

COLA Monthly

January 2022

Happy New Year, and happy spring semester! I know I'm a ridiculous optimist, but it seems to me that the days are already getting longer.

I have two new appointments to announce. **Arvind Elangovan** is the new director of **History grad programs**, taking over from Kathryn Meyer, who retired in December. Arvind holds a Ph.D in history from the University of Chicago and a M.Phil from the Center for Political Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. His research interests include the political and constitutional history of South Asia, colonialism and decolonization, and 19th and 20th century nationalism. He has written a monograph on Sir Benegal Narsing Rau and the Indian Constitution as well as numerous articles and reviews. He has a second monograph in progress. Arvind held a prestigious fellowship at the M.S. Merian-R Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences in the Metamorphosis of the Political Program (ICAS:MP) in New Delhi.



Vaughn Shannon is the new director of the **International and Comparative Politics** Master's program, taking over for Laura Luehrmann, now department chair of the School of Public and International Affairs (**SPIA**). Vaughn holds a Ph.D from Ohio State and a M.A. from Virginia Tech. His areas of expertise include international security and foreign policy, and he is the author of four books and many articles. Vaughn serves as an advisor to **WSU's Model United Nations** team, which holds the remarkable distinction of winning 41 consecutive Outstanding Delegation awards at the annual conference. He is the President of the Dayton Council on World Affairs and a member of the Dayton Sister Cities Committee.

The past few months have seen COLA faculty win several prestigious awards. **Marlese Durr** was just named as Distinguished Feminist Lecturer by Sociologists for Women in Society. Among other things, she is invited to headline and present at two international conferences and her paper will be published in *Gender & Society*. **Paul Lockhart** has been elected to the Royal Society for Danish History for his work as a historian of Danish history. What's more, he was elected as a Dane rather than a foreign member. Congratulations!



Linda Caron, Dean
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CLASS Programs and Events

Liberal Arts in Action: the Power of a Liberal Arts Degree

Tuesday, Jan 18, Noon - 12:45pm

How to Craft a Strong Liberal Arts Résumé

Wednesday, Jan 26, 3:15 - 4:00pm

Writing Effective Job/Internship Correspondence

Monday, Jan 31, 2:15 - 3:00pm

NOTE: All CLASS Workshops are virtual via WebEx:

<https://wright.webex.com/meet/wayne.stark>



BBQ discovery

Wright State University students wrote, shot, directed and edited a 30-second commercial for Mutts Sauce, a Dayton multipurpose sauce company that recently acquired advertising time on the Discovery Channel.

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Wright State historian Paul Lockhart elected to the Royal Society for Danish History

Paul Lockhart, Ph.D., professor of [history](#) at Wright State University, was elected to The Royal Society for Danish History for making significant contributions to Denmark's history.

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Wright State Fine Arts Technician Landon Crowell completes sculpture installation at University of Dayton

Colorful wooden block-like forms with floating discs that seem to dance in and out of focus now adorn a hallway at the University of Dayton.

The unusual optical illusion-like wall sculpture is the latest work of [Landon Crowell](#), fine arts technician in the Wright State University [Department of Art and Art History](#).

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Wright State MPA student Elisheba Hawkins co-authors climate change article published in national magazine

Wright State University [Master of Public Administration](#) student Elisheba Hawkins and Village Manager Tom Carroll wrote an article urging local governments across the nation to address climate change by upgrading infrastructures, decarbonizing communities and solving sustainability issues.



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Saxophone Festival draws aspiring middle and high school musicians to Wright State

Aspiring middle and high school musicians learned alongside music educators and band directors during Wright State University's 16th annual [Saxophone Festival](#).

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Nearly 1,200 students graduated at Wright State's fall commencement

Benjamin Siefert was highlighted as one of the graduates at Fall's commencement, receiving bachelor's degrees in supply chain management and in [French](#).

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Debut by Wright State graduate named one of top independent films of 2021

"Holler," the directorial debut movie by Wright State University [motion pictures](#) alumna Nicole Riegel, was named one of the Top 10 Independent Films of 2021 by the National Board of Review.

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