

KUDOS & CELEBRATIONS

February & March 2024

CONGRATS TO OUR TALENTED SALUKIS!

T Brown and the **Speaker's Center** served as coach/consultant for TedX SIUC.

Justin Young presented at the *Popular Culture Association* 2024 National Conference March 28 in Chicago. His presentation was titled "The Shifting Presentation of Game Compilations: A Rhetorical Analysis."

Frankie Kimmel and **Janine Armstrong** guest lectured as part of a week on LGBTQ representation in Justin Young's CMST 342: Popular Culture class for March 27 and 29. Frankie discussed the TV series *Heartstopper* and Janine discussed the music of Janelle Monáe.

Alicia Utecht successfully passed her preliminary exams, becoming a Ph.D. candidate.

Jonny Gray has been awarded the "Diversity Above and Beyond Award" which was presented at the Diversity Champions Luncheon on Wednesday, April 3rd in Ballroom B of the SIU Student Center.

Zoë Freedkin successfully defended her Master's thesis, "Left on Read: Staging the Private Performance of Online Dating to Investigate CMC's Impact on Face-to-Face Communication."

Congratulations to **Dr. Sakshi Bhati**, who successfully defended her dissertation.

India Hagen-Gates was awarded the GPSC 2024 Outstanding Teacher Award.

KUDOS TO YOU ALL!

Alicia Utecht presented "Earth's Mightiest Father" at the 2024 *International Symposium on Autoethnography and Narrative (ISAN)* conference.

Jonny Gray has two art pieces in the Eclipse Art Show in the Morris Library Rotunda through the end of April.

The Saluki Gamescast podcast recently passed its 75-episode milestone. The regular hosts are currently **Mario Sanders, Alicia Utecht, Christina Ivey, and Justin Young**. Contributors have included **Ryan Freels, O.J. Duncan, Scott Jarmon, Jesse Snider, Carli Álvarez, and Kevin Mercer**.

Congratulations to **Laura Sims** on the birth of her great-grandson, Silas.

Deliberately Queer Journal is officially up and running and open for submissions. <https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/dqj/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM**
Speaker's Forum
- **Saturday, April 13**, Honors Day
- **April 25-27, 8:00 PM**, A Martian Odyssey, Kleinau
- **Friday, May 3, 4:00 PM**, Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception, Kleinau
- **Saturday, May 4, 8:00 PM**, Performance Spotlight and Kleinau Awards, Kleinau
- **May 6-10**, Finals
- **Saturday, May 11**, commencement



Dr. Bram Duffee's lecture on communication in emergency settings



Laura Sims and her grand-baby Silas