

COLA Weekly

April 26, 2019

Jen Ware, *Communication*, **Ashley Hall**, *English*, **Seth Gordon**, *Veteran and Military Center*, and **Jeremy Tkach**, student veteran, *Motion Pictures*, have been awarded an \$18,000 Ohio Humanities Grant for 2019. This was a highly-competitive grant process and will provide them funding for their documentary series, *Veterans across the Spectrum: Transition to Transformation*, which will chronicle a variety of veteran's stories. Congratulations!

Congratulations to [Vaughn Shannon](#), *political science*, who was elected president of the Dayton Council on World Affairs. As president, he is in charge of day-to-day operations as well as promoting the council's mission to encourage informed opinion and decision-making concerning international issues by engaging people on diverse world issues, points of view, and cultures. Vaughn is at least the third COLA faculty member to lead this organization and will carry on the tradition of Wright State leadership on the council.



CELIA Fellows **Jim Tipps**, *music*, and **Stuart McDowell**, *theatre, dance, & motion pictures*, will present a final concert in their spring CELIA project, *The Cost of War: An Exploration of the Role of Media in Expanding the Literacy of Peace*. This capstone concert, *Songs of Protest, Songs of Love*, will be held Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Creative Arts Center Recital Hall. The program features the talents and scholarship of Jim Tipps and Stuart McDowell, along with **Bruce Cromer**, *theatre*, **Steve Aldredge**, *music*, and many music and theatre students performing the music of Kurt Weill and Paul Dessau and the poetry of Bertolt Brecht. The program is free and open to the public.

Congratulations to this year's outstanding graduating students!

COLA Outstanding Undergraduate Students

Sterling Rutledge, *African & African American Studies*

Frances Smith, *Art and Art History*

Holly-Kristina Marie Averette, *Communication*

Michael Sensenbaugh, *Crime & Justice Studies*

Jonathan Thomas, *English*
Alix Holmes, *History*
SalhaEl-shwehdi, *International Studies*
Yahziyl Palmer, *Liberal Studies*
Antonia Stonerock, *Modern Languages*
Curtis Magee, *Music*
James Davis, *Geography*
Lauren Reder, *Classics*
Elizabeth Art, *Social Work*
Diamond Johnson, *Sociology*
Katie Sinicki, *Acting*
Elise Hack, *Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies*

COLA Outstanding Graduate Students

Beth Nichols, *Applied Behavioral Science*
Dylan Colvin, *English*
Amy Brickey, *History*
Sarah Elizabeth Bostic-Kelley, *Humanities*
Rahimullah Akrami, *International & Comparative Politics*
Stephen Monath, *Music*
Chelsie Spoor, *Public Administration*
Natasha Ames, *Social Work*

University Graduate Student Excellence Awards

Melanie Simpson, *Applied Behavioral Science*
Christina Luiggi, *English, Rhetoric & Writing*
Riza Miklowski, *History*
Angela Reichelderfer, *Humanities*
Rahimullah Akrami, *International & Comparative Politics*
Stephen Monath, *Music*
Susan Cotton, *Public Administration*
Natasha Ames, *Social Work*

The **2018 Years of Service Employee Recognition Program** honors more than 230 employees with impressive years of service to the university. See a complete list of employees [here](#). A special congratulations to the COLA faculty and staff on the list:

35 years

William Irvine, *Religion, Philosophy, & Classics*

30 years

Linda Caron, *Dean*

25 years

Nancy Garner, *History*
Carol Loranger, *Associate Dean*
Annette Oxindine, *English*
Robert Rubin, *English*

20 years

Matthew Benjamin, *Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures*
David Seitz, *English*

15 years

Ksenia Bonch Reeves, *Modern languages*
Jennifer Buckwalter, *Assistant Dean*
Jamie Cordes, *Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures*
Byron Crews, *English*
Sally DeThomas, *English*
John Feldmeier, *Political Science*
Sharon Jones, *English*
Valerie Stoker, *Religion, Philosophy, & Classics*
Scott Wilson, *Religion, Philosophy, & Classics*

10 years

James Adamitis, *Sociology*
Maria Astudillo, *Modern Languages*
Haili Du, *Modern Languages*
Hope Jennings, *English*
Tracy Longley-Cook, *Art & Art History*
Carol Mejia-LaPerle, *English*
Sean Pollock, *History*
Vaughn Shannon, *Political Science*
Melissa Spirek, *Communication*
Deborah Thomas, *Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures*
Gina Walther, *Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures*
Julianne Weinzimmer, *Sociology & Anthropology*
Sean Wilson, *Political Science*

This will be the last **COLA Weekly** until fall semester begins. You can see all past COLA Weekly messages online [here](#).

Please mark your calendars for our **COLA Picnic** set for Wednesday, August 21 at noon at Delco Park. At the conclusion of the retreat we will celebrate our **COLA Outstanding Award Recipients**. Please RSVP to [Susan Paul](#) if you can make it.

Good luck with finals week and have a wonderful summer.



Linda Caron, Dean
College of Liberal Arts

[Upcoming Events](#)

Senior Thesis Exhibition Reception, Friday, April 26, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries

Men's Chorale Alumni Concert, Friday, April 26, 8:00 p.m., Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

Percussion Ensemble, Saturday, April 27, 2:30 p.m., Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

Piano Quartet/Flute Quartet, Saturday, April 27, 5:30 p.m. Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

Young Artist Solo Competition Finals Recital, Sunday, April 28, 6:30 p.m., Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

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