





**AUGUST 31, 2018** 

# **COLA WEEKLY**

It has been wonderful to see the busy hallways and classrooms and feel the energy and excitement as we begin the new school year. Last Thursday's **Move-in Day** brought freshmen to campus along with countless volunteers to help them and their families settle in and feel welcome at Wright State. On Friday, new students roamed our buildings and offices as part of a scavenger hunt to get to know their new campus.









Last week's **COLA Picnic** at Delco Park brought nearly 50 faculty and staff together to reconnect and celebrate this year's **COLA Outstanding Award Recipients**. Congratulations to:

Laura Luehrmann, International and Comparative Politics: COLA Outstanding Faculty Award

Marlese Durr, Sociology and Anthropology: COLA Outstanding Research Award

**Kirsten Halling**, *Modern Languages*: COLA Outstanding Teaching Award and the Robert J. Kegerreis Distinguished Professor of Teaching Award

**Stuart McDowell**, *Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures*: COLA Outstanding Professional Service Award and the Frederick A. White Distinguished Professor of Professional Service Award

**Lee Hannah**, *Political Science*: COLA Outstanding Early Career Achievement Award and the Wright State Early Career Achievement Award

**Thomas Fenton**, *English Language and Literatures*: COLA Outstanding Community Engagement Award and the Wright State Community Engagement Award

Sarah McGinley, English Language and Literatures: COLA Outstanding Lecturer Award

Tomoko Tsuzuki-Deboer, Modern Languages: COLA Outstanding Adjunct Award

Susan Schultheis, Sociology and Anthropology: COLA Outstanding Staff Award



Congratulations as well to our many colleagues who were promoted for this upcoming academic year:

#### **Professor**

- Shreya Bhandari, Social Work
- Stefan Chinov, Art and Art History
- Jerri Killian, School of Public and International Affairs
- Ksenia Bonch Reeves, Modern Languages
- Nicole Richter, Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures
- Tracy D. Snipe, School of Public and International Affairs
- Daniel L. Zehringer, School of Music

## **Associate Professor with Tenure**

- Jessica Penwell Barnett, Sociology and Anthropology
- Shengrong Cai, English Language and Literatures
- James Carter, Social Work
- **David Castellano**. Theatre. Dance, and Motion Pictures
- Carlos E. Costa, School of Public and International Affairs
- Lance Greene, Sociology and Anthropology
- Amelia Hubbard, Sociology and Anthropology
- Jennifer Hughes, Social Work
- Hveiin Kim. Social Work
- Jennifer Ware, Communication

#### **Senior Lecturer**

• Martha Antolik, Communication

On Monday, Grammy-nominated performer and 2017 Wright State Alumna of the Year <u>Nicole Scherzinger</u> spent the afternoon visiting with faculty, staff, students, and friends of the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures. She shared memories of her time as a student at Wright State and gave advice to current students on how to succeed by being relentless. What a wonderful way to kick off the semester!





Last spring's <u>Professional Mentoring Program</u> was a success, so we plan to expand the program this academic year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from an experienced business professional who can offer valuable insight and knowledge about what to expect as they enter the workforce. We are accepting <u>mentee applications</u> through Friday, September 7. **Please encourage your students who are juniors and seniors with a minimum 2.75 GPA to apply**.

Mark your calendar for September 9, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. when the Robert & Elaine Stein Galleries will host an opening reception, public lecture, and gallery talk for the following exhibitions: Four Decades: Ron Geibert 1978-2017, The Collection, and The Celebrative Spirit 1937-1943. The reception will include a free public lecture by Jack Hurley from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in 280 Creative Arts Center and a gallery talk by Ron Geibert from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Stein Galleries.

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend,

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Linda Caron, Dean College of Liberal Arts



### **CLASS CORNER**

Please check out the upcoming activities planned through our Center for Liberal Arts Student Success (CLASS).

- Tuesday, September 4 Resumes for Liberal Arts Students, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Millett 106
- Wednesday, September 12 Crafting Effective Networking and Job/Internship Correspondence, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Millett 106

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