

Kudos and Celebrations

Conferences and Presentations:

Kudos to **Craig Engstrom** on his recent presentation, "Simple Yet Effective Persuasive Strategies for Sales, Marketing and Negotiation" at the Regional Chamber Luncheon in Carterville.

Congratulations to **Maddie Wiles**, who recently traveled to the UNITED (Uniting Neighbors in the Spirit of Diversity) conference in Marquette, Michigan, as one of the keynote speakers. Maddie's keynote is titled "Transitioning into Activism: A Narrative Account of Resilience, Family Narratives, and Gender Equity Activism."

Devin Collins and **Craig Engstrom** led two fantastic workshops for future Salukis at the Fall 2019 SIU Day.

Great job on the part of **Janine Armstrong, O.J. Duncan, Bolton Morales, and Sandy Pensoneau-Conway!** Their recent panel presentation, "Building Resilience in Queer Youth," was presented at the Find Hope Here Southern Illinois Suicide Prevention Conference.

Publications and Premieres:

Congratulations to **Randy Auxier** on the publication of his recent article "Idealism and Religion in Dewey's Philosophy." Co-authored with SIU's John R. Shook, the article appears in *The Oxford Handbook of Dewey*.

Kudos go out to **Shelby Swafford**, whose article "To be a (M)other: A Feminist Performative Autoethnography of Abortion" was recently published online in the journal *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*. Shelby's article is available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1532708619878743>

Many kudos to PhD student **Jason Hedrick**, whose Kleinau show *Vanya on the Plains*, recently had its world premiere at The Artistic Home theatre in Chicago!

Talking Politics:

Randy Auxier recently engaged in a Constitution Day Debate with Murphysboro mayor Will Stephens. Thank you to **Todd Graham** for organizing the event! For those who missed it, you can watch the debate at: <https://vimeo.com/362659754>

Congratulations go out to **Todd Graham**, who's has been making his way around the press circuit, commenting on the Democratic Presidential Candidate debates. You can check out one of Todd's recent articles at: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/13/opinions/debate-coach-graham/index.html>

Premiering in Carbondale:

Congratulations to **Elyse Pineau** on her wonderful one-woman show of *The Yellow Wallpaper* at The Varsity Theatre in downtown Carbondale!



Important Dates

- All month: LGBTQ History Month
- 10/10, 17, 24: Buckminster Fuller Reading Group at AIPCT
- 10/14-10/19: SIU Homecoming
- 10/22: CMST Academic Fair
- 11/6: State of the University Address
- 11/7-11/9: *Inheritance of a Flyover* (Directed by Anna Wilcoxon, Asst. Dir. Alex Davenport)



Give kudos and celebrate!

If you'd like to submit something for next month's K&C newsletter, please email Alex Lockwood at alexlockwood@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

Service and Teaching Around SIU:

Following up on a successful premiere last year, **O.J. Duncan** organized this year's Gaymer Lounge at Saluki-Con! The Lounge, sponsored by CMST and Rainbow Café, registered over 450 visits this year over the course of the convention. Additional thanks to **Janine Armstrong**, **Dianah McGreehan**, and **Bolton Morales** on delivering presentations at the lounge!

Recent Awards, Certifications, and Candidacies:

Scott Jarmon recently passed his preliminaries and became a PhD Candidate!

Congratulations to **Craig Engstrom**, who completed the Advanced Online Teaching Certificate from the Online Learning Consortium from SUNY, with high marks.

Kudos go out to **Alex Davenport**, recipient of the 2019-2020 Dissertation Research Assistantship. Alex was honored for his achievement at the Celebration of Fellows ceremony in Guyon Auditorium.

On the Kleinau Stage:

Wonderful performances from **Alex Davenport**, **Dianah McGreehan**, **Jonny Gray**, **Ryan Freels**, **Nour Effin**, **Kalie Scanlan**, and **Zebediah Scanlan**! Their participation in guest artist **Tim Miller's** workshop resulted in a culminating show titled *Body Maps*!

A great job by **Christos Patelis** and **Rebecca Walker**, on Christos's premiere Kleinau show, *Nourish*!

Thank You:

The CMST department recently hosted guest artist **Tim Miller**, who led a weeklong workshop and performance *Body Maps*, in addition to his solo performance *A Body in the O*. Thank you to everyone involved in making the visit happen, especially to **Craig Gingrich-Philbrook**, **Rebecca Walker**, and the Kleinau staff (**Devin Collins**, **Anna Wilcoxon**, and **Christos Patelis**)!

