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# AMS department members speak about *The End of Austin* at UT Chancellor's Council Annual Meeting

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Exciting news: earlier this May, three  
members of the American Studies  
department were asked to speak at the UT  
Chancellor's Council Annual Meeting, held

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at the Frank Erwin Center. **Dr. Randy Lewis**, editor and founder of the project, and two of its editorial board members **Carrie Andersen** and **Sean Cashbaugh** discussed the website and engaged in a Q&A after their talk.

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See Dr. Lewis's recap here:

*Last week, Sean, Carrie and I had a remarkable opportunity to share our work on [EndofAustin.com](#) with the Chancellor's Council, several hundred of the most generous donors to the UT system. We spoke for an hour about the website, describing how it grew out of an American Studies graduate seminar to become a digital humanities project with almost 50,000 page views for its first four issues. We celebrated TEOA as an example*



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*of doing more with less: as resources shrink at UT, faculty and grad students have scrambled to create low-cost, high impact projects that reach beyond the confines of the campus to engage a larger public. We had a great response from Chancellor's Council, in part because so many people in the audience have the same hopes and fears about Austin that Sean and Carrie presented so effectively. It was great exposure for our project, the American Studies Department, and COLA generally, and we're hopeful that it will lead to greater support for our project, which has so far existed with an annual budget of \$100.*

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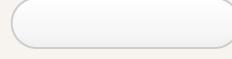
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