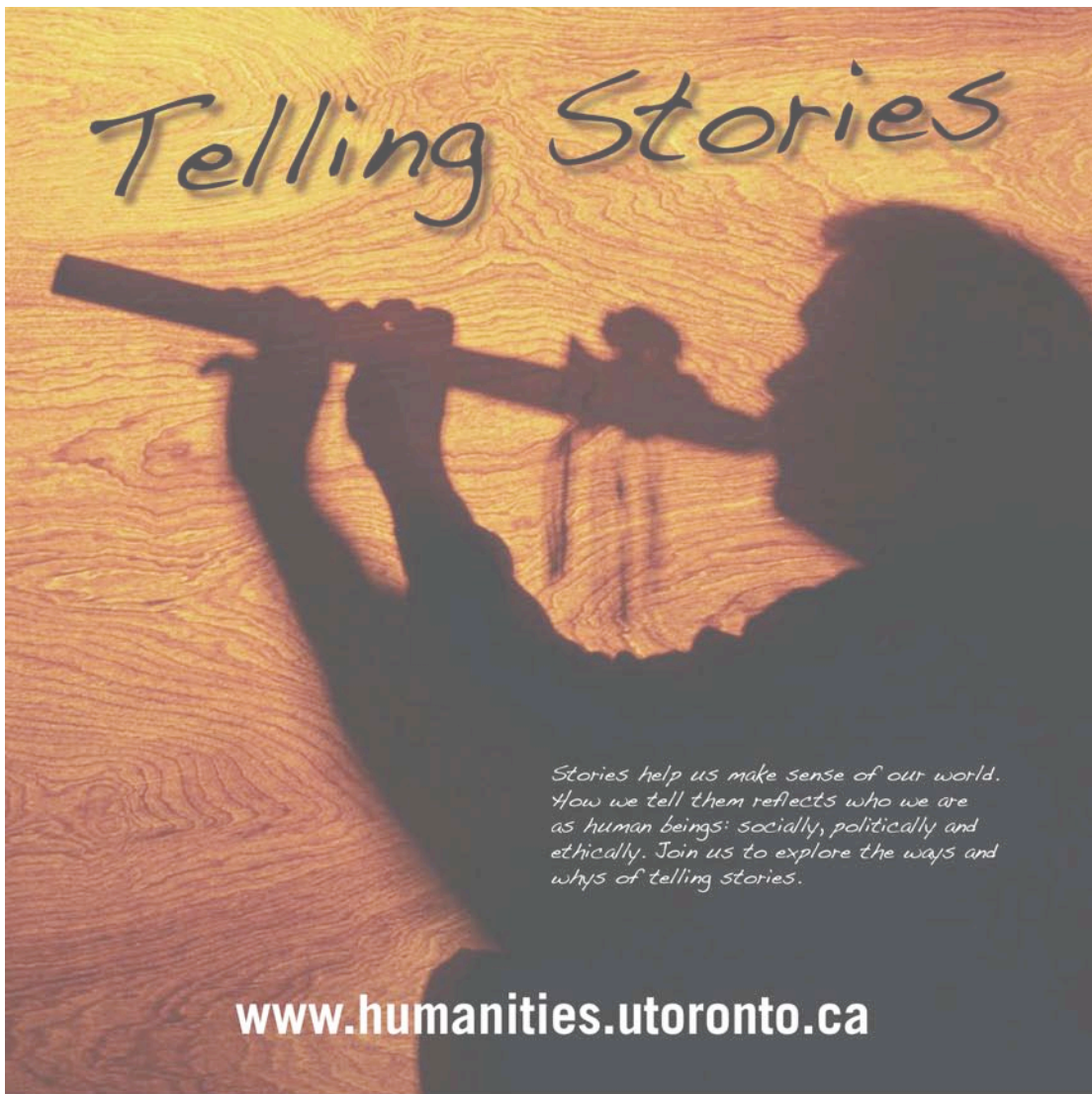




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OVERVIEW:
THE FIRST FULL YEAR



**1. Overview: The First Full Year at the Jackman Humanities Institute
Annual Theme, 2008–2009: *Telling Stories***

Most fellowships and programs at the Jackman Humanities Institute (JHI) are chosen for their achievement, scholarly merit and their relevance to a single annual theme. This annual focus permits coherent, imaginative and meaningful communication between widely separated disciplines, while the year-by-year variation allows for an equitable rotation of concentration between units. The themes are chosen by consensus of the Advisory Board of the Jackman Humanities Institute.

The following are selected both for scholarly excellence and for relevance to the annual theme:

Fellowships

- Jackman Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowships (12 Month)
- Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships (incoming year only)
- Chancellor Jackman Graduate Fellowships in the Humanities
- Jackman Humanities Institute Undergraduate Fellowships
- Jackman Humanities Institute Distinguished Visiting Fellows

Programs

- Jackman Humanities Institute Program for the Arts

The following are selected for scholarly excellence independent of relevance to the annual theme:

Professorships

- Chancellor Henry N.R. Jackman Distinguished Professor in Philosophical Studies
- Chancellor Jackman Professorships in the Arts

Fellowships

- Jackman Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowships (6 month)
- Chancellor Henry N.R. Jackman Junior Fellowships

Programs

- Jackman Humanities Institute Working Groups

1.1. 2008–2009 Annual Theme: *Telling Stories*

Making sense of our world depends on the practice of narrating events. In both oral and written traditions, and ranging from the historian's monograph to the epic poem, a film, or a single painting, the activity of telling stories serves as a topic for diverse kinds of scholarly inquiry. Humanities research explores various modes of telling and the social, political, epistemological and ethical implications of how and why stories are told.