

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing break and a good start to the semester.

With this *COLA Weekly* I am inaugurating a new highlight on faculty scholarship. I'll start with reports from the lucky recipients of 2018-19 Professional Development Leaves, and move on from there. Please let me know about your scholarly accomplishments so I can share them. And if you know about fascinating work by a colleague too modest to toot their own horn, tell me about that as well. This is a great way to promote the important work done in the college as part of our ongoing advocacy for the liberal arts.



Our first faculty spotlight is on **Sharon Lynette Jones** in English, who had a PDL to work on research on scholar, philosopher, and civil rights activist Angela Y. Davis. Lynette is the editor of *Conversations with Angela Davis*, submitted to the University Press of Mississippi in December 2018. She also worked on a second book project *Resisting Injustice: Contemporary Views on Angela Davis*, an edited volume of essays examining Davis in multidisciplinary contexts from international and/or transnational perspectives.

In addition, Lynette presented on Davis in multiple venues, including Emory University, the University of North Carolina Asheville, Spelman College, the University of California San Diego, Ball State University, and Earlham College. For her work, Lynette received the Ford-Turpin Distinguished Achievement Award on October 24, 2019 at Morgan State University. The photo shows Lynette with Davis at Emory University

Fantastic news from Motion Pictures: faculty member emerita **Julia Reichert** and alumnus and former professor **Steven Bognar** received an Academy Award nomination for their film *American Factory*. Many current and former Wright State film students, faculty and staff were involved in making the film. It was nominated for a BAFTA Award (British Academy Award) as well. *American Factory* was the first Netflix film sponsored by Michelle and Barack Obama's Higher Ground production company, and former president Obama tweeted his support for the film. Now that's a pretty impressive advocate!



"I am a better scholar because of my liberal arts education, because it was intentionally diverse and heterogeneous, because it made me move outside of my comfort zone."

-Santa J. Ono

As part of a new series on sources to help us advocate for the importance of the liberal arts, I pass on the following link: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/education-without-liberal-arts-is-a-threat-to-humanity-argues-ubc-president-1.5426112>. This is the transcript of a radio interview with **Santa J. Ono**, former President of the University of Cincinnati and now President of the University of British Columbia in Canada. He argues eloquently that the liberal arts are vital to society and need more support. This is especially gratifying because he is a medical biologist, not a liberal arts grad. The article contains a link to Ono's Carr Lecture, which makes the same case in more detail, and includes reference to how important experiential learning is for liberal arts students.

This week's featured DSAB member is **Victoria "Tori" Stricklen**. Tori is a senior in the Social Work program and a first generation college student. In addition to attending classes full time, she works and interns at Daybreak. Tori plans to continue her work there after graduation in efforts to end youth homelessness. She is a student aide in the Annual Giving office, co-president of the Social Work Club, and the director of philanthropy for The '67 Society. In her free time, Tori enjoys watching Law & Order: SVU and playing with her pup, Tyson.



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[Upcoming Events](#)

Robert and Elaine Stein Art Galleries, Creative Arts Center

- **'19-'19: Women from the Permanent Collection, and Screening Series**, runs through Friday, April 24, 2020

- **DaNiro Elle: Soft (Nudity)**, Monday, January 13 - Sunday, February 16

- **Zeuxis: My Studio**, Wednesday, January 15 - Friday, February 28

- **Zeuxis Reception**, Thursday, January 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Brass Festival, Monday, January 20, Creative Arts Center

Brass Recital: Principal Brass Musicians of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Monday, January 20, 1:00 p.m., Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

Spirit of Freedom Brass Quintet, USAF Band of Flight Recital, Monday, January 20, 4:45 p.m., Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

WSU Brass Festival Final Recital, Monday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center



CLASS CORNER

Effective job searching for liberal arts students, Wednesday, January 22, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m., 106 Millett

So you want to go to graduate school?, Tuesday, January 28, 11:15 a.m. to Noon, 106 Millett

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