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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS NEWSLETTER
April Edition
Dear friends and colleagues,

April is upon us and we are once again looking at the tail end of the academic year. Where does the time go?

For the College, April traditions include the CLA Symposium, our annual day to celebrate the work of our amazing students and including displays, performances, debates, and presentations of all kinds. Do join us on Wednesday, April 3rd, as classes are pre-empted and the Liberal Arts Building buzzes with activity! There is truly something for everyone and students truly appreciate our support and attendance at their sessions.

Student research and creative activity will also be on tap at the Asian Studies Student Conference on April 5th and the Symposium of Undergraduate Philosophers on April 6th. These events are student-driven and offer a chance for a deeper dive into particular disciplines; they provide outstanding opportunities for leadership, scholarship, and for the “meeting of the minds” that many of us appreciate in our own disciplinary circles.

We will also be awarding scholarships to our outstanding students and celebrating their accomplishments, first at a special luncheon for Donors and their award recipients, and also at two Awards Ceremonies: The Department of Mass Communication will honor students on April 27th and the rest of the College will assemble on April 30th in Constitution Hall.

I invite you to share some upcoming literary events with your students – including the Stage Reading of Artist-in-Residence Carolyn Dunn’s play, “Three Sisters” along with a poetry reading with Janine Joseph and an interactive performance by Berlin-based artist Darling Fitch, who will present their piece, “A Stranger Sound.” Thanks to the Department of English, The Women’s Research Center, and SAFE for supporting these special events.

And that’s not all! The Department of Mass Communication will host First Amendment Day on April 25th and will incorporate both the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame induction ceremony and the dedication of a First Amendment display in the Communication Building along with other presentations and activities.

Finally, please do plan to join me for the Spring Faculty and Staff Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th. Not only will we honor our colleagues with annual College awards and make the usual merry, we have also secured special access to the South Wing! This may be our last opportunity to tour as a group before the Ribbon Cutting in June, after which time the space will be open for move-in. We remain on track for the Grand Opening in August!

All my best,

Cathy
# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

## College of Liberal Arts

### Schedule of Events

#### April

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<td>Business Building</td>
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*If your department has any significant events or news that you wish to be shared in Scholarly, or on the CLA social media accounts, Centralities, or the UCO Master Calendar, please send information to Kate Holmes at kholmes16@uco.edu*
First Amendment Day, as declared by President Betz, is on April 25. A number of activities are planned in conjunction with the special day, which launches the 50th anniversary year of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame. The theme is the “The First Amendment Is Me. The First Amendment Is Us.”

Special speakers and panels will happen along with the dedication of the First Amendment Display in the Mass Communication building. The afternoon activities will be inside of the Mass Comm building.

Scholarship season is in full-swing! Here are some important dates for the College of Liberal Arts (both dates not open to general public):

• April 9, 2019 - Thank You Note Writing Sessions
  The first session is at 9 a.m. and the second is at 3 p.m.

• April 30, 2019 - Donor Appreciation Luncheon
  12 - 1:30 p.m.
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Where are you from?
I grew up in Sand Springs, just west of Tulsa. My dad was an architect and a builder, and he basically built much of my hometown at the time. We lived in a house that he designed in a neighborhood that he built along the top of the limestone bluffs facing the Arkansas River. The neighborhood had no fences which meant that all of us kids had the full run of the neighborhood and the wooded canyons nearby. It was a great place to grow up!

Why Political Science?
I used to play in the living room while my Dad watched Washington Week and the Sunday morning news. That probably set the stage. Later, I was given a book called The Doonesbury Chronicles which featured all the comic strips by Garry Trudeau published through the Watergate Era. In middle school, I got to be a page in the Oklahoma House of Representatives through our local state representative, M. David Riggs. In high school, I took vocational training in graphic design so that I could become an editorial cartoonist. A wonderful teacher, Laura Schaub, who later became a professor of journalism at OU, mentored me on the high school newspaper, magazine, and yearbook. I attended OSU with the intention to prepare for a journalism career either as a reporter or cartoonist. Ben Bradlee, the famous Washington Post editor, gave some advice to aspiring reporters to major in political science or public policy rather than journalism. He said it was easier to train budding young reporters in the “who, what, when, where, why, and hows” of the newspaper craft. So, I majored in political science with the intent to get a minor in journalism. But this was in the early eighties still in the afterglow of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein and their tremendous success covering Nixon during the Watergate Scandal. Journalism was such a popular major that every time I tried to take a class, I found it reserved for “majors only.” Political science just stuck because it has always interested me.

