

# The MOMENT

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A while back, *The Moment* began planning a special issue celebrating all things non-STEM at Stanford. We love STEM—no notes! But from the humanities to the social sciences to the foundational commitment to ideas for ideas' sake, the liberal arts are central here, and some next-level things are happening across these spheres.

Of course to really make a point, nothing beats the imprimatur of a president. So we're thrilled that the university's brand-new president—welcome Jonathan Levin!—is a *former Stanford English major*. Okay, he also majored in math. But that's not really convenient to our message here, and anyway our larger point stands: Stanford's nonpareil humanities tradition rules. (*Nonpareil* was for you, English majors.)

Read on!



## The haunting of *Spirit House*

The Cantor's ghostly new exhibition represents a landmark achievement for both the museum and for Asian American art in the United States. For curator Aleesa Pitchamarn Alexander, *Spirit House* is also personal.

[Read Alexander's story, and that of this milestone exhibition. >>](#)



## Divided we fall

In these polarized times—demure euphemism for constant shouting everywhere—Stanford sees both a crisis and opportunity. A new initiative has residential student leaders learning to facilitate open and respectful debate, on campus and beyond.

[Read about it in our new series on civil discourse. >>](#)



## Who reads what Stanford writes?

It's the nature of the academy—so many important ideas languishing in the relative obscurity of academic publishing. Thanks to the Public Humanities Initiative, what's learned on the Farm will increasingly benefit the world well beyond the Farm.

[Read how academics are finding a wider audience >>](#)



## Where COVID-19's long tail persists

Among the pandemic's most devastating impacts: the lasting havoc wreaked in our schools. Susanna Loeb, one of our three latest Changemakers, has a groundbreaking approach for narrowing the education gap.

[Learn how high-impact tutoring is transforming classrooms >>](#)



**Finally**, a quick shout-out to our recent Olympians, having **profiled four of them** in our last issue. Some 59 athletes with Cardinal connections competed in Paris last month, hauling in 39 medals—the most by any school at any single Olympics, and more than Sweden, Kenya, Norway, and Ireland combined, no offense to those perfectly acceptable countries. Excelsior!

## Experience the moment

[Grab your calendar and check out these upcoming Stanford events. >>](#)