



CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

Dear CoLA Colleagues,

As the end of the semester nears and as the holidays approach, not only is this a good time to reflect on all that we are grateful for, but also on maintaining a positive work/life balance. We are more productive, more engaged, and more innovative when we share our humanity both at work and at home. I personally can attest that I've not always been the best at modeling a healthy work/life balance, but it is worth my time to always get better—for myself, my colleagues, and my loved ones.

So please take a moment to think about ways you might improve how you balance your professional and personal lives. They blur, of course, but these distinctions help all of us stay *in tune* and ready for

College Meetings

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

College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

whatever next set of challenges face us. If I sound like a self-help speaker, I don't mean to. I just know, right now, at this time, in this season, we all need to step back for a moment and consider how we balance our energy and time. Then, as with all things worth doing, we make the way for excellence and the gratification that comes from our time well-spent.

Recent Accomplishments

Faculty

Robert Hahn has had two publications recently, "Thales, the 'Pythagorean theorem', and Technological Context" in *Dialogues d'histoire ancienne*, 48/2, 2022, pp. 25-51., and "Gnomon ad Module for Thales and Anaximander," in *Studies in Ancient Greek Philosophy in Honor of Professor Anthony Preus*, State of New York University Press.

Allison Joseph has been named "Illinois Author of the Year" by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English (IATE).

Shannon McCrocklin's edited volume *Technological Resources for Second Language Pronunciation Learning and Teaching: Research-based Approaches* has just been published. While the use of technology in language learning has long been common, the technologies available for use in learning pronunciation haven't received as much attention as other areas of language learning. This book, aimed at both teachers and researchers, highlights these technologies and their use. The volume is available for pre-order [here](#).

Kenneth Stickers delivered an invited talk, "On the Uses and Abuses of Philosophical Anthropology," at the annual meeting of Associazione Pragma, the

Italian philosophical society for the study of American pragmatism, November 18, 2022, at Università Roma Tre. He co-presented (with Claudine Sauvain-Dugerdil, Université de Genève, Switzerland) "Creating a Life in a Crumbling Society: Creolized Identity, Ambivalence, and Resilience," at the annual meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association, October 27-29, 2022, at Michigan State University, at which he also received the CPA's Stuart Hall Mentorship Award. He presented "American Pragmatism in the Early Frankfurt School, at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy's Summer Institute, at the University of Oregon, August 13, 2022. His most recent publication is "Max Scheler's Two Approaches to Philosophy of Culture," which appeared in *Philosophy of Culture as Theory, Method, and Way of Live* (Brill 2022).

Recently published is the book *Changing Continuities* co-edited by **David Sutton**, which presents the anthropological legacy of his mother, Constance Sutton. You can view a short promotional video [here](#).

Mark Wagner, director, Center for Archeological Investigations, earned a national award from the Porter Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for the best article published in the foundation's journal "We Proceeded On". The article, "[Bound to the Western Waters: Searching for Lewis and Clark at Fort Kaskaskia, Illinois](#)" appeared in the publication's February 2021 issue.

Students

Philosophy Ph.D. **Juan Alejandro Chindoy Chindoy** is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of the Andes, in Bogota, Colombia. He was the first indigenous Fulbright Scholar from Colombia, while studying at SIUC, and is now the first indigenous Ph.D. in philosophy. His book, *A Decolonial Philosophy of Indigenous Colombia: Time, Beauty, and Spirit in Kamëntsá Culture*, based upon his dissertation, was published last year by Rowman & Littlefield.

Myla Croft, Political Science major, has been selected as the SIUC Lincoln laureate for the 22-23 year! Each fall, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award in honor of the spirit of Abraham Lincoln,

“providing leadership that inspires and transforms the world and to model integrity, courage, honesty and empathy to others.”

Philosophy Ph.D. **Tommy Curry** became the first Black professor of philosophy to sign the professorial roll at the University of Edinburgh, since its founding in 1583. He holds the chair in Africana Philosophy and Black Male Studies.

Important Information

SIU and the Jackson County Health Department will hold a **walk-up COVID-19 booster clinic** for faculty, staff and students from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Student Center’s ground floor main intersection.



Commencement will be held Saturday, December 17th, 11 a.m., at the Banterra Center. Faculty Information can be found [here](#).

All members of the SIU community (students, faculty, staff, alumni) are invited to serve as Commencement volunteers. Volunteer may use our [Commencement Volunteer](#) page to sign up or get more information.

Upcoming Events



*Celebrate the End of
Fall Semester*

Join the Dean's Office for
appetizers & drinks

December 1, 2022
Faner Atrium
4:30-6:00 pm

Join the Dean's Office as we celebrate the end of the semester on Thursday, December 1 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Faner Atrium.



The Kleinau Theatre invites you to see **FANGIRL: Fandoms, Feminism, and Strong Female Characters** on December 1st -3rd at 8:00 pm. For decades in media, there has been discourse around “strong female characters”—who they are, what makes them worthy of such a label,

and why there aren't more of them. As a lifelong fangirl involved in many, many fandoms, Alicia has felt their presence, their absence, and their influence throughout her entire life. In this performance, she examines her relationships to characters ranging from Wonder Woman to Elle Woods seeking an answer to the question: what is the impact of strong female characters on someone trying to be a strong female person in the real world? Written and Performed by Alicia Utecht Co-Directed with Jonny Gray.

Carbs and Caffeine Week

All Hungry Staff,
Faculty, and
Students are
Welcome!

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
7:45 AM - 4 PM EVERY DAY OF
FINALS WEEK

Second Floor of
Faner C Wing
above University
Museum

Monday Speciality Donuts from Bake Me Happy

Tuesday Croquembouche from Cristaudo's

Wednesday Mini Pies and Cupcakes from Granny Pucketts

Thursday Cinnamon Rolls from Bunmakers

Friday Scones and Quiches from Town Square Market

Every Day
Bagels, Fruit,
Parfaits,
Coffee, and
Juice



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

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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