Do you have any hidden talents?
I play the piano but it’s only for my own enjoyment. That talent is likely to stay hidden. Once as an undergraduate student, I briefly played the piano at The State Room at OSU during the evenings and game-day weekends. My repertoire was rather limited and I kept disappointing customers who made requests. My tips were better as a waiter.

What’s your favorite film?
I’m a film buff and actually have a list which I update from time to time. For the past several years, the Alfred Hitchcock thriller North by Northwest has topped my list followed closely by Inherit the Wind, Hunt for Red October, and Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn. I am currently writing a book about a pioneering filmmaker, Dirk Shafer. We were childhood friends, and he and I used to make movies together on the old Super 8 format. He went off to Hollywood and made two theatrical releases, Man of the Year and Circuit and became a leader in the LGBTQ movement during the height of the AIDS Crisis.

Favorite thing about the College of Liberal Arts?
I used to be a human resources manager and being in a tenure-track position in this kind of college is one of the last few great careers left. We get paid to be around and interact with interesting, smart, and creative faculty, staff, and students. From young students about to embark on the adventure of life to a Dean who does a side gig as a folk musician, it’s a magical place to work!

Pictured below: (First photo) Dr. Sharp and his wife, Gwenda Sharp and Bruce Plante, the editorial cartoonist for The Tulsa World at last year’s Oklahoma Academy. (Second photo) Dr. Sharp and his MPA Capstone class this semester.

BRAG ON A BRONCHO

DR. BRETT SHARP
Our new addition to the permanent Liberal Arts home is still underway and, on schedule! Check out the throwback photo of the South Wing arch in the beginning stages of construction. Big thanks again to Lippert Bros. construction crew and the team in Architectural & Engineering Services here at UCO.

Active Interior Work: All various types of finish work are underway. Data wiring for plaza level classrooms is finished, with the second floor to be complete in early April.

Active Exterior Work: Metal panel installation is ongoing, while rough grading of the site and installation of exterior doors at south vestibule began recently. Unfortunately, the last section of glass to go in on the second floor was damaged and has been re-ordered. (This is why you see the plywood in that section on the south side of the building.) Never fear, our building is set to be move-in ready by the coming Fall semester!

Salutations,
South Wing!
PHOTOS FROM TOP DOWN:

1. Throwback photo to the early stages of construction.

2. Current live webcam view of the CLA South Wing.

3. The building’s cornerstone is set in place.

4. Unfinished restrooms on the Plaza level of the building.

5. View of the Atrium from the group floor.

6. Sneak-peek of the coffee shop tile backsplash!
The University of Central Oklahoma’s College of Liberal Arts annual symposium is happening on April 3, 2019. Year after year this experience allows students the opportunity to present their exemplary writing and research in real-world conference situations.

Classes in the College of Liberal Arts are redirected during the event to allow students to participate and to give classmates the chance to experience the scholarly and creative work of their fellow students. Don’t miss it!

KEYNOTE: DR. JENNIFER TURNER

Dr. Jennifer Turner has been the director of the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center for 18 years where she creates meetings, exchanges and publications focusing on a variety of energy and environmental challenges facing China, particularly on water, energy and green civil society issues. She leads the Wilson Center’s Global Choke Point Initiative, which together with Circle of Blue, has produced multimedia reports, films, and convening on water-energy-food confrontations in China, India, Mexico, South Africa, and the United States.

Other major initiatives include: Cooperative Competitors: Building U.S.-China Clean Energy Partnerships, Environmental Citizen Science Trainings in China and the US, and Storytelling is Serious Business Workshops For Chinese Environmental Professionals.
We appreciate our Liberal Arts Faculty and Staff Senate members! William Andrews, our resident web developer and printing-pro, was elected to the UCO Staff Senate in March and his term will begin in April.

“It’s very exciting for me,” Andrews said. “It’s the conjunction of two things that are very close to my heart – politics and UCO. I graduated from UCO and I’ve been here as a staff member for 12 years, so more than half of my adult life has been spent, in one way or another, at this university.”

Special thanks to senate members: Guillermo Martinez Sotelo, Ph.D., Lindsey Churchill, Ph.D., Marc Goulding, Ph.D., James Mock, Ph.D., and Brenda Chappell, Ph.D.

Both groups are dedicated to serving the interests of UCO faculty and staff members, students, and the entire campus community.
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