



CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

With spring break around the corner and daffodils springing up in unexpected places, I am reminded about a saying my Dad used to say whenever he encountered a surprising confrontation. As a long-haul truck driver, he would often clash with this or that other driver who was quick to anger or road rage. He used to say, “Well, they can get glad just like they got mad.” I heard this so often growing up that I didn’t really think about what that aphorism was about—a kind of deliberate, decisive recognition of choices, I guess.

Now in my 9th month here at SIU, I’ve decided to make a choice to be as optimistic as I am able. With shifting budgets, shifting priorities, the revelations of long-held grudges and conflicts, histories of painful decisions, layers and layers of formidable bureaucracies—with all of this, I choose to be glad, to see the up side, to lift my eyes to the horizon. Truly, there are great things we can do in CoLA, collectively: the evidence is as clear as those daffodils. Palpable, even.

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

College Committees

[CoLA Committees Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the committee meeting minutes.

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 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

March 10: School hiring plans
March 10: Sabbatical reports
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. Benjamin Bricker (Political Science) presented the findings from his invited chapter "Referrals" at the Oxford Handbook of Comparative Judicial Behavior Conference, which was held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law Center from December 13-16, 2022. The chapter will be published this summer.

Dr. Hale Yilmaz's book *Becoming Turkish: Nationalist Reforms and Cultural Negotiations in Early Republican Turkey 1923-1945* has been published in Turkish as *Türk Olmak – Erken Cumhuriyet Dönemi'nde Milliyetçi Reformlar ve Kültürel Tartışmalar, 1923-1945* by Istanbul Bilgi University Press.

CESL Instructor **Geoff Young** runs CESL's U.S. Culture Immersion Program for Japanese groups. Geoff did an amazing job leading this program for groups from both Soka University and Tokushima University in Japan. He went above and beyond to give the students a wide variety of interactive cultural experiences they would not be able to get at home.

Students

Political Science PhD student **Myla Burton** was accepted into Indiana University's Summer Language Workshop for language training in Russian, Polish, or Ukrainian this summer, and received a US State Department Title VIII Grant to attend the Indiana workshop courses.

Ryan Jurich, History Major, recently won the third prize for his paper, *1868-1876: An Exploration of late 19th Century British Politics via Reacting to the Past*, at the 2023 Student Symposium held by the Honors Council Illinois Region this past weekend. The paper was developed out of Ryan's work with Professor Sramek in developing a UHON seminar, *Power and Politics in Victorian Britain* using RTP pedagogy." RTP, involving elaborately crafted role playing games using historical primary sources, is taught at over 600 college and universities worldwide and has won numerous awards for its high-impact pedagogical practices. Ryan is the third student since 2015 to collaborate with Dr. Sramek in designing games for use in the college classroom.

Political Science doctoral student **Ayodeji Oyekunle** will present her paper, *Gender Inequality, a Global Issue; a Descriptive Representation of Subnational Legislators, Illinois, United States of America*, at the 73rd PSA Annual International Conference, April 3-5, 2023 at the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom.

Recent Events

School of Languages & Linguistics Day



The School of Languages and Linguistics hosted a Preview Day on Friday, March 3rd. Prospective and Admitted students were invited to spend the day meeting with faculty, clubs, and attending sample classes and info sessions. In total, twenty students visited campus; students came from Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville, and local area high schools. The day ended with numerous visiting students talking about how excited they were to come to SIUC and major in one of SLL's programs. Thank you to all of the SLL faculty who participated in the day! You made it a success.

Important Information

The College is excited to announce the introduction of **five** new faculty incentive programs. The deadlines for application this year will be **Monday, April 3rd**. 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).

SIU System ADEI Lifetime Achievement Award - The purpose of the ADEI Lifetime Achievement Award is to recognize staff and faculty members whose careers include generally twenty years or more of documented service and advocacy in antiracism, diversity, equity, and inclusion at SIU. Nominees should have made a meaningful impact on a robust number of students, staff, alumni, and/or faculty members. The Award celebrates individuals who create, sustain, and expand ADEI, resulting in greater justice and belonging for all members in our community. The deadline for submission is March 17, 2023. [More information.](#)

Honors Day Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 1 at 1:00pm, in Shryock Auditorium.

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.

THE SIU SYSTEM STUDENT ADVISORY
BOARD ANNOUNCES THE

2023 SIU STUDENT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**NOMINATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY MARCH 24TH AT 11:59 PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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For your students

Pre-registration advisement for summer and fall 2023 terms is ongoing.

Students can schedule an appointment three ways:

1. Respond to email invitation sent to SIU email
2. Call 618-453-3388/email colaadvisement@siu.edu
3. Stop by the advisement office in Faner 3341

Staggered registration opens April 3, 2023.

