

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*
- **Justina Fileccia**, Anthropology, mentored by **Amelia Hubbard** - *Neanderthal Contributions to Modern Humans: Beneficial? Harmful? #YouDecide!*
- **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*
- **Allyson Clark**, *Political Science*, mentored by **Vaughn Shannon**- *US Influence in the Arab Gulf, 1980-1991: A Force for Stability or Disarray?*
- **Daniel Thomas**, *Political Science*, mentored by **Vaughn Shannon**- *Types of Counterterrorism and Their Effect on the Rate of Successful Terrorist Attacks*