



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
**COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS**



(From left to right) *Xenolinguistics: Towards a Science of Extraterrestrial Language*, Vakoch & Punske, eds. (Taylor & Francis, 2023); *Confidence: A Novel*, Frumkin (Simon & Schuster, 2023); *Transimperial Anxieties: The Making and Unmaking of Arab Ottomans in São Paulo, Brazil, 1850-1940*, Najjar (U of Nebraska P, 2023); *Sensationalism and the Jew in Antebellum American Literature*, Anthony (Oxford UP, 2023); *Masculinity in Transition*, Hammer (U of Minnesota P, 2023); *Our Body of Work Embodied Administration and Teaching*, Sicari & Nicolas, eds. (UP of Colorado, 2022).

CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

College Calendars

A faculty member recently reminded me about the importance of storytelling. He reminded me that storytelling was as much for the listener as it is for the speaker. As the recently deceased poet and writer, N. Scott Momaday, once said,

“[Story] exists at the level of the human voice, and it's immediate. People who do not have writing take storytelling very seriously because they must. The story is always one generation from extinction. So you have to listen, and you have to remember what you hear.”

And in his (probably) most known book, *House Made of Dawn* (1968), Momaday credits his love of the Kiowa oral tradition to the stories of his father and the inspiration to write from his mother. His stories are also his history, his family, his culture, and the landscapes that occupy them. What the faculty member reminded me is that in our storytelling, we are also authoring ourselves. There is no better time than now to tell our stories, to listen to some by others, and to keep it all alive and well.

College Meetings

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

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

CoLA Council/OP Committee meeting will take place Thursday, February 1, at 4pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

CoLA Advisory Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, February 7, at 9am, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

CoLA Retention Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, February 14, at 1pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

Upcoming

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

College Committees

[CoLA Committees Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the committee meeting minutes.

Deadlines

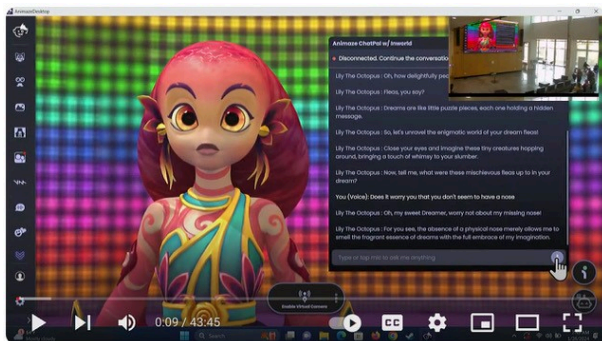
March 1: Annual review letters for untenured faculty
March 1: DRA nominations
March 8: Sabbatical reports
April 1: A/P performance evaluations
April 5: TT Workload assignments
April 19: NTT Workload assignments
May 15: NTT Annual Performance Review
May 15: GA performance evaluations

Share Your News

Do you have news to add to an upcoming CoLA Lowdown? Submit [this form](#) to share news, events, awards, and more with the rest of the College.

Recent Accomplishments

Faculty



Pinckney Benedict, Interim Director of the Center for Virtual Expressions (CvEX), recently gave a talk at the Virginia Tech Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology Conference.

Title: Conversing with Tomorrow: Face the Daemon w/ Pinckney Benedict. Description: Dive into the world of AI-powered

conversational avatars, where you'll engage with a GPT-driven digital character created to supercharge medical school curricula but also capable of conversing on a wide array of topics. Whether you're a tech enthusiast, storyteller, or just curious about the future of interactive media, this session promises a glimpse into the evolving landscape of digital expression.

Dr. Todd Graham's, School of Communication Studies, [article](#) analyzing the recent Republican debate between Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis was the #1 article on CNN.com. Dr. Graham publishes such pieces on a number of different types of debates, and is known as being America's Debate Coach. His articles appear in various media outlets around the world, particularly during the Presidential Debate Season.

Jean-Pierre Reed and Carlos Garrido (graduate student). 2024. Recent publication "[Intellectuals, ideology and the ethico-political.](#)" In William Carroll (ed.), *The Elgar companion to Antonio Gramsci*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 152-70

Dr. **Jeffrey Punske's**, School of Languages and Linguistics, recent co-edited volume, [Xenolinguistics](#), was covered by Space.com. Additional remarks from Dr. Punske and his co-author, Dr. Bridget Samuels (USC) are included.

