The Humanities Division with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will launch a new course co-taught by Professor Chris Hamm in Autumn 2020. Topics will change each year – and for the inaugural cohort this fall Humanities 101 will be titled "What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Journeys."

The program aims to help students think broadly about human life - from science, to art, to literature, to culture, and beyond - and to explore the questions that matter. This humanistic thinking is critical as students begin their college experience and prepare to not only build a career, but to also contribute to society and build a meaningful and fulfilling life. Along the way they will learn from alumni, community partners, and ultimately themselves about how what they learn in the humanities classroom translates into real world impact.

Humanities First consists of three separate courses: a team-taught lecture course offered in Fall (Humanities 101: Foundations), and small “into the field” seminars offered in Winter (Humanities 102: Campus Connections), and Spring (Humanities 103: Community Connections). All three courses emphasize teamwork and public engagement, and students who complete the whole series will earn the designation "Humanities First Scholar."

Read more about the course and the other instructors here: https://artsci.washington.edu/news/2020-05/meet-humanities-first