



CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

The crisp chill in the morning air and changing colors all around is always welcome to me. The fall is visibly in action outside as leaves carpet the ground again. SIU is truly fortunate to be in such a beautiful spot in southern Illinois, one that has been easy to adopt as a home.

Through the efforts of the Retention Committee, Univ 101 faculty are piloting a new version of the course with hopes of engaging and retaining students new to campus. As part of that effort, the faculty teaching this newly designed version— Enrique Paz, Jeff Punske, and Ulrich Reichard—are using a common text by Robin Wall Kimmerer, [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous](#)

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Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants (2013) as a way to spark conversation and build substance into the course. In it, Kimmerer often underscores the loop between the natural world and human culture:

“Sweetgrass pickers collect properly and respectfully, for their own use and the needs of the community. They return a gift to the earth and tend to the well-being of the *wiingashk*. The braids are given as gifts, to honor, to say thank you, to heal and to strengthen. The sweetgrass is kept in motion.”
(27)

As CoLA celebrates its 80th anniversary, let’s similarly give back and keep in motion. Let us remember the needs of our community and be grateful for what we are entrusted to do for it—to honor others for our own well-being.

[CoLA Committees
Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the committee meeting minutes.

College

Meetings

Provost Sheryl Tucker and a representative from Faculty Senate will hold an **Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Listening Session for CoLA Faculty and Staff** on Thursday, November 2, 2023, 2:00-3:30 pm, Parkinson Hall, room124.

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

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

Upcoming

Deadlines

Oct. 20: Sabbatical requests

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

Jean-Pierre Reed, Professor, School of Africana and Multicultural Studies, School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, recent article publication “Insurgent Subjectivity: Hope and Its Interactant Emotions in the Nicaraguan Revolution,” *Theory and Society*, 52 no. 3 (2023): 387-421, examines the role of emotions during insurgent conditions by focusing on the Nicaraguan revolution, in particular the two-year period (1977–1979) leading to the overthrow of the Somoza regime. Based on a historical ethnography and a NVivo-10 content analysis, it sets out to make a case for the significance of hope as a dominant emotion during guerrilla offensives.

Recent Events

World Language Day







The School of Languages and Linguistics and the College of Liberal Arts hosted the 48th annual World Languages and Cultures Day on Tuesday, October 3rd. There were 1000 high school students who attended the event. The students came from 14 area schools and were brought by 40 language teachers. After a Welcome from the School led by Brianna Janssen Sánchez, Associate Dean Jennifer Smith gave a welcome address, and students participated in the "Guess the Language" game. Following the welcome session, students attended breakout sessions for the rest of the morning. These sessions were led by SLL faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students, along with other volunteers from throughout CoLA and across the SIU campus. Thank you to all of this year's volunteers for making this year's event another success!

Important Information

Students will be registering for Spring 2023 classes soon! **CoLA highlights courses on the Electives Webpage** that students within CoLA, and across the university, may be interested in taking. The focus is on courses at the 200/300/400 level that do not require a prerequisite. Faculty teaching special

topics courses, new courses, or classes that have not been offered lately, are especially encouraged to submit their courses so that students and advisors can see more information about those courses. Please see the current webpage for examples. If interested in submitting info for the website, please contact Rachel Wolters (rachelw@siu.edu).

CoLA Study Abroad Session for Faculty: Amanda Sheffer, with Study Abroad, will be hosting an info session for CoLA Faculty who are interested in possibly starting a Study Abroad course. Current faculty who are already involved in Study Abroad are also encouraged to attend. The session will take place both in-person (CoLA Dean's Office, Faner 2408) and through Teams on **Wednesday, October 18th** at 3:00pm. Any questions may be directed to Rachel Wolters (rachelw@siu.edu).

Mandatory 2023 Cybersecurity Training - All faculty and staff, including civil service, administrative/professional, extra help and volunteers need to complete the training by Friday, October 20, 2023. The cybersecurity training will be available in D2L. The course is composed of short modules, each requiring only a few minutes to review and complete. You can take the course at your own pace and can pause after a module and return later. If you experience technical problems, contact SalukiTech at 618-453-5155 or salukitech@siu.edu.

Mandatory 2023 Annual Ethics Training - All SIU Carbondale faculty, staff, graduate assistants, undergraduate assistants, volunteers, student workers and extra help workers are required to complete it on or before October 31, 2023. To log in, access the D2L platform at mycourses.siu.edu using the Google Chrome browser, select "SIU Account Login" and sign in with your SIU account login information. If you have registered for the university's multi-factor authentication (MFA), also known as Duo, options may appear and, if so, select one of the options to complete the login process. You will then find the training course on the "Fall 2023" tab in "My Courses" on your D2L homepage. If you need assistance with your login information, please contact the Office of Information Technology help desk at 618-453-5155. If you experience technical problems accessing the training once you have access to D2L or if you have questions about ethics act training, please contact the campus ethics act training administrator, Lori Foster at LER@siu.edu or 618-453-2474.



