



Campus Lake

CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.”
—T.S. Elliot, “Four Quartets”

Everybody in the Dean’s office is intensely working on the fiscal year 2025 budget. Provost Tucker has said to all of the Deans that she realizes this is a transformational shift in our budgeting process, and that there will inevitably be bumps in the road. For now, this also means we are closely monitoring our current FY24 budget, trying to moderate expenses while privileging instructional costs and student services. The Provost even approved our request for modest research travel this year.

But the FY25 budget, done properly, will account for our spending in a much more deliberate, decisive, and transparent way. The vision is to establish a budgeting process that is based on the

College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

College Committees

[CoLA Committees Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the

expenses we've accrued and committed to in advance of spending. I'm optimistic that this will both clarify and standardize our fiscal house here in CoLA, and I look forward to these changes. I also acknowledge that this kind of change is often imperfect and, at times, frustrating. But, as Elliot states, it is also a time of "fresh beginning."

committee meeting minutes.

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 Retention Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, March 27, at 1pm, School of Literature, Writing, and Digital Humanities Conference room, Faner 2366.

CoLA Faculty Development Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, March 27, at 2pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

College Advisory Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, April 3, at 9am, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

Upcoming

Deadlines

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

Dr. **David Anthony**, Director, School of Literature, Writing, and Digital Humanities, new book, *Sensationalism and the Jew in Antebellum American Literature*, was reviewed in the [New York Review of Books](#) (2/22/2024).

Dr. **Ryan Netzley**, Professor of English in the School of Literature, Writing, and Digital Humanities, has published a new monograph with [Northwestern University Press](#). The title is "*Economies of Praise: Value, Labor, and Form in Seventeenth-Century Poetry*."

Dr. **Mark Wagner**, Director, Center for Archaeological Investigations, with **George Hunt**, PhD student in History, was recently [interviewed by KFVS12](#) in relation to the grant funded research CAI is doing for the state of Illinois on the Civil War "contraband" or "freedmen's" camp that once existed in Cairo, IL.

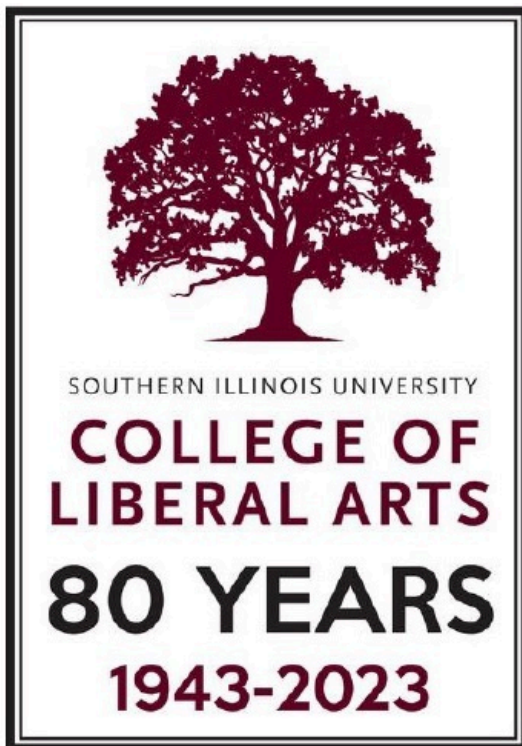
Important Information

Textbook adoption reminder: Please remember to submit all book orders for summer and fall courses. Send textbook adoption orders and inquiries to the bookstore at 0625txt@follett.com, or send via campus to SIU Bookstore, mail code 4422. Please ensure that all courses you are scheduling for the Summer and Fall semesters have course materials, where appropriate, ordered no later than March 1, 2024 (for Summer courses) and April 1, 2024 (for Fall courses).

Students will be registering for Summer and Fall 2024 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).

Honors Day Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00pm, in Shryock Auditorium. Reception will follow. Faculty from all Programs are encouraged to attend in order to help congratulate award recipients.



As we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the College of Liberal Arts at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, we invite you to be a part of our legacy-building initiative. We are embarking on a journey to honor this milestone by planting an enduring symbol of strength, wisdom, and resilience—a majestic oak tree near the heart of our campus, by Faner Hall.

Why the Oak Tree? For centuries, the oak has stood as a symbol of strength, endurance, and wisdom. Its sturdy trunk and sprawling branches represent the resilience and growth that define our college community. Like the oak, our institution has weathered storms and seasons, yet it continues to thrive and provide shade and shelter for generations of students, faculty, and staff.

As we mark this significant milestone, the oak tree serves as a poignant reminder of our commitment to nurturing knowledge,

fostering growth, and shaping the future. It stands as a testament to the deep roots we've planted in our community and the lofty aspirations that continue to guide us forward.

By donating to our anniversary oak tree campaign, you're not just contributing to a physical monument; you're investing in the future of liberal arts education and the enduring legacy of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Your generosity will help us create a living tribute to the values and ideals that define our college—a place where curiosity is cultivated, diversity is celebrated, and ideas take root and flourish.

Join us as we honor our past, celebrate our present, and embrace our future. Together, let's plant the seeds of inspiration and growth for generations to come.

And remember, as proud Salukis, let's show the world the strength of our pack and the depth of our commitment to excellence.

Please note that your gift to the Roots of Legacy campaign to plant an Oak Tree will go into the College of Liberal Arts Activities Fund, but it will be earmarked to support this effort.

Upcoming Events

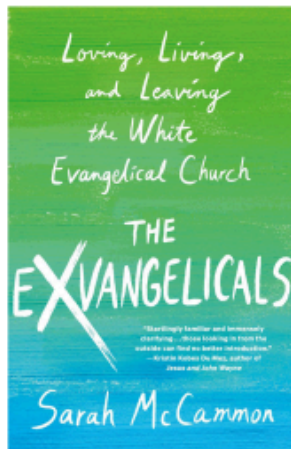
Ai for FACULTY

CVeX.AI



The Center for Virtual Expression will be holding a seminar demonstrating and teaching the basics of Ai use for Faculty at CVeX next Wednesday the 27th, from 2-3 pm. This activity will show how Ai can speed up your workflows related to managing syllabi, coursework, grading, and other faculty specific tasks. Increase your productivity! Lower your stress! Lead by Pinckney Benedict and the CVeX Staff.

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**RELIGION AND POLITICS
IN FLUX**
PERSONAL INSIGHTS
FROM AN NPR REPORTER

with Sarah McCammon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

Reception 5:30 p.m. • SIU Student Center Corker Lounge
Lecture 7:00 p.m. • SIU Student Center Ballroom B



SARAH MCCAMMON is a National Political Correspondent for NPR and co-host of the NPR Politics Podcast. Her work focuses on political, social and cultural divides in America, including abortion policy and the intersections of politics and religion. She's also a frequent guest host for NPR news programs. She has covered several presidential elections, including the 2016 campaign, when she reported on the rise of the Trump movement, divisions within the Republican Party over its future, and the role of religion in those debates. McCammon's reporting has documented the growing political power of the religious right culminating with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, efforts by abortion rights advocates to push back, and the rising tide of white Christian nationalism. McCammon is the author of *The Exvangelicals: Loving, Living, and Leaving the White Evangelical Church*, a 2024 book that is part memoir and part journalism, about the movement of people who grew up inside the powerful evangelical subculture and ultimately left in response to its increasing politicization.



This event is free and open to the public.

Registration is recommended.

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You're invited

To the College of Liberal Arts
Eclipse Reception

Monday, April 8, 2024
11:30 am-1:30pm

Faner Hall,
Second Floor Courtyard

Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and music
Children are welcome!

RSVP to cola@siu.edu

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