Project Description: Our “How Did We Get Here?” program was/is part of our philosophy shorts offerings. Each event in the series runs 1 hour 15 minutes and takes us on a tour of some oft neglected and forgotten paths of intellectual history. The series was inspired both by an interest to provide deep, shorter-in-length activities for people to participate in and our belief that there is a lot to be gained by exploring the history of ideas.

Project Assessment: We are thrilled with our “How Did We Get Here?” series. Each event in the series completed thus far has drawn people from a broad spectrum of ages and backgrounds. The quality of our guest speakers, the diversity of subject matters explored, the engagement, inquiries, and dialogue generated, and the overall level of community participation and support has been inspiring!

We ran our first two pilot events on the history of the idea of “empathy” in November, and “species” in December of 2022. (These were not funded by the grant as they took place prior to our grant award.) I include these here only for perspective as to the entire project from its start to current. As part of our Berry Fund for Public Philosophy grant, we were able to offer three additional events in February (on “planet”), May (on “political freedom”), and July (on “labor and work”), respectively. One additional event in the series (on “free will”), originally scheduled for June, will take place on November 14th.

Links for our two pilot programs in the series (not under the Berry Grant but helpful for gaining a perspective in terms of the overall project) are provided below. These archive pages house pictures and resources, as well as an overview of what exactly each session explored and information about the speakers.
• **Pilot program 1: How Did We Get Here?: Empathy** (w/ Student Scholar Fellow Julianna Breit)
• **Pilot program 2: How Did We Get Here?: Species** (w/ David Nowakowski, Philosopher)

Links for archive pages for the first three events in our series under the Berry Fund Grant are provided below.

• **How Did We Get Here?: Planet** (w/ Kelly Cine, Astrophysicist)
• **How Did We Get Here?: Political Freedom** (w/ Ed Glowienka, Philosopher)
• **How Did We Get Here?: Labor & Work** (w/ David Nowakowski, Philosopher)

A link to our last event in the series under the Berry Fund Grant is provided below. This will take place on November 14th.

• **How Did We Get Here?: Free Will** (w/ David Nowakowski, Philosopher)
  o ***An archive page with pictures and resources will be created and a link included in our final report***

As it stands right now, the success of this program and its format has prompted us to continue the series for the foreseeable future.

**WE WILL SUBMIT A FINAL GRANT REPORT TO YOU THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE ABOVE, PLUS A LINK TO THE ARCHIVE PAGE FOR THE RESCHEDULED EVENT IN NOVEMBER, HOW GRANT FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED, AND A LINK TO THE AWARD INFOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT (TO BE POSTED ONCE THE NOVEMBER EVENT IS COMPLETED).**