Upcoming Events

HAILING CESAR

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE PRESENTED BY
EDUARDO CHAVEZ

DIRECTOR, SPEAKER, ACTIVIST,
PODCAST HOST, AND GRANDSON
OF CESAR CHAVEZ



**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 11**

5:00pm-8:00pm

**Morris Library Guyon
Auditorium**



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Archaeology Alive – How our Ancestors Cut it

- Flintknapper Larry Kinsella
- Friday, October 13th
 - 12:30pm-2:00pm in Faner Courtyard (2nd Floor)
- This event takes place during Anthropology Preview Day, but all SIU students and faculty are welcome to attend the demonstration.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kinsella>

10.20.23 VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH

AUTHOR K. ALLISON HAMMER

IN CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTOPHER BREU AND GRETA OLSON

11:30AM CT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023



Register: z.umn.edu/102023



Masculinity in Transition analyzes shifting relationships to masculinity in canonical works of twentieth-century literature and film, as well as in twenty-first-century

media, performance, and transgender poetics. Focusing on “toxic masculinity,” which has assumed new valence since 2016, K. Allison Hammer traces its roots to a complex set of ideologies embedded in the histories of settler colonialism, racial capitalism, and political fraternity. Hammer’s bold book lays bare the underlying fragility of normative masculinity.

“Brilliantly uncover(s) remakings of masculinity that center care, porosity, and unruly alliances—uplifting models for the precarious now.”

**—AMBER JAMILLA MUSSER,
author of *Sensual Excess***



K. Alison Hammer will be in virtual conversation with **Christopher Breu** and **Greta Olson** at 11:30am CT on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023.

Registration is required:
z.umn.edu/102023.

Masculinity in Transition is published by University of Minnesota Press

You are invited to join the virtual launch event for WGSS Coordinator and Assistant Professor K. Allison Hammer's "Masculinity in Transition" on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 11:30 am CT. *Masculinity in Transition* traces the roots of "toxic masculinity," showing that while toxic strains of masculinity are mainly associated with straight, white men, trans and queer masculinities can be implicated in these systems of power. Arguing that these malignant forms of masculinity can be displaced, K. Allison Hammer's bold rethinking lays bare the underlying fragility of normative masculinity. They will be in conversation with Christopher Breu, Professor of English at Illinois State University, where he teaches and writes on cultural and critical theory, gender and sexuality, and contemporary literature and culture, and Greta Olson, Professor of English and American Literary and Cultural Studies at the University of Giessen, Germany.

Academic Social Media and Your Career: How to Get the AI to Promote Your Work. The Faculty Development Committee will sponsor a practical workshop on Friday, October 20th at 3pm focusing on how to get the new Large Language Model AI to find and promote your work on the various academic social media platforms. This will include how to word abstracts, choose keywords, and create better profiles, abstracts, and summaries that will attract the crawlers and bots. We will talk about how to coordinate ORCID, Google Scholar, Academia.edu, and ResearchGate such that each is used for the best effect. Randall Auxier of the School of Communication Studies and the Philosophy Program will present some principles and lead the discussion. The workshop will be held in Murphysboro at the American Institute of Philosophical and Cultural Thought: www.americanphilosophy.net. 411 N. 9th Street, 62966. Phone 618-967-3561. The workshop will begin at 3pm and formally end at 4pm on October 20th, but attendees are welcome to remain for refreshments and further discussion. Please RSVP to Kandace Riddle at kriddle@siu.edu.

CELEBRATE WITH US!



SATURDAY **21** OCTOBER
2023

11 AM to 1 PM

FANER HALL COURTYARD
RSVP : COLA@SIU.EDU

An 80th anniversary celebration is often called the “oak anniversary” for good reasons. In Greek legends, for example, Dryads lived in oak trees and faded out of existence if the oak should perish. The oak tree, like CoLA, also evokes values of strength, stability, justice, and integrity. Alumni and faculty connect our students with career opportunities, provide professional support, donate money for scholarships and activities, and provide our students with educational opportunities, all of which contributes to our student’s success.

Benjamin Bricker, Associate Professor of Political Science and Associate Dean for Student and Curricular Affairs, will be co-moderator of a **special Q&A panel session with judges from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit**. The event will take place at the SIU School of Law Auditorium from 1:30pm to 2:30pm on Wednesday, November 1st.



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