



CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

With a new semester and renewed optimism for the future of SIU, it's a good time to think about how resilience comes from compassion. We need resilience right now with the news about our DE carryover being zeroed out and the budgetary difficulties that creates. The good news is that the Provost office has emphasized it will not happen in the future, that the problems are fixed, and that DE will carry over from now on.

But CoLA teaches—in one way or another and through our many programs—the value of compassion. It's our compassion that leads to resilience. We accommodate students, we advocate

College Meetings

Directors meetings take place the first Thursday of every month at 3pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

Undergraduate Program Coordinators meetings will take place fourth Tuesday of every month at 3pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

for the successful learning environment for all students, and I have seen the way many of you work hard to keep the focus on our student's experience. It's this compassion for students that makes us collectively resilient in times of adversity.

So I want to thank each of you for this commitment and this compassion. It really matters. It's why we're all here at SIU. It's at the core of what makes this college excel.

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

Deadlines

A/P performance evaluations due **April 1** - University policy requires that all Administrative/Professional staff have their work evaluated on an annual basis between Jan. 1 and March 31. The rating period used for evaluation is January through December of the previous calendar year.

Announcing two new CoLA Committees

CoLA has formed two new standing committees meant to increase transparency, open more avenues of communication, and advise the Dean. We deliberately attempted to make sure these committees represented all schools, all ranks, and diversity goals. Please thank these individuals when you see them for their service on these important committees.

CoLA Advisory Committee: provides more communication and transparency to faculty, staff, and students; reviews awards & incentive programs; meets twice a semester; 3-year term.

- SAMS: Ted Cohen (TT Asst)
- SLL: Emi Kanemoto (NTT)
- SHP: Matthew Brown (TT Full)
- SCS: Todd Graham (AP)

- SAPSS: Myla Burton (Grad Student)
- SLWDH: Ann Chandler (TT Assoc)

CoLA Faculty Development Committee: reviews and advises on issues around faculty development generally, but especially on faculty onboarding, mentoring, and success; 3-year term

- SAMS: Joe Smith (TT Asst)
- SLL: Kim Berger (NTT)
- SHP: Hale Yilmaz (TT Assoc)
- SCS: Randy Auxier (TT Full)
- SAPSS: Ulrich Reichard (TT Assoc)
- SLWDH: Ryan Netzley (TT Full)

Recent Accomplishments

Faculty

Dr. Mont Allen's new book on classical mythology and funerary art — titled *The Death of Myth on Roman Sarcophagi: Allegory and Visual Narrative in the Late Empire* — has been published by Cambridge University Press (CUP). By exploring the scenes from Greek mythology that ancient Romans chose to have carved on their coffins, and their reasons for selecting these myths, Allen's book transforms our understanding of the most important artistic monuments of the late Roman empire.

This is the 12th year that **Jonathan Bean** has had the honor to serve on the Illinois Advisory Panel to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission (USCCR). Each year, the panel selects a topic and investigates by calling witnesses to their hearings, asking USCCR staff for additional information before deliberating and making recommendations. Past reports dealt with incarceration, voting rights, immigration reform, religious hate crimes, and much more. This year's report is the first to deal with higher education.

David Sutton recently published "Tacit and Embedded as Forms: A Tropological Approach to Neoliberalism" in *Anthropological Theory* (online before print), and

"*Midsommar* and the Western Imaginary of a Screen-Free Life." in *Visual Anthropology*, 35(4-5): 448-468.

Important Information

The last date for **head shots** is Wednesday, February 8 from 9:30am - 1:00pm in the Humanities Lounge, Faner 2302. The backgrounds will be the same as the photos taken in the fall. If you haven't had a recent photo taken for the website or you weren't happy with the one taken in the fall, please attend this session.

Honors Day Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 1 at 1:00pm, in Shryock Auditorium.

2023 CoLA Awards Announcements

CoLA Scholar Excellence Award and Early Career Faculty Excellence Award. Complete nominations are due to Jennifer Smith (smithjen@siu.edu) by Friday, February 10, 2023.

CoLA Outstanding Teaching Award (TT & NTT). Complete nominations are due to Benjamin Bricker (brickeb@siu.edu) by Friday, February 10, 2023.