Dr. **Rachel Bridges Whaley**, School of Anthropology, Political Science, & Sociology, Associate Professor, was elected to the Midwest Sociological Society Board of Directors as the Illinois State Director.

Announcing

CoLA Budget Committee

George Boulukos (CoLA council rep)
Shu-Ling Wu (Dean appointed - Faculty)
Jon Bean (Dean appointed - Director)
Rachel Whaley (FA appointee)
Ted Cohen (FA appointee)

CoLA Council/OP Members

Matthew Brown, School of History and Philosophy
George Boulukos, School of Literature, Writing, & Digital Humanities
Jonathan Gray, School of Communication Studies
Frank Chipasula, School of Africana & Multicultural Studies
Sasha Allgayer, School of Languages & Linguistics
Christopher Wienke, School of Anthropology, Political Science & Sociology

Important Information

The College of Liberal Arts is pleased to announce that the **CoLA Faculty Incentive Programs** are now active and accepting applications. New applications for incentive funds are due to Benjamin Bricker (brickeb@siu.edu) by Monday, March 4, 2024. (Click on titles for full descriptions for all requirements.) Each of the five programs has a specific target and focus, as described briefly below.

- The [Faculty Summer Research Incentive Program](#) is open to all Assistant and Full Professors. Two \$5,000 awards will be made under this program to support research and creative activities of faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor or Professor.
- The [Associate Professor Summer Research Incentive Program](#) is open to all Associate Professors. Two \$5,000 awards will be made under this program to support the research and creative activities of faculty at the rank of Associate Professor.
- The [Interdisciplinary Research/Teaching Incentive Program](#) will provide financial support for CoLA faculty to engage in interdisciplinary or collaborative research, teaching, or creative activity projects. Two \$3,000 awards will be made through this fund.
- The [Inclusive Excellence Incentive Program](#) provides financial support for faculty members engaging in teaching, research, or creative activity projects focused on inclusive excellence intended to honor the challenging task of further transforming our community into one that not only celebrates the mission but also creates a world-class liberal arts college building on a heritage of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Two \$3,000 awards will be made through this fund.
- The [Pedagogy Exploration Incentive Program](#) provides support for faculty members of any rank to promote innovative pedagogical offerings within new or existing courses, including but not limited to: new modes of content delivery, use of new or innovative technology, the use of new experiential learning opportunities for students, and the development of new interdisciplinary courses. Up to five awards of \$1,000 each will be made for use over the next fiscal year.

All funds will be disbursed in FY25, pending budgetary approval for FY25.



SIU Day of Giving | Wednesday, February 28

The 8th annual SIU Day of Giving is Wednesday, Feb. 28, and expectations are higher than ever. Raising more than \$14 million in its first seven years, the SIU Foundation is asking everyone to donate online at siuday.siu.edu.

Each year, the SIU community comes together for a 24-hour online Day of Giving. On Wednesday, Feb. 28, everyone is encouraged to make a gift of any size. Donations can be directed to any college, unit, program, or initiative. If you prefer to make a gift today, you can [donate here](#) and click the "Count toward Day of Giving" button on the online giving form.

The SIU Day of Giving will feature every college and unit on campus during its live broadcast from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the WSIU-TV studio. Streamed on the SIU Alumni Association's Facebook page, there will be live interviews with Chancellor Austin Lane and other campus leaders and live Day of Giving updates.

Upcoming Events

February 12 - 16, 2024

SALUKI

SIU Teaching & Learning with AI Week

Monday, Feb. 12th @ 6 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Sid Dobrin

“Higher Education and Artificial Intelligence”

This presentation is designed to demystify what GenAI is and how it can be deployed ethically and responsibly in higher education.



Sid Dobrin, Professor & Member – Florida Institute for National Security (FINS) AI Initiative

Tuesday, Feb. 13th - Thursday, Feb. 15th

Discussions, workshops, AI showcase, open houses (AI spaces/labs), focus groups, and more!

Special Event: Wed., Feb. 14th. @ 5-6 p.m.

“Black Goddess Project: A Machine Learning Approach To Beauty Standards” with MFA student Dajonea Robinson

➔ The SIU Center for Virtual Expression (Faner Hall 1229)



bit.ly/siu-ai-week



GET THE FULL SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 16th @ 12 p.m.

