



CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

Yesterday, on SIU Giving Day, CoLA excelled in its generosity and *esprit de corps* because, collectively, we gave more individual gifts than last year with an increase of at least 25%—more than doubling my stated goal of an increase of 10% in the total number of donations. This means that CoLA alums, faculty, and staff stepped up and made a difference for our students who benefit from the Undergraduate Fund, while also advocating for CoLA through our fellowship and feelings of pride.

We must also acknowledge the special talents and dedication of one Michael Moore. The vast majority of the roughly \$488k total came from Mike's hard work as the CoLA Development Officer. Combined, we all managed to be the third highest in funds raised for SIU. Not too shabby.

SIU Day is just one day, but CoLA succeeded in showing up and demonstrating to all who care to see that we're a dedicated group of people who care for our students' success. Thank you all who were able to donate, but also thank you to all you who help our students every day, regardless if you participated or not in SIU Day. Next year, we'll work to increase the total number of donations even more.

[CoLA Faculty & Staff
Calendar](#)

College Committees

[CoLA Committees
Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the committee meeting minutes.

\$4,037,918 RAISED 3,702 GIFTS

College of Liberal Arts has raised \$488,031 from 72 Gifts!



Events

Don't miss the chance to multiply your impact, thanks to gift matching opportunities from some of our most generous donors.

Past Events



Groups with the Most Gifts!

Check out which groups have brought in the most gifts for SIU Day!

LEADERBOARD

RANK	DEPARTMENT	GIFTS
1	Balancing Education, Experience, & Reality Schp.	836 🎁
2	WSIU Public Broadcasting	613 🎁
3	Saluki Athletics	295 🎁
4	School of Medicine	259 🎁
5	College of Engineering, Computing, Tech, & Math	250 🎁
6	College of Agricultural, Life & Physical Sciences	160 🎁
7	Touch of Nature	121 🎁
8	College of Health and Human Sciences	118 🎁
9	College of Arts and Media	91 🎁
10	College of Business and Analytics	81 🎁
11	School of Education	81 🎁
12	School of Law	73 🎁
13	College of Liberal Arts	72 🎁
14	Marching Salukis	68 🎁



Groups by Dollars Raised

Check out which Groups have raised the most throughout SIU Day!

LEADERBOARD

RANK	DEPARTMENT	RAISED
1	College of Business and Analytics	\$819,120.00
2	School of Medicine	\$652,025.00
3	College of Liberal Arts	\$488,031.00
4	College of Engineering, Computing, Tech, & Math	\$156,525.00
5	Touch of Nature	\$123,855.50

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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.

College

Meetings

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

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

Upcoming

Deadlines

April 1: A/P performance evaluations

April 7: TT Workload Assignments

April 21: NTT Workload Assignments

May 10: NTT Annual Performance Review

May 15: GA Performance Evaluations

Recent Accomplishments

Faculty

Dr. Mont Allen (Associate Professor of Classics & Art History) gave an invited lecture for the Gold Medal Colloquium at the annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in January of 2023. Titled "Corpse Wine? Dionysiac Imagery and the Fermentation of the Deceased in Roman Sarcophagi", his talk answered the puzzling question of why wealthy Romans often chose to bury their dead in coffins shaped like, of all things, wine vats.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Reed's (Associate Professor of Sociology) new book on religion, *Religion in rebellions, revolutions, and social movements* (Routledge 2022) will be translated and published in Arabic. As part of his involvement in a research team, he recently also gave a talk, "Studying culture and emotions in protest: Exploring methods and theory," at the School of Social Sciences at Universidad de Chile.

Recent Events

Cairo Business Class Visit





Mr. Ryan O'Shea's Business class at Cairo High School met with Communication Studies faculty and graduate students. Dr. Sandy Pensoneau-Conway, Dr. Todd Graham, Dr. Dustin Greenwalt, OJ Duncan, and Janine Armstrong led engaging and interactive sessions. Students learned about interviews, handshakes, how to talk to your boss, and what they can learn from political debates in terms of communication. They also met with the College of Business and Analytics, and enjoyed lunch on-campus.

Important Information

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

The College is excited to announce the introduction of five new faculty incentive programs. New applications for Incentives Funds are due to Associate Dean Jennifer Smith (smithjen@siu.edu) by **Monday, April 3, 2023**. Each program has a specific target and focus.

- 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 faculty with more than four years in the rank of Associate Professor. Two \$5,000 awards will be made under this program to support the research and creative activities of Associate Professors.
- 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 for work over the next fiscal year.
- 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 for work over the next fiscal year.
- 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.

For more complete details, please visit [Faculty Incentive Programs](#).

CoLA Electives Webpage - CoLA is looking to highlight courses for Summer and Fall 2023 that majors across the university can take as electives. We're looking for courses that do not require a prerequisite and are likely 200/300/400 level courses. Think about courses that you are most excited to teach. These courses will be included on the [CoLA Electives](#) webpage and sent out to advisors across the university. If interested, please contact Rachel Wolters (rachelw@siu.edu).

CoLA State of the College Address will take place on Friday, April 7 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, in Faner Atrium (outside the CoLA Dean's Office). Dean Murray will give brief remarks about the College. Charcuterie and Drinks will be provided.



Upcoming Events

Anthropology Between the Lines

Wednesday April 5, 2023
COLA lounge (formerly the Humanities Lounge) in 2302
12-1 pm

Advocating for Archaeology's New Purpose



Archaeologists can help communities retake what colonialism and racism tried to erase through a new goal of "archaeological reclamation."

