

# COLA Monthly

December, 2020

## Message from the Dean

As the end of the semester gets closer, I want to commend our faculty, staff and students for their heroic and successful efforts. We have managed to figure out how to teach and learn in these ever-changing circumstances. We have worn masks and socially distanced in our in-person classes and in public spaces. We have kept each other as safe as possible. We should be proud of our collective achievements.



I have sad news about the passing of two emeritus faculty members. Dr. Jim Hughes died on November 7, 2020. He was a founding faculty member at Wright State, and an esteemed member of the English department for more than 30 years. A poet, avid bibliophile, dedicated family man and lover of the arts, Jim exemplified the very essence of a liberal arts education. Memorial contributions may be made to the James Hughes Humanities Scholarship at Wright State University

Dr. Leland Bland passed away November 8 from complications due to Covid 19. He was an accomplished musician and invented completely novel approaches in the field of music theory. He won a university research award for his work in music theory, and also composed music, including a work celebrated in Japan. Lee was a supportive father and grandfather, and took pains to cultivate a love of music in all his family members. Stay safe, everyone, and Happy Thanksgiving!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Caron, Dean  
College of Liberal Arts



### **Some international students maintain campus presence with in-person English classes**

This semester, the Learning English for Academic and Professional Purposes (LEAP) Intensive English Program offers most of its English-as-a-second-language courses in-person. Class sizes are between six and 10 students, making it easy to spread out and physically distance in the classroom.

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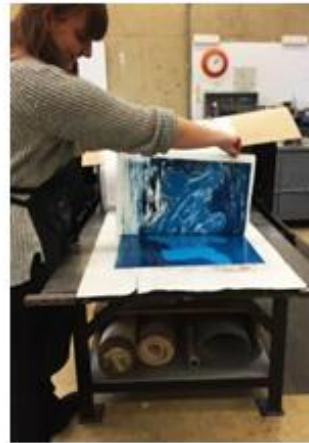
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### **'An Artist in Everyone'**

Department of Art and Art History to open printmaking course to non-art majors

For the first time, Wright State University will offer a printmaking course to non-art majors. Some basic drawing skills for the Spring Semester course will be useful but not essential.

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### **Web Browsers**

Wright State study sheds light on political parties' use of websites and social media

"I'm really proud that I could publish with some of our excellent students," said Hannah. "I think it's important that students have these opportunities and view themselves as professionals and social scientists even before they graduate."

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## Green Scene

Wright State grad student Cori Lohstroh helps secure a federal grant to advance environmentally friendly weed-killing technology

"I'm passionate about sustainability and giving back to the environment," says Lohstroh, who is pursuing a master's degree in rhetoric and writing from Wright State University.



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## At Your Service

Public service seems to be in his DNA. Wright State University M.P.A. alumnus Tom Thompson has served in the Air Force, in municipal government and in law enforcement. His most recent effort is founding a nonprofit that serves the region's immigrant community.



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## Virtual Commencement Ceremony Saturday, December 12, 2020 10 a.m.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and continued state mandates, our upcoming commencement will be virtual.

Wright State will broadcast this commencement ceremony on our social media channels on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

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