CoLA Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. CoLA programs can nominate up to two GTAs. To nominate a GTA, please send the name and email address to Benjamin Bricker (brickeb@siu.edu) by February 10, 2023.

Upcoming Events

Join us for Bagel Wednesdays!
Wednesday Mornings: Stop by the atrium on the second floor of Faner, outside of the CoLA Dean's Office (2427). Bagels, fruit, coffee, and juice are available.



FREE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**BAGEL
WEDNESDAY
IS BACK!**

7:45 AM to 10:30(ish)
Dean's Office Atrium, Faner Hall

Use the University Museum entrance at the north end of Faner Hall, then go to the second floor and follow the smell of coffee!

FREE

The **2023 SIU Conference on Women: Telling Our Stories** is now accepting proposals. In the spirit of the 2023 National Women's History Month, this year's theme of "Telling Our

Stories" aims to showcase stories of our past, present, and future. How have our histories shaped our stories? Whose stories are remembered and re-told? Whose stories have been forgotten? What stories are unique to our campus and the Southern Illinois community? How might sharing our stories help us build coalitions? What cautions might we take when we tell our stories? When do we feel compelled to be silent about our stories? How can we become more compassionate audiences to others' stories? How does telling our stories shape our future? We encourage proposals to think critically, creatively, and broadly. The SIU Conference on Women is for people of all genders who are interested in identifying and counteracting misogyny, especially as it intersects with racism, classism, ableism, cissexism, and heterosexism. Submissions are open to all, regardless of SIU affiliation, with a deadline of **January 27, 2023**. The conference will take place **virtually** on Friday, March 3 from 9am-4pm. Sessions are 45 minutes each. Please see the [conference website](#) for more information.



Telling Our Stories

The 2023 Southern Illinois University Conference on Women

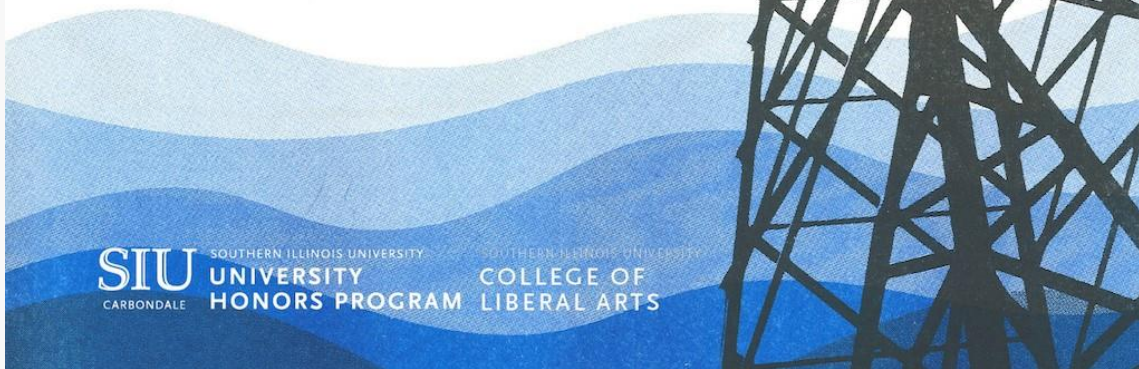
School of Media Arts,
SIUC Fine Arts Activity Fee,
The Mississippi Watershed Project,
The College of Liberal Arts, and SIU Honors present

MY ELECTRIC GENEALOGY

a performance by Sarah Kanouse

Wednesday, February 15
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Park 124 | Browne Auditorium
Southern Illinois University
1259 Lincoln Drive
Carbondale, IL



Part storytelling, lecture, and live documentary film, Sarah Kanouse's solo performance "My Electric Genealogy" explores the cultures and politics of energy

in Los Angeles through the lens of her own family. For nearly forty years, her grandfather designed, planned, and supervised the spider-vein network of lines connecting the city to its distant sources of power: rivers that are now drying up and power plants that are finally coming down.

If you would like us to spotlight a student/faculty achievement, opportunity, or event, please send a photo along with a short blurb to ahine@siu.edu.

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