Upcoming Events

SIUC Fine Arts Activity Fee presents

Happiness is a Warm Projector: The Cinematic Meanderings of Bryan Konefsky

Thursday, March 9
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Parkinson 124
Browne Auditorium

Konefsky is the founder and director of Experiments in Cinema, an annual international film festival in Albuquerque that showcases avant-garde cinematic art. *Senses of Cinema* magazine has identified Experiments in Cinema as one of the top 10 experimental film festivals in the world.

In addition to showing some of his own amazing films, Konefsky will present a selection of outstanding motion pictures that have screened at the Experiments in Cinema film festival.

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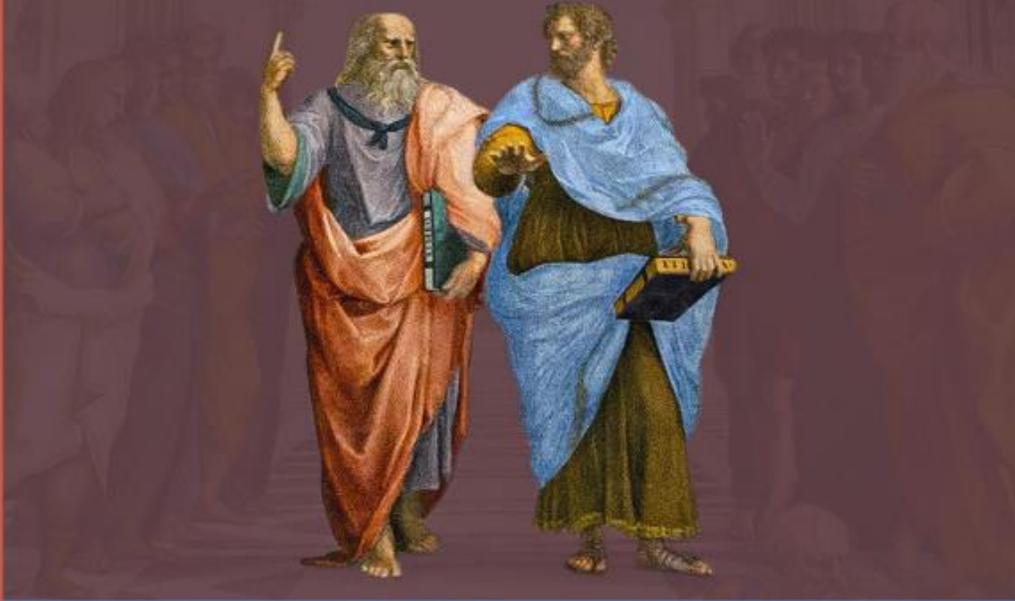




PHILOSOPHICAL COLLABORATIONS

A Conference for Faculty and Graduate Student Interaction

30th Annual Conference



March 23 - 24, 2023

Thursday, March 23
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**"The Phenomenology of
Despair and Bliss"**

Professor Kenneth Stickers and
Graduate Student David Gray,
Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

Commentator: Professor
Alfred Frankowski,
Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

Friday, March 24
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

**"Disjunctivist
Neo-Russellianism"**

Professor Scott Berman and
Graduate Student Joel Carini,
Saint Louis University

Commentator: Professor
Matthew Brown,
Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

Friday, March 24
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**"From Daedalus to the Divine:
Understanding the link
between Divine Inspiration and
Knowledge in Plato's Meno"**

Professor Daniel Larkin, Georgia
Southern University, and
Graduate Student Julian Rome,
University of Michigan

Commentator: Professor
Scott Berman, Saint Louis
University

Friday, March 24
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

**"Immanent Criticism, Deep
Disagreement, and
Argumentative Tragedy"**

Professor Scott Aiken and
Graduate Student Andrew Burnside,
Vanderbilt University

Commentator: Graduate Student
Andrii Leonov, Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

Friday, March 24
6:30 p.m.

(at Giant City Lodge)

Keynote Address

**"Dewey, Follett, and the Role of
Experts in Democracy"**

Professor Matthew Brown (Boydston
Endowed Chair of Philosophy)
and Graduate Student
Sunny Williams, Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

All sessions will be held in the STUDENT CENTER, 2nd FLOOR, KASKASKIA AND MISSOURI ROOMS, SIU Campus, Carbondale, Illinois, except for the Keynote that will be held at Giant City Lodge.

For further information, contact Professor Robert Hahn, School of History and Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 • 618-453-4319 or hahn@siu.edu

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CoLA Speaker Series

Date: April 10th, 2023

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Guyon Auditorium, Morris Library

Title: **"The New World of Artificial Intelligence at the Center of Virtual Expression"**

Speakers: Prof. Ajit Jaokar and Ayse Mutlu

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. Presented by Ajit Jaokar and Ayse Mutlu from the University of Oxford, the talk 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.

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