This year's **Symposium of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities** takes place all day today throughout the Apollo, Atlantis, Discovery, and Endeavor Rooms in the Student Union. I'm proud that CoLA is so well-represented in the day's activities, with our students offering numerous plenary sessions, oral sessions, and poster sessions. See below for CoLA's list of participants and visit the [website](#) for a complete schedule of activities.

**Plenary Session Participants:**

- *Marissa Coleman*, **Theatre Arts**, mentored by *Nicole Richter* - Bisexuality in Cinema
- *Swaleh Ouma*, **Political Science**, mentored by *December Green* - Recruitment of Child Soldiers

**Oral Session Participants:**

- *Angela McCarthy*, **Sociology & Anthropology**, mentored by *Karen Lahm* - Informal Social Attachments and Desistance from Heroin
- *Dylan Colvin*, **Sociology & Anthropology**, mentored by *Julianne Weinzimmer* - Opioid Crisis in Dayton: The Role of Facebook Comment Sections in Meaning-Making
- *Timothy Moss*, **Political Science**, mentored by *Pramod Kantha* - The Dynamics of Mobilization in Ethnic Conflicts
- *Nicholas Higgins*, **Political Science**, mentored by *Pramod Kantha* - The Clash of Nationalisms: Avenue Towards State Repression
- *Yolaine Michaud*, **Political Science**, mentored by *December Green* - Gender and Human Security in Post-Conflict Settings
- *Gordon McKnight*, **Modern Languages**, mentored by *Damaris Serrano* - La clima social moderna de Los Estados Unidos (The Modern Social Climate of the United States)
- *Csongor Bajnoczki*, **Political Science**, mentored by *Liam Anderson* - Europe's Parallel Media Universe: Cross-national Analysis of Populist Media Oppression in the EU
- *Nathan Molnar*, **Political Science**, mentored by *Liam Anderson* - Why Do Weak States Attack Strong States?
- *Crystal Burns*, **Political Science**, mentored by *Vaughn Shannon* - Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: A Human Rights Analysis
- *Isaiah Bausmith*, **Modern Languages**, mentored by *Damaris Serrano* - ¿Mezclados o separados? (Mixed or Separated?)
Katia Jordan and Isaiah Bausmith, Modern Languages, mentored by Damaris Serrano - The Evolution of the Romanceros
Nick Slater, Art and Art History, mentored by Penny Park - Learning to Paint and Draw, Learning to See
Jaclyn Schmitz, Modern Languages, mentored by Kirsten Halling - Experiences of the "Great War"

Poster Session Participants:

Teresa Burch, Political Science, mentored by Liam Anderson - Public Opinion & US Defense Acquisition
RebaJane Stromberg, Political Science, mentored by Liam Anderson - Populism on the Rise: An Intersubjective Cultural Comparison of Xenophobic Manifestations
Daniel Thomas, Political Science, mentored by Vaughn Shannon - Types of Counterterrorism and Their Effect on the Rate of Successful Terrorist Attacks