



# CoLA Lowdown

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## A NOTE

### *From the Dean*

At the [Faculty Senate meeting yesterday](#), Chancellor Lane both celebrated and thanked all of us for our contributions toward increasing enrollment at SIU. He also took the opportunity to explain how we plan

## College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

to payback the remaining \$12M in debt as prescribed by the FY17-FY24 Sustainability Plan approved by the Board of Trustees.

The bottom line is that SIU intends to zero-out that debt this fiscal year through salary savings (about \$9M) and through non-instructional distance education funds. What this means for CoLA is that we will all need to rely almost entirely on State funds for the rest of this fiscal year (FY24). To be clear, we are in a 10-month “chill” on all spending—everything requested will be intensely scrutinized at the Provost level. There is no such thing as “DE money” anymore. Everything is going toward the final debt repayment.

In February, CoLA will present its budget to Provost Tucker for FY25. That means each School will need to present their budgets as we compile our request for the funds we need next year—for hiring, for expenses, for travel, etc. It is not too early for each of you to inform your School leadership about your needs for the next fiscal year. CoLA will need to make a strong, persuasive case for our budgetary needs because there is not a corner of this college that does not require more resources to succeed as SIU grows and endeavors to meet the Imagine 2030 Strategic Plan.

Finally, don’t miss the part in Chancellor Lane’s presentation that announces a 2% salary increase for everyone at SIU, pending approval by the Board of Trustees. The next 10 months may be difficult, but as SIU comes out of its debt obligation and enrollment continues to grow, we are truly turning a corner and are looking at a brighter future.

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

## College Committees

[CoLA Committees Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the committee meeting minutes.

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**College**

# Meetings

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

Sept. 15: Current CV's for new faculty

Sept. 15: Form 90s/100s

Oct. 2: Sabbatical reports

Oct. 6: P&T Dossiers

Oct. 20: Sabbatical requests

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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.

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## Recent Events

# Breezeway Blast





CoLA's Breezeway Blast welcomed new and returning students to campus during the first week of classes. Students enjoyed the ice cream truck and the raffle for SIU giveaways.

## Important Information

**Email Signature Generator:** To maintain consistency across campus, SIU has provided specific guidelines on how email signatures should be formatted. Please use this [link](#) to generate your email signature.

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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm. Any questions may be directed to Rachel Wolters ([rachelw@siu.edu](mailto:rachelw@siu.edu)).

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*Upcoming Events*

# Welcome to the CVeX!

**Join us for two events to celebrate the  
opening of the Center for Virtual  
Expression Initiative.**

## **CVeX Opening**

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4:00 pm

Enjoy expert speakers and explore demonstrations of the  
Center's exciting virtual creation and VR tools.

Refreshments provided.

## **The Future of Virtual Expression**

Thursday, Sept. 14, 4:00 pm

Learn about how technology can empower your creative  
abilities with keynote speaker Ajit Jaokar from Oxford.



**Faner 1229**







# COLA MEET & GREET

ALL FACULTY, STAFF, AND  
GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE INVITED

- MEET OUR NEW COLA FACULTY
- OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM 10TH  
DAY ENROLLMENT NUMBERS
- REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH  
4:30-6:00PM  
FANER ATRIUM/COURTYARD



### Research Brownbag "**Beyond Constitutional Rights: The Jane Collective and Reproductive Autonomy**"

Brittany Leach, an assistant professor of political science and sociology in the School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, will present "Beyond Constitutional Rights: The Jane Collective and Reproductive Autonomy" from **noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18**, at the Museum

Auditorium (Faner 1526). The lecture is free and open to the university community and the public, and those attending are encouraged to bring lunch. There will be time for Q&A after the presentation.

Leach will use the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2022 Dobbs decision and 1992 Casey decision to illustrate competing perspectives. She said the bulk of her talk will focus on the "Jane Collective," an underground Chicago-based organization in the late 1960s and early 1970s that provided abortion services along with counseling prior to the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision.

"Their vision of reproductive freedom included more than just a privacy right to have an abortion without government interference," Leach said. "For instance, Jane effectively invented abortion counseling and sought to transform the way that women were treated by medical professionals."

Leach said she will share some archival evidence from her research, which includes quotes from Jane participants. The main argument is that "Jane illustrates the complex and ambiguous relationship between freedom and the law, as well as providing a more nuanced picture of illegal abortions in the pre-Roe era. Learning more about our pre-Roe feminist abortion activism can help shed light on the post-Dobbs situation in states that have banned abortion."

**THE SIU WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY  
STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS**

# **REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE NOW!**

**OCTOBER 5, 2023 @ 2PM,  
STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING RM 150/160  
PANEL DISCUSSION**

**HANNAH MITCHELL  
GRASSROOTS ORGANIZER  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

**JENNIFER PEPPER  
PRESIDENT AND CEO  
CHOICES: CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

**SHELBY SWAFFORD, PHD  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE, CMST, SIU**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**



On October 5, 2023 at 2pm, the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, in the School of Africana and Multicultural Studies, will host a panel discussion entitled "Reproductive Justice Now!" Panelists include Jennifer Pepper, President and CEO of CHOICES: Center for Reproductive Health, Hannah Mitchell, Grassroots Organizer, Southern Illinois Planned Parenthood, and Shelby Swafford, PhD, Professor of Practice in Communication Studies. They will discuss current challenges in Illinois in giving and receiving reproductive care after the overturning of Roe v. Wade. They will also talk about how people who are passionate about reproductive justice can become activists in their own communities. The event will take place in the Student Services Building, Room

150/160. All faculty, students, and community members are welcome. Metered parking is available in the Student Center Parking Lot. Please contact Assistant Professor and WGSS Coordinator, Allison Hammer, for more details: [wgss-coordinator@siu.edu](mailto:wgss-coordinator@siu.edu).

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## Salukis Pop-Up Shop

**September 11 through September 24, 2023**

A portion of all sales will be donated to the CSC Education Assistance Program which provides scholarships for dependents of civil service employees at SIU.

<https://shopsilkworm.com/siucsc>



What is your Salukis style?

CoLA will not be hosting tailgates this year during Family Weekend (9/30) and Homecoming (10/21). However, there will be an Alumni event planned for Homecoming weekend. More details to follow.



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