

# COLA Monthly

September 2021

## Message from the Dean

Welcome to the first *COLA Monthly* of the academic year! We've made it through the first week, and it's been nice to reconnect with many, as more people are on campus.

*COLA Monthly* provides an opportunity to share good news and advertise upcoming events. We will offer links so you can catch up on WSU Newsroom articles you may have missed. It is always astonishing to see the many activities and interests of our faculty, staff, and students. One of my great points of pride is that the front page of the university website almost always includes articles about COLA. Keep them coming!



Speaking of accomplishments, the signs recognizing our COLA award winners are now up on the wall near the college office. Normally we would celebrate our colleagues' achievements at an in-person event the week before the start of classes, but we will just have to congratulate our awardees when we see them. Do stop and read about them. To remind you, the winners are:

**CoLA Outstanding Faculty TET:** Karen Lahm, *Sociology and Anthropology*

**CoLA Outstanding Teaching TET:** Amelia Hubbard, *Sociology and Anthropology*

**CoLA Outstanding Research TET:** Drew Swanson, *History*

**CoLA Outstanding Professional Service TET:** Noeleen McIlvenna, *History*

**CoLA Outstanding Faculty NTE:** Sarah McGinley, *English*

**CoLA Outstanding Teaching NTE:** Jamie Cordes, *Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures*

**CoLA Outstanding Service NTE:** Cynthia Marshall Burns, *English*

**CoLA Outstanding Adjunct:** Sally Struthers, *Art and Art History*

**CoLA Outstanding Staff:** Carly Kimmins, *Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures*

This semester will see an ad hoc committee make recommendations on the reconfiguration of the college. This has been made necessary by declining enrollment and the decrease in COLA faculty. I expect their recommendation by November 1st, in time for us to discuss it at the fall COLA faculty meeting. You will be hearing more about this project as the semester progresses.

Happy September!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda".

Linda Caron, Dean  
College of Liberal Arts



### CLASS Programs and Events

#### **Résumés for Liberal Arts Students**

Wednesday, September 1, Noon - 12:45 pm

#### **Crafting Effective Job/Internship Correspondence**

Thursday, September 9, 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

#### **Job Search Strategies for Liberal Arts Students**

Tuesday, September 14, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

#### **Internships for Liberal Arts Students**

Wednesday, September 22, Noon - 12:45 pm

#### **Is Graduate School Right for YOU?**

Thursday, September 30, 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

**NOTE: All CLASS Workshops are virtual via WebEx:**  
<https://wright.webex.com/meet/wayne.stark>



#### **LEAP Basic Communication Workshop help Cuban aviation technicians in Wilmington, Ohio, learned English**

Wright State University faculty and volunteers customized an eight-week curriculum to teach fundamental English to Cuban aircraft technicians employed at a Wilmington, Ohio, aviation business.

Through the LEAP Basic Communication Workshop, 17 Spanish-speaking technicians learned basic English, the international language of the aviation industry. Organized by the [Learning English for Academic and Professional Purpose \(LEAP\) Intensive English Program](#) at Wright State, the course provided instruction with the help of four to five volunteers during each two-hour lesson, which ran from June 29th to August 19th.

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### **Wright State graduate launches community theatre company**

Tyrell Reggins, who graduated from Wright State University's [Department of Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures](#) in 2015, credits his high school music teacher with inspiring him to pursue his love for performing - and now he is now doing the same for a new generation of young people!

Reggins is the founder and artistic director of the Trinity Theatre Company, a youth performing arts organization and community theatre in Columbus.

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### **WSU Public History students help develop exhibit at National Afro-American Museum**

At Wilberforce's National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center stands an exhibit titled "Rhythm of Revolution," presenting a visual flow of cultural change driven by Black artists and activists, features photographs, clothing, paintings, a statue and other artwork.

[Graduate public history](#) students at Wright State University helped bring the exhibit to life by conducting research, selecting objects for the collection and writing up their history.

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### **Alumna Shirley Tucker creates mural inside Dayton Mall**

Called Helping Adolescents Achieve Long-Term Objectives, or HAALO, a collaborative art program between the juvenile court and the K12 Gallery & TEJAS, an artist-centered regional visual arts center offering innovative programs for all ages, has turned a massive blank canvas into a foot-traffic-stopping mural inside the Dayton Mall.

Shirley Tucker, who graduated from Wright State's [Art Program](#) and is currently the head facilitator of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court Probation Services's art program, was part of the creative team. Her design includes a Wright State University logo that Tucker wanted to incorporate because of her experience as a Raider. "Wright State made me feel complete and that's why I wanted to incorporate Wright State on the wall," she said.

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### **Wright State alumnus contributes to COVID-19 research**

Csongor Bajnoczki is making good use of the critical-thinking skills and perseverance he honed at Wright State University as an [International Studies](#) and [French](#) dual major undergraduate student, and [International & Comparative Politics](#) graduate student.

The two-time Wright State alumnus and collegiate swimmer works part-time for the World Health Organization, is writing an MSc dissertation on circular economies at Central European University, and was recently published in an international global health journal on the lack of diversity in governmental task forces formed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **Double CoLA major**

First-year student Ariana Bush's perseverance earns her a spot in Wright State's [Dance Program](#) while pursuing political science.

Dance has been Bush's escape from the demands of a challenging online academic schedule. How to combine a career in dance with political science came to Bush when she was driving home from dance class one night:

"I had the thought that I could start my own dance company where I could choreograph dances that focused on any number of national or international social justice issues," she said. "The arts have always been on the front lines in addressing the need for social change and communicating complex emotions."

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### **Dr. Drew Swanson, professor of History, elected president of the Agricultural History Society**

As a professor in the [History Department](#) at Wright State University, Drew Swanson, Ph.D., used his background and passion for agriculture to become a national leader.

In June, Swanson was elected president of the Agricultural History Society, an international scholarly organization devoted to promoting interest, study and research in the history of agriculture and rural life.

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### Wright State anthropology students dig for evidence of an historic Shawnee fort

10 Wright State University students dig for traces of a Native American fort torched by American forces in 1780. The excavation is unfolding at George Rogers Clark Park near the Mad River just northeast of Wright State. It's all part of the [Field School in Archaeology](#), created by Lance Greene, Ph.D., associate professor of [anthropology](#) at WSU, to investigate the archaeology and history of Shawnee settlements in Ohio. The school is in its fourth year after missing last year's session due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Global Love Dayton's Snow Globes in support of the ArtsGala Scholarship Fund to ship mid-October!

The limited edition Wright State University Globe Project was launched in February as a way to help raise funds for the ArtsGala Scholarship Fund in the absence of the in-person gala for 2021.

It has been a long process, but we are pleased to finally share the finished globe with our community!

The globes will arrive in mid-October, just in time for the gift-giving season. There's still some globes left to purchase, but we do anticipate them selling out over the next couple of weeks! To purchase a globe, visit:

<http://community.wrightstatealumni.com/snowglobes>

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