

Robert D. Newman

Robert D. Newman has been Dean of the College of Humanities and Associate Vice President for Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Utah since 2001. Under his administration, development funding to the College has increased by a 300% average annually, for a total of approximately \$30 million over six years, and external grant funding by a 1300% average annually. In addition to raising private funds to build a new Humanities building, which will be completed in May, Dr. Newman has raised funds for the most lucratively endowed chair in the University's history and endowed the new Environmental Humanities program. He has established several new interdisciplinary and international programs and centers with numerous campus, community, national, and international collaborators. In addition, a new International Studies program, now the fastest growing non-disciplinary major in the University, the College has created new programs in Latin American Studies, Animation Studies, New Media Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, Documentary Studies, Environmental Humanities, Literacy Studies, and Comparative Literature and Culture as well as new Asia and American West Centers, and a Center for Endangered American Indian Languages (in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution). New university interdisciplinary programs and initiatives have been established in Aging, Addiction, Disability Studies, Environmental Studies, Sustainability Studies, Security Studies, Technical and Visual Literacy, Values and Ethics, and Women's Health and Justice.

Under Dr. Newman's leadership, faculty recruitment, retention, diversity, salaries, and research support have been significantly enhanced. An innovative and successful first-generation scholarship campaign also has elevated the level of student diversity on campus and numerous community partnerships have been forged. The number of undergraduate majors in the College has increased by 10% and the number of undergraduate degrees by 15% while improving quality, flexibility, and advising.

Dr. Newman earned his Ph. D. at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1982 and his scholarship has been focused on James Joyce, 20th century literature and culture, and narrative theory. He has published six books – two of which have been nominated for major national awards – and numerous articles and reviews, and has been the recipient of distinguished teaching awards. He also serves as General Editor of the "Cultural Frames, Framing Culture" series published by University of Virginia Press and as Executive Director of The Human Experience Information Coalition, which is building a comprehensive Web-based resource for global Human Rights communities. He previously held faculty positions at the University of South Carolina, Texas A&M University, and the College of William and Mary.