Featured Presentation: Emily Boles + Layne Morsch



Instruction Specialist, Center for Online Learning, Research and Service, University of Illinois - Springfield



Interim Associate Provost for Online, Professional and Engaged Learning, Univ. of Illinois - Springfield

“Teaching with Generative AI”

Join Emily and Layne for a discussion on the importance of actively engaging students in conversations about artificial intelligence, potential syllabus language and assignment instructions that explicitly address appropriate and inappropriate uses of AI.

Sponsors

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COLA RSO FAIR

Visit with numerous CoLA Registered Student Organizations
and Clubs to find out more information about their activities.
Many CoLA RSOs are open to all majors.



11:00am - 1:00pm
13 FEBRUARY, 2024



Location
**1ST FLOOR ROTUNDA, MORRIS
LIBRARY**

Website

**COLA ORGANIZATIONS AND
CLUBS**



CENTER FOR VIRTUAL EXPRESSION

CVEX

AI CHAT

FEBRUARY 13

FANER 1229

1-2 PM

DISCUSSION
HORROR STORIES
REFRESHMENTS
SOLUTIONS



THE **UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM** PRESENTS
in collaboration with **College of Arts and Media & College of Liberal Arts**
THE NANCY AND MICHAEL GLASSMAN LECTURE - SPRING 2024

JOSEPH BROWN, S.J., PH.D.,

PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR,
SCHOOL OF AFRICANA & MULTICULTURAL STUDIES



SANKOFA: *LET THE SONGS OF THE
ANCESTORS TEACH US TO FLY*

INTERSPERSED WITH DANCES PRESENTED BY **DARRYL CLARK** (ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR, THEATER AND DANCE) AND **DOMINIQUE ATWOOD** (VISITING ARTIST)



TALK AND RECEPTION:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:00-7:30 PM

CHRISTIAN A. MOE THEATER, COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING, SIUC.

Join us on Zoom



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**UNIVERSITY HONORS
PROGRAM**

For disability accommodations call 618/453-5738

BUGSY



Bugsy Launch Party: Reading and Conversation with Rafael Frumkin and Mandi Jourdan



Rafael Frumkin, SIU Creative Writing Professor

Tuesday, February 13th
@7:00pm

705 W. Main St., Carbondale, IL 62901
(parking is located on the side of the building on Forest Ave., along with street parking)

Mandi Jourdan, Author
and SIU MFA Alum





Teaching students human evolution with the human fossil record, Anthropology 240A, 2023, © Dr. Ulrich Reichard

WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY DAY FEBRUARY 15TH, 2024

Celebrate World Anthropology Day with SIU's Anthropology Program and the Center for Archaeological Investigations

Artifact Viewing and Drawing Activities

Morris Library 1st Floor Rotunda

Thursday, February 15th 10:00am-4:00pm



A porcelain doll arm (ca.1880-1920s) recovered from Thompson Wood excavation on SIU campus in the fall of 2022. © Ayla Amadio



White-handed gibbon male Chikyū grooms juvenile female. Malai, Khao Yai National Park, Thailand, © Dr. Ulrich Reichard

CENTER FOR VIRTUAL EXPRESSION

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GRAND OPENING

FEBRUARY 15

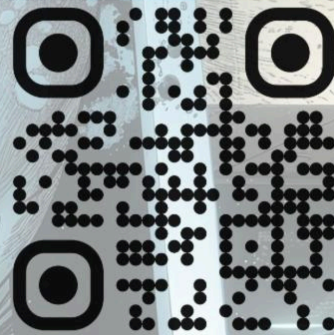
FANER 1229

2-5 PM

GAMES

VR & AR

REFRESHMENTS



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Wednesday, February 21st
2:00-4:00pm
Faner 1526 (Museum Auditorium)

We will watch the documentary *The Linguists* (2008) and Linguistics Faculty will host a discussion after the viewing.

Hosted by the SIUC School of Languages and Linguistics and the College of Liberal Arts





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**STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAMS**



ART & MONUMENTS OF ANCIENT ROME

Summer Intersession 2024


Prof. Mont Allen

**6 credit
hours**

More Information



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-  **Circus Maximus**
-  **Catacombs**
-  **30+ Museums**

...and much much more!

Dates

23rd May - 13th June

Housing

**St. John's University
in Rome (with A/C)**

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