



CoLA Lowdown

A NOTE

From the Dean

College Meetings

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

Undergraduate Directors meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27, at 3pm, Dean's



CoLA saw just under 2% growth once 10th day numbers were all in; compared to 2020, CoLA is up nearly 5%. You all deserve credit for the efforts you put in to increase our overall recruitment and retention. Fall 2022 enrollment numbers have been the topic *de jour* since I

arrived in July, and it is your commitment to engage with students that helped make this happen through your mentorship and encouragement. Kudos to Layla Murphy and her team, but also to all of you as well.

Looking ahead, please continue to reach out and support students as they embark this semester on their academic journey. Help them feel at home in CoLA, and tell them about our programs. We can harness the power of informal networks to help get the word out about how magnificent CoLA is simply by treating students and each other well. Doing so is one of the pillars of a liberal arts education because compassion is learned and it leads to resilience. This is precisely the time to foster those values, and clearly you all do—often without thanks. Well, I just want to say “Thank You.” What you are doing works.

Conference room, Faner 2408.

College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

Deadlines

Catalog changes, **Form 90 and 90A**, are due to Dean’s office on **Friday, September, 23**, send only to [CoLA forms email](#).

Sabbatical reports for all represented faculty whose sabbatical ended in the prior semester due **Monday, October 3**, to Director (see Section 15.03.g. of the current CBA; Reports due by beginning of week 8 of semester).

Promotion and Tenure Recommendations are due to the CoLA Dean’s Office in D2L no later than **Friday, October 7**.

Faculty Spotlight



The College of Liberal Arts is happy to announce eight faculty members who have been awarded funds through the **Pedagogy Exploration Incentive Fund**.

Brianna Janssen Sanchez, Foreign Languages and Linguistics, to assist with course development for Methods of Teaching World Languages (FL 436) and Bilingual Education Methods (LING 471), and to assist with materials for World Languages Day.

Lourdes Albuixech, Spanish, to assist with course building and technology updates for SPAN 414—Translation Techniques.

Pinkney Benedict, English, to assist with use of virtual reality exploration for English undergraduate and graduate courses.

Jonathan Gray, Communication Studies, to help purchase equipment necessary to update CMST 221 – Advanced Public Speaking as an online course.

Michael Olsen, Linguistics, to assist with course building for LING 440/550, specifically with acquiring corpus and discourse analysis database access.

Dave Johnson, Classics, to assist with the development of role playing pedagogy for Classics courses.

Jeff Punske, Linguistics, to assist with lighting improvements for the SLL Digital Pedagogy Studio & Lab.

Ted Cohen, Africana Studies and History, to assist with course building for AFR 360, including the acquisition of digital materials for the course and procuring interviews for classroom use.



SIU Day

SIU Day took place on Wednesday, September 14th with 800 students from local high schools coming to campus. CoLA offered students two sessions.

The Center for Archaeological Investigations offered students the chance to engage in a real archaeological dig. The students participated in an excavation in Thompson Woods. They were able to recover and analyze artifacts related to the nineteenth century Thompson family farmstead and artifacts from a much earlier Native American occupation. The students also had the opportunity to use the CAI's ground penetrating radar as they searched for buried features at the archaeological site.

Digital Humanities Lab allowed students to get their hands on Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headsets and played through a variety of immersive VR experiences. They also learned about the abundance of exciting opportunities and partnerships that the Lab offers SIU students, as both a game development and publishing space.



Important Information

CoLA Electives Webpage - CoLA is looking to highlight courses for the Spring 2023 semester 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 a webpage and sent out to advisors across the university. If interested, please contact Rachel Wolters (rachelw@siu.edu). [CoLA Electives Webpage](#)

Faculty and Staff Regalia sale through Herff Jones, a nationally recognized provider of custom regalia. Herff Jones will offer regalia to faculty and staff from Southern



Illinois University Carbondale at a reduced cost. Graduate students wishing to purchase regalia rather than rent are also welcome.

Mark Krevin, our Herff Jones representative, will be available **Tuesday, September 27** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. via [online appointment](#), to assist in ordering regalia. See more information at [Faculty Regalia](#).

Study Abroad Information Session for CoLA Faculty: October 27, 3:00-4:00pm [Zoom Link](#). This informational session will be led by Dr. Ramesh Neupane, Associate Director of Study Abroad Programs. The session will include information for those interested in possibly creating a Study Abroad program/course. Faculty who currently have a Study Abroad program are also invited to attend!

The Mississippi Watershed Project: Critical Horizons and Social Ecologies

We invite you to learn more about a grant opportunity for faculty to develop creative inter-and trans-disciplinary courses and programming that operates at the intersections of race, place, and identity. Friday, September 30, 11am -1pm, Faner 2302 (Humanities Lounge). Dr. Frankowski and Sarah Lewison invite you to learn about the project to date and to contribute to its expansion.

Upcoming Events



The Kleinau Theatre invites you to see "Left On Read," September 22-24 at 8:00 PM. How has online dating altered the way we affectionately converse? For most Gen Z's and Millennials, dating apps like Tinder and Bumble have conditioned us to act a certain way when meeting potential

partners for the first time. How should I act? Did I say too much? What should I say to keep the conversation going? These are all questions we have asked ourselves but don't deeply examine justifications for. Employing personal narrative, theories of social psychology, theories of the virtual self, and digital performance, this solo show dissects how and possibly why computer-mediated

communication influences how we date. MATURE THEMES. Written and performed by Zoë Freedkin and directed by Jesse Snider.

Family Weekend tailgate is this Saturday, September 24th from 11am -2pm; we will have brunch from Crystal's Catering and a mimosa bar.

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**FAMILY
WEEKEND
TAILGATE**

SEPTEMBER 24TH
11 AM - 2 PM
SALUKI ROW / SOUTH OF FOOTBALL STADIUM

FREE Swag

Games

FREE Food & Drinks



The College of Liberal Arts **Homecoming tailgate** will be on Saturday, October 15th from 11am -2pm on Saluki Row. We will have a whole hog pig roast and Winston's bagels. ALL current and former CoLA staff, faculty, and friends of the College are welcome!

It would be great to get help with set up and tear down; anyone interested in helping can meet in the Dean's Office at 7am or at Saluki Row at 8am on either of the Saturdays.

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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