April 19 Meeting
Location:
Dunn Richmond Economic Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill Road, Carbondale
- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program

April Greeters:
- Gayle Klam
- Marilyn Daniel
- Verelle Leaton

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE
Monthly Meetings:
April, 19, 2017
May 17, 2017
June 21, 2017

QUESTIONS?
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April Speaker: Dr. Brian Butler

Exploring the Mariana Islands—America's Little-Known Bastion in the Western Pacific

Brian Butler is a retired director of the Center for Archaeological Investigations at SIUC. Although he has spent most of his career studying the archaeology of southern Illinois and the lower Ohio Valley, he also pursued research in the western Pacific in the islands of Micronesia, especially in the Mariana Islands. Dr. Butler will introduce these islands, which are scarcely known to most Americans, by describing their environment, archaeology, and colonial history, including the tangled events that led to their becoming part of the American domain.

Call 618/536-7751 for Questions

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SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Musical of the Month Interest Group

This group meets the 4th Wednesday each month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical. April movie is Flower Drum Song.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Apr. 26 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Coffee and snacks at 9 am and movie at 9:30 am.

Monthly Book Club

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

April’s book selection is

Gilead

by Marilynne Robinson

Monthly Lunch Talk Discussion Group

Discussion Group will meet for lunch on April 27 at 11:45 a.m. at Giant City Lodge. After lunch, at the invitation of the Racanas, docents at Giant City, we will head to the Visitor Center close by to view a short film. Weather permitting, we will also take an easy walk viewing spring wildflowers. Please dress appropriate for the weather.

Location: Giant City Lodge

SILIR Short Course — April 11 - 18, 2017

TUESDAYS

Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands

Instructor: John Pohlmann
April 11th and 18th 9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

This course will examine the connection between Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection and the Galapagos Archipelago. The HMS Beagle spent five weeks in the Galapagos during the autumn of 1835. We will use Darwin’s journals, the instructor’s photos and other sources to paint a picture of Darwin’s early thinking about the origins of life. The natural history of the islands and the life they sustain will also be discussed.

Registration Fee: $5.00

Theater Opportunity — April 20, 2017

Learning in Retirement has arranged a special performance of the play The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

April 20th 7:30 pm
The Varsity Center

A discussion of the play will follow, facilitated by Jim Lambert. Admission will be $10 at the door, with open seating. The play is a hilarious spoof of British societals.

For information contact Jim Lambert at jim@jimlambert.net or 847/519-2603
SILIR Trip Opportunities

Thursday, April 20, 2017
History of St. Louis, MO
$62

Founded in 1764 on the banks of the Mississippi River by Pierre Ladède and Auguste Chouteau, St. Louis is steeped in history, is home to industry, water and rail traffic and is noted for Beer and Baseball with a little music thrown in! It’s a melting pot of culture and heritage where those from foreign lands came not to just live but thrive!

We begin our whirlwind day with a stop at the Old Courthouse, site of the Dred Scott decision and then move quickly to the Old cathedral, the first cathedral west of the Mississippi River and until 1854 the only parish in the city. We’ll drive along Lenore K. Sullivan Blvd. to see the progress of the Arch Riverfront Project-the happening place these days in St. Louis. Lunch follows at the Old Spaghetti Factory found on Laclède’s Landing and housed in one of the most historic buildings in the city. Today you will enjoy a choice of Spaghetti and Meatballs or Fettucine Alfredo with house salad, and spumoni ice cream for dessert, hot bread, and beverages of soda, iced tea, milk & coffee! After lunch, we will drive past the Scott Joplin State Historic Site and travel along Lindell Boulevard for a peek at Millionaire’s Row where the elite of St. Louis make their homes. Then we glide into Forest Park, the site of the 1904 World’s Fair and home to the best of St. Louis today—the Missouri History Museum, the Art Museum (Art Hill), the St. Louis Zoo, the Muny Opera and the Jewel Box. Buildings that were left behind as a result of the Fair today now house St. Louis’s most sought after attractions. We’ll take a short amount of time to explore the History Museum and a stop at the Art Museum as well. Enjoy this experience today! We’ll then travel to the Historic Soulard Market where vendors arrive with their fruits, vegetables and other wares every day to bring their delicious products to St. Louis residents.

We’ll depart at 7 am from the south end of the Arena parking lot, and we will return to Carbondale approximately at 7:15 pm.

11 DAY -- SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

June 13-24, 2017

Experience the splendor of Scandinavia & Russia, sailing roundtrip from enchanting Copenhagen to storybook cities like Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn-- home of the Baroque-style Kadiorg Palace built by Peter the Great. Plus, a 2-Day Experience in legendary St. Petersburg gives you the chance to explore the spectacular Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood the Hermitage Museum with over three million artworks, including paintings by da Vinci and Renoir, and take in a ballet at night. You’ll also soak in the flavors and revel in rich traditions of the region through our new Festivals of the World program that bring the local color, culture and flavors to life right on board And with Discovery™ Recommended and Discovery™ Exclusive shore excursions, you’ll enjoy exciting adventures and experience even more of the region. Find out why Princess Cruises was voted the Best Northern Europe Itineraries by Porthole Magazine and why you’ll come back new.

Fares from $2,199.00USD
Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses up to $185 00 are additional and subject to change.

Contact Information
Don Boehne (618) 549-1319
Trips are non-refundable

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Mississippian Heartland Intergenerational Overnight Camp, June 19-23

For grandchildren and grandparents.

The Mississippian culture was the largest pre-Columbian civilization in North America before European explorers arrived. Touch of Nature will serve as base camp as we explore earthen mound cities, a glacier-carved canyon with pictographs and petroglyphs, bluff-top village sites, stone forts, museums and more. Grandchildren and grandparents will share quality time learning the histories and mysteries of this fascinating culture. A trip to Cahokia Mounds, a UNESCO World Heritage site, caps our week.

For ages 10-80

$500

16 meals provided

Check-in at Grassy Lodge on Sunday from 2-6 p.m.
Check out on Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon.

Individuals with disabilities are welcomed. Call 618/453-5738 to request accommodations.
Please submit a check payable to “SIU Carbondale” or provide your credit card information below.

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Signature ____________________________ Date __________
My signature confirms that I have read and understand the activity level of any trip sponsored by Learning in Retirement and accept the risks and conditions of the trip. I am aware that some trips may encounter rough terrain and closed-toe shoes will aid in maintaining my safety.
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