Kudos and Celebrations

Awards

Congratulations to **Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** who was named as a recipient of the Celebrate Women Faculty Mentor Award.

**Nil Bardhan** was named a recipient of the SIU Women of Distinction Award meant to recognize employees who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to women and/or issues of diversity through leadership, vision, or actions in a profession, in an area of expertise, or in service to the university community.

WGSS Conference:

Thank you to **Janine Armstrong, Jeremy Omori, Shelby Swafford, Emily Vajjala, and Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** for their work helping to coordinate and execute the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Conference on campus last month.

Service in the Community:

**Lindy Wagner** and **Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** facilitated two workshops at the recent Women's Leadership Retreat held at Touch of Nature.

A New Doctor:

Congrats to **Dr. Mick Brewer** who defended his dissertation titled *From the Ground, to the Ballot, to the System: The (Critical) Interpersonal Reproduction of Masculinity within Homosocial Friendships of Male Donald Trump Supporters* at the end of March.

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**Important Dates**

- **4/16:** Speakers Forum: “At Any Cost...Finances and our Future.”
- **4/21:** Baseball vs. Illinois State
- **4/25:** Ignite SIUC
- **4/25-4/27:** *Depressme Street* (a show written and directed by Devin Collins).
- **4/26:** SIU Day

*For more information on these and other events, please refer to the “Important Dates” list distributed by Darren Valenta on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.*
Give kudos and celebrate!

If you’d like to submit something for next month’s K&C newsletter, please email Darren Valenta at darren.valenta@siu.edu.

Please feel free to contribute (for yourself or on someone else’s behalf) publications, conference presentations, special events and community service, awards, grants, appointments/new jobs (academic and beyond), thesis/prelim/dissertation progress, and anything else you want to celebrate!

Thank you to all of those who participated this month!

In the Kleinau:

Kudos to Colin Whitworth on a successful run of his solo show Within/Without: Writing from the Closet in the Kleinau last month!

Promotion:

Congratulations to Craig Engstrom who was recently awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor!

Dissertation Research Award:

Congratulations to Alex Davenport who was awarded a dissertation research award for next academic year!

Undergraduates in the News:

Kudos to Hannah Colbrook who recently received the Dorothy Morris Traditional Student Scholarship from the SIU Women’s Club.

Congratulations to Madi Kic who received a second place win for Undergraduate Paper Presentation at the recent Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference.