August 17th Meeting
Location:
Dunn Richmond
Economic Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill
Road, Carbondale
• 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
• 10:30 Meeting and Program

August Greeters:
• Jan Radtke
• Liz Harren
• Marianne Lather
• Sandy Anderson

Chair: Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:
August 17, 2016
September 21, 2016
October 19, 2016

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL SILIR AT SILIR@SIU.EDU

August Speaker:
Karen Stallman, For the Community

Opportunities at SIU aren't exclusive to students, faculty and staff. The community is encouraged to take advantage of any number of facilities, events and other opportunities. A new website has been built with the community in mind. Karen Stallman, Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development will show you all the great things SIU has to offer!

Stallman (an SIU Alum) came to SIU Carbondale three years ago as the Director of Continuing Education and Outreach. She previously worked 20 years with University of Extension and 9 years at Southwestern Illinois College. Partnering and community outreach/engagement has been the focus of her lifelong learning career.

Membership Directory

The directory will be mailed out this fall. To opt out of being included, please contact Jackie Welch by phone (618-536-7751) or email (jackiew@siu.edu) no later than September 30.
### SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

**Musical of the Month Interest Group**

This group will NOT meet in August. The next meeting will be at 9:30 am on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The place for the meeting and the name of the musical will be announced in the September newsletter.

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**Monthly Book Club**

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

August’s book selection is

*New York*

By Edward Rutherfurd

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**Monthly Lunch Talk Discussion Group**

Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation. The group moves around to different regional restaurants throughout the year, meeting at **11:45am on August 25**

Location: **Sunny Street Cafe**

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### Gathering Opportunities

#### August Luncheon

August 17, 2016 — Dunn-Richmond

**Menu Items:**
- Fried Chicken
- Spinach Lasagna
- Mashed Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Baby Carrots
- Green Beans
- Tossed Salad

**Registration Fee:** $13.00

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### Other Reminders

**Call 618/536-7751 for Questions**

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Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at:

http://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.html
Time to Renew Your Membership

If you haven’t already renewed your membership in Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR), do so now to be eligible for fall classes. The SILIR Curriculum Committee has slated a wide variety of classes on topics such as literature, religion, archeology, law, and science.

Membership in SILIR runs from July 1 - June 30 the following year. Sign up now for the benefits of membership: classes, speakers, interest groups and access to trips. The cost of membership remains the same as it has been for over 10 years, thanks to the many teachers and speakers who provide “life-long learning” to our members without compensation. Below is a list of current members who have given so freely of their time to teach SILIR courses. Be sure to thank them for their efforts:

- Gary Hartlieb
- Fran Oros
- Suzanne Schmitz
- John Pohlmann
- Dennis Leitner
- Brian Butler
- Rose Bender
- Mary Alice Kimmel
- Leo Gher
- John Hooker
- John Jackson
- Thomas Mitchell
- Christian Moe
- Paul Mundschenk
- Helen Nall
- David Pellow
- Roland Person
- Parviz Sanjabi
- Roberta Piper

Three easy ways to renew! Membership is still $25
- Mail registration form and payment to Conference and Schedule Services
- Call Conference and Scheduling Services at 618-536-7751
- At the August monthly meeting (with check, credit card or EXACT cash!)

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of SILIR member Dr. Tim Potter on April 2, 2016.
MONDAY

**Play Reading and Analysis: Gender Gap**

**Instructor:** Christian H. Moe  
**September 12th—October 10th 9:30 - 11:30am**  
Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship

Class members will read aloud and discuss: The Crucible, After the Fall, by Arthur Miller; and The Heidi Chronicles, The Sisters Rosensweig, by Wendy Wasserstein. Course meets once a week for five weeks.

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

TUESDAY

**The Election of 1860: A Group of Rivals**

**Instructor:** Dan Jones  
**September 13th—October 11th 9:30 - 11:30am**  
Carbondale Township

The course will be based on Doris Kearns Goodwin’s book, A Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln and will look closely at his cabinet members and their relationship with him and with each other.

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

MONDAY

**Your Rights—and Obligations—in Common Consumer Transactions**

**Instructor:** RJ Robertson  
**September 13th—October 11th 1:30 - 3:30pm**  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

The course provides an introduction into the legal issues arising in some common consumer transactions. Topics include: what warranties are made when a consumer buys a product and how can the consumer enforce those warranties?; what warranties are made when a consumer buys a home and what are some other issues regarding the purchase of a vacation home or time-share property?; what are the legal consequences of guaranteeing (co-signing for) a child’s or grandchild’s debts?; what are the legal consequences of using an electronic payment mechanism (like PayPal, Apple Pay, Android Pay, etc.)?

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

TUESDAY

**From Maya to Aztec: Ancient Mesoamerica Revealed (DVD)**

**Instructor:** Fran Oros  
**September 20th—October 11th 1:30 - 3:30pm**  
Carbondale Township

This course will feature DVD lectures from the Great Courses on ancient Mesoamerica, with additional material contributed by your instructor. The DVD lecturer is Professor Edwin Barnhart, who is the Director of the Maya Exploration Center. He has appeared multiple times on the History and Discovery Channels. It is suggest that you read about Mesoamerica before the course. Four week class.

**Registration Fee:** $10.00
The 2016 Campaigns and Elections: From Predictable to Bizarre

Instructor: John Jackson
September 14th—October 12th 1:30 - 3:30pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

The 2016 presidential nominations and election has been one of the most unusual, if not unique, political seasons in American history. This season is not over yet, but it will be well advanced by the time the course opens in the fall. The general election will undoubtedly feature Donald Trump running against Hillary Clinton. How did these two survive the brutal nomination process and what did that season mean for the general election and the future of the parties and American government. Some attention will be paid to the Donald Trump phenomenon, especially since there were originally 17 Republican candidates and the field featured a wide variety of Senators and Governors who were experienced professionals and in any ordinary year one of them should have won. Hillary Clinton, by contrast, was the original front-runner and while challenged by Bernie Sanders, prevailed according to the usual expectations.

Registration Fee: $10.00

An Introduction to Thomas Pynchon’s Fiction

Instructor: Richard Lawson
September 15th—October 13th 9:30 - 11:30am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Thomas Pynchon, b. 1937, fuses many themes, images, historical and scientific perspectives in his fiction. This course focuses on his early, reputation producing, writings; name, the short story, “Entropy,” in which the characters are involved in a lease breaking party in an apartment building in Washington, D.C. second, the novel V. follows characters who range in time from the Fashoda Incident in Africa, 1898, to the Suez Crisis in 1956, and, finally, The Crying of Lot 49, which traces Ms. Oedipal Maas’ quest to discover herself in post WWII, 1960s America.

Registration Fee: $10.00

Thinking About Crime: Case Studies on Crime and Statistics

Instructor: Jim LeBeau
September 15th—October 13th 1:30 - 3:30pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

The course will look at the various ways statistics are used not only in describing crime but also in helping to combat it.

Registration Fee: $10.00

Learning in Retirement Course Cancellation/Refund Policy:

There are no refunds issued for Learning in Retirement courses; however, if you will be unable to attend a course you’ve registered for, please call Conference and Scheduling Services at 536-7751 so they may cancel your registration. There may be people on the waitlist who would love to fill the spot. Thank you for your consideration of others!
We invite you on a journey with us on the Southern Illinois Massacre History (Part 1 Frontier Illinois) interpretive bus tour.

Southern Illinois Massacre History (Part 1 Frontier Illinois) will cover both the historic, and pre-historic, tales of love, hate, war and peace along the frontier of Jackson, Franklin, Perry, and Randolph counties from first few decades of the 1800s on back to time immortal. From river piracy and Indian massacres at Tower Rock and the Devil’s Backbone, to the lives and struggles of Chief Jean Baptiste Ducoigne and his band of Kaskaskia Indians who called this region home. The tour will include Grand Tower, the French colony at Kaskaskia (also Illinois’ territorial capital), the Silkwood Inn near Mulkeytown with its connection to the Cherokee Trail of Tears and the Townmount Church location outside of West Frankfort where the Kaskaskia and Shawnee fought a running battle along the Shawneetown and Kaskaskia Trail.

The tour will include stops at the Mississippi River Museum in Grand Tower, the Liberty Bell of the West historic site at Kaskaskia, Island, and the Silkwood Inn as well as a delicious sit-down lunch in Chester at Jodie’s Ol Farmhouse Restaurant. Southern Illinois historian, Jon Musgrave along with local guides, will lead the trek through Southern Illinois’ history. He is author of multiple books including "Slaves, Salt, Sex & Mr. Crenshaw" about the Old Slave House, and "Inside the Shelton Gang" and "Secrets of the Herrin Gangs" concerning the region’s colorful Prohibition Era history.

Seats are non-refundable and must be booked by October 7, 2016. If adequate numbers are not met for the tour, it will be cancelled and a full refund will be granted. Please call 618-536-7751 asking for "Learning in Retirement" with payment information. Call Don Boehne at 618-549-1319 with additional tour questions.

Date: **Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

Time: **8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

Meet at the south end at SIU Arena parking lot we will leave promptly at 8:30 am.

Cost: **$50 perperson** (Cost includes restaurant lunch, snacks, museum admission)
Please join
Southern Illinois Group
for Coffee & Donuts
and the St. Louis Symphony
as Slatkin Conducts Porgy and Bess
Friday, November 11, 2016

6:30am Departure from the South End of the SIU Arena Parking Lot

We will make our way to Powell Symphony Hall this morning for their popular program — the Coffee and Donuts Concert. Arrive just in time for the pre-concert lecture with one of the symphony conductors. Enjoy this interesting perspective of the music which you will hear today.

Then enjoy your coffee and donuts as you make your way to the Concert Hall. Today Olga Kern is featured at the piano and the program features Gershwin selections for Orchestra from Porgy and Bess! Immerse yourself in the moving tale of love and loss that is Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess, a classic drawing on jazz roots and southern folk songs with timeless tunes including “Summertime”. Conductor Lareate Leonard Slatkin returns to the St. Louis Symphony to lead Gershwin’s masterpiece which will be paired with Copland’s “Billy the Kid” suite and Barber’s passionate Piano Concerto.

After the concert, return to our motorcoach and travel to the “Hill” for a late lunch at Favazza’s. Feast on their House Salad, with Sicilian Chicken, a Side of Pasta with Hot Bread and Butter and Cannoli for dessert. After lunch, we’ll stop at one of the bakeries here on the “Hill” for a little shopping time. Then we’ll return back to arriving at approximately 4:30pm.

PER PERSON COST: $89.00
For Information Please Call:
Don Boehne - 618-549-1319

All payments are non-refundable.
Reservations with payment are due no later than October 10, 2016 Due to the policy of the Symphony
All payments are non-refundable—If adequate numbers are not met for the tour; it will cancel and all monies will be refunded back to you.

Contact Information
Trip Information: Don Boehne—(618) 549-1319
Trip Registration: Conference & Scheduling Services—(618) 536-7751

Trips are non-refundable.
Southern Illinois Group

CHRISTMAS

At the Cathedral

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

9:30am Depart Carbondale • Seating begins at 1:30

An early lunch stop will be made at Culver’s on our way to the Cathedral. (on your own)

It’s Christmas at the Cathedral and we will experience it today! Our program features the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Horst Buchholz. The 2016 program returns to the original Christmas concert which features the Cathedral Basilica Choir and Schola, the Archdiocesan Adult, Children, and Handbell Choirs, and several soloists including Scott Kennebeck. The Archdiocesan Orchestra will accompany the choirs with at least one solo by the Cathedral Organist on the great Kilgen organ. The main work that will be performed in the first half is the incredible “Gloria” by John Rutter. Other musical performances will be sacred Carols, both new and familiar. The excitement of Christmas abounds at the Cathedral today as you enjoy the concert in your reserved seat. Please take a few minutes before the performance to see the basilica which houses the world’s largest collection of mosaics. You will be astounded by the beauty and sounds produced in this fabulous Cathedral.

We should arrive back in Carbondale at approximately 7:30pm.

PER PERSON COST: $69.00

For Information Please Call:
DON BOEHNE 618-549-1319

*Please Note* Due to the policy of the Cathedral, all payments are non-refundable and are due no later than November 11th. Please call 618.536.7751 with your payment information—if adequate numbers are not met, the tour will cancel and payments refunded
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Signature _____________________________________________________________________ Date ______________

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