<https://www.sapiens.org/archaeology/archaeological-reclamation/>

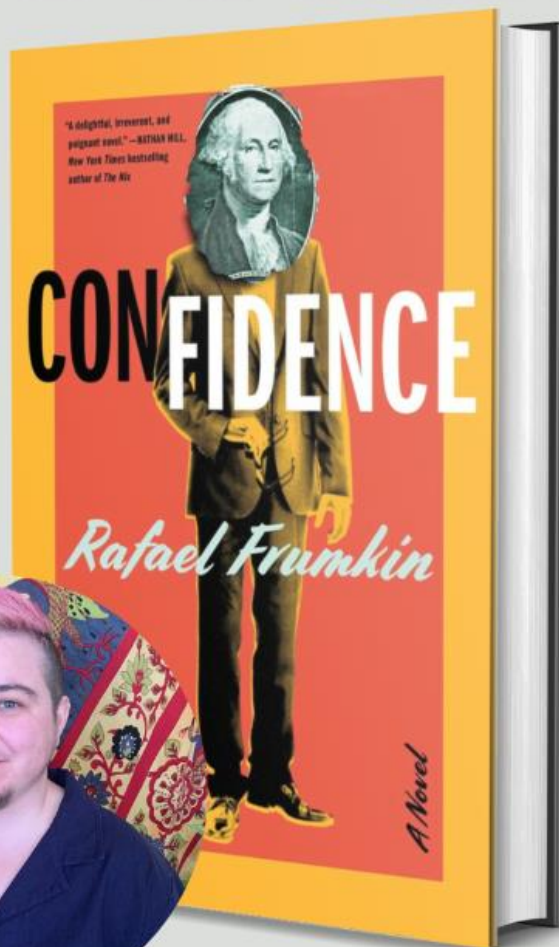
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Anthropology Between the Lines: Advocating for Archaeology's New Purpose. In this informal reading circle students and faculty talk about topics of

broad interest revolving around humans and humanity. We seek participants from diverse disciplines to enrich our discourse. Our next reading: *Advocating for Archaeology's New Purpose*. How Archaeologists can help communities retake what colonialism and racism tried to erase through a new goal of "archaeological reclamation." Takes place on Wednesday April 5 from 12-1pm (bring your lunch) , in the CoLA lounge (formerly the Humanities Lounge) Faner 2302.

RAFAEL FRUMKIN

**AUTHOR
EVENT!**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 6
5:00 PM**

GUYON AUDITORIUM

Author Event: There will be an event on **Thursday, April 6th** in Morris Library's Guyon Auditorium and Rotunda related to Rafael Frumkin's novel Confidence. The event will begin at 5:00pm with an interview/discussion/reading, and will be followed by a reception and book signing.

Southern Illinois University Chancellor's Scholarship Program

PRESENTS



GENIUS IS COMMON
**IMAGINE
YOUR
GENIUS
SHOWCASE**

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Shryock Auditorium • 5-8 pm • Doors Open at 4 pm • Reception from 8-9 pm

Calling ALL students, faculty, and staff to showcase your genius to the SIU Community!

CATEGORIES INCLUDE

Performance Art STEM Projects Talent
Art Projects Innovative Designs Special Interest
Research/Creative Activity Presentation

Prizes are available for participants and audience.

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TO
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Registration closes March 31

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CARBONDALE

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Imagine Your Genius Showcase 2023: This new event is taking place on **Thursday, April 6th** from 5:00-8:00pm (doors open at 4:00pm) in Shryock Auditorium. CoLA is a co-sponsor. Performers and presenters include SIU students, faculty, and staff. If you want to participate and "showcase" your genius, the deadline to register is Friday, March 31st. All of SIU, and community members, are invited to attend.

COLA SPEAKER SERIES

The New World of Artificial Intelligence at the Center for Virtual Expression

Prof. Ajit Jaokar and Ayse Mutlu

April 10, 2023

5 - 7 pm

Guyon Auditorium, Morris Library

WITH THE RISE OF CHATGPT AND GPT-3, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has now become mainstream. This gives us a once in a lifetime opportunity to master new interdisciplinary skills spanning the worlds of social science, the humanities, and technology.

AJIT JAOKAR AND AYSE MUTLU FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD will share their experience in setting up an AI center of excellence. They aspire to bring their experience in generative AI (large language models, image-based models and coding) to the new SIU Center for Virtual Expression (CVeX). Their experience in AI and OpenAI-Azure could lay the foundations for pedagogy and future opportunities in the College of Liberal Arts at SIU.

Refreshments provided after the talk.

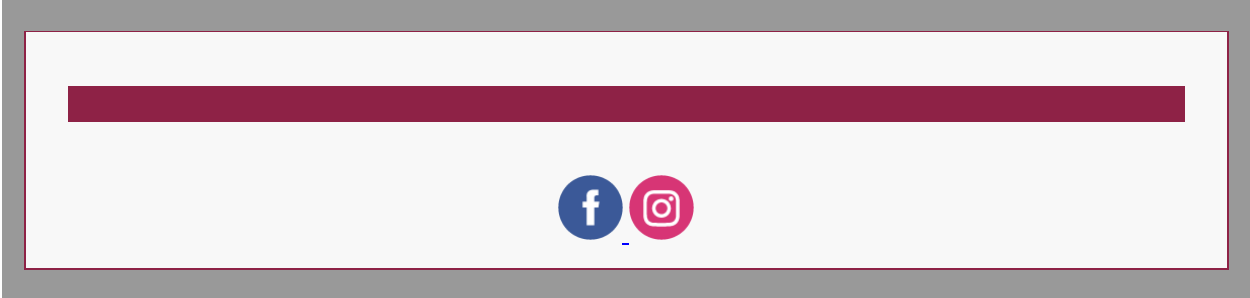
The talk will be livestreamed and available on the SIU YouTube page.



[youtube.com/watch?v=BooYUuMDU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BooYUuMDU)

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