

Kudos and Celebrations

Awards

Congratulations to **Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** who was named as a recipient of the Celebrate Women Faculty Mentor Award.

Nil Bardhan was named a recipient of the SIU Women of Distinction Award meant to recognize employees who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to women and/or issues of diversity through leadership, vision, or actions in a profession, in an area of expertise, or in service to the university community.

WGSS Conference:

Thank you to **Janine Armstrong, Jeremy Omori, Shelby Swafford, Emily Vajjala, and Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** for their work helping to coordinate and execute the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Conference on campus last month.

Service in the Community:

Lindy Wagner and **Sandy Pensoneau-Conway** facilitated two workshops at the recent Women's Leadership Retreat held at Touch of Nature.

A New Doctor:

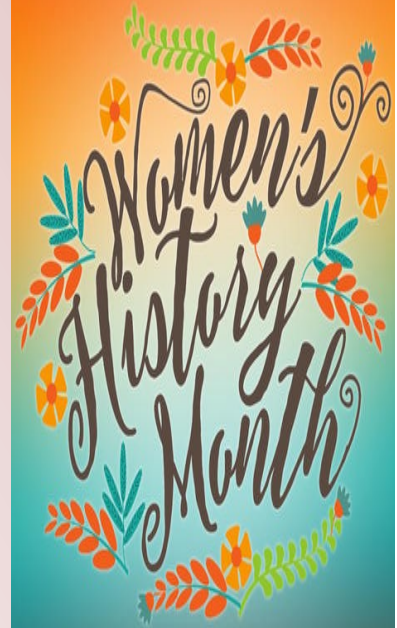
Congrats to **Dr. Mick Brewer** who defended his dissertation titled *From the Ground, to the Ballot, to the System: The (Critical) Interpersonal Reproduction of Masculinity within Homosocial Friendships of Male Donald Trump Supporters* at the end of March.



Dr. Sandy Pensoneau-Conway (left) receiving her award from Dr. Bobbi Knapp.



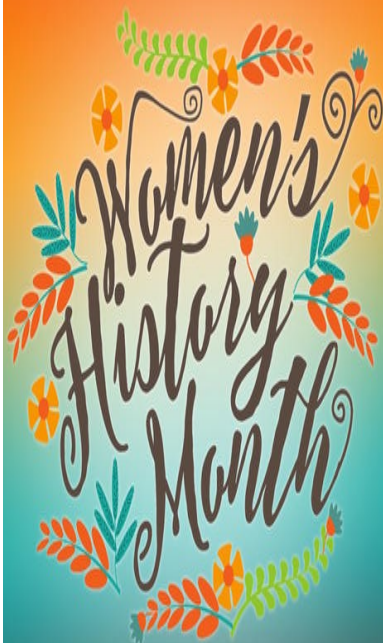
Dr. Mick Brewer (center, in black) pictured with his dissertation committee after his successful defense.



Important Dates*

- 4/16: Speakers Forum: "At Any Cost...Finances and our Future."
- 4/21: Baseball vs. Illinois State
- 4/25: Ignite SIUC
- 4/25-4/27: *Depressme Street* (a show written and directed by Devin Collins).
- 4/26: SIU Day

*For more information on these and other events, please refer to the "Important Dates" list distributed by Darren Valenta on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.



In the Kleinau:

Kudos to **Colin Whitworth** on a successful run of his solo show *Within/Without: Writing from the Closet* in the Kleinau last month!



Colin Whitworth during a performance of *Within/Without*

Promotion:

Congratulations to **Craig Engstrom** who was recently awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor!

Dissertation Research Award:

Congratulations to **Alex Davenport** who was awarded a dissertation research award for next academic year!

Undergraduates in the News:

Kudos to **Hannah Colbrook** who recently received the Dorothy Morris Traditional Student Scholarship from the SIU Women's Club.

Congratulations to **Madi Kic** who received a second place win for Undergraduate Paper Presentation at the recent Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference.



Hannah Colbrook (left) posing with an officer of the SIU Women's Club.

Give kudos and celebrate!

If you'd like to submit something for next month's K&C newsletter, please email Darren Valenta at darren.valenta@siu.edu.

Please feel free to contribute (for yourself or on someone else's behalf) publications, conference presentations, special events and community service, awards, grants, appointments/new jobs (academic and beyond), thesis/prelim/dissertation progress, and anything else you want to celebrate!

Thank you to all of those who participated this month!