts and demonstrates the rich diversity of scholarly productivity, creative works, and high-impact teaching and learning taking place at the University of Vermont.

At the heart of the UVM Humanities Center is a belief that the central mission of the University and the humanities is to create a thoughtful, creative, and engaged citizenry willing and able to participate in meaningful public dialogue. This mission is served by collaborative scholarship, impactful research, artistic exploration, and effective pedagogy in the humanities and fine arts.

In fulfilling this mission, the Humanities Center serves as a resource, a centralizing force – and hopefully a provocateur – for promoting the kinds of faculty development opportunities, curricular and extracurricular initiatives, and community interactions that demonstrate the importance and value of the humanities and fine arts at a great university.

I extend my congratulations to the Co-Directors of the UVM Humanities Center, Professors David Jenemann and Luis Vivanco, on the publication of *Humanities*. I am further grateful for the innovative and invigorating leadership they are bringing to the Humanities Center.

Humanities follows the publication of *Discovery. Innovation. Impact.*, the 2014 research report. Together, these publications are part of our strategic efforts to celebrate and promote our scholarly achievements, engage supporters, and recruit talent to the University of Vermont.

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