January Speaker: Richard “Pete” Peterson  
Retired Faculty, SIU Carbondale

“Who Put Baseball in Our American Literature Classics”

Richard “Pete” Peterson is a retired English professor at SIU Carbondale and the commentator for the Reading Baseball series on WSIU-FM.

Pete’s discussion will focus on the critical view baseball represents low or pop culture in America and doesn’t belong in any serious discussions of the humanities and the arts. He’ll rely on some old literary friends like F. Scott Fitzgerald and William Faulkner to question the assumption about baseball’s role in defining American culture.

Pete’s books range in topics from James Joyce and William Butler Yeats to the Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals.

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January Luncheon

Meatloaf  
Spinach Lasagna  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Spinach Salad  
Slaw  
Rolls and Butter  
Homemade Desserts  
Coffee & Iced Tea

Cost is $13 per person

Reservations due 1/13/2016
TUESDAY

**Brain Works**

Instructor: Robert A. Jensen  
February 9—March 8; 9:30 - 11:30am  
Carbondale Township - 217 East Main Street  

This course will be presented in five parts:  
1. An Introduction to nervous system  
2. Neuronal signaling, synapses, and drugs  
3. Monitoring the world around us  
4. Learning and Memory  
5. Disorders of the nervous system  

Registration Fee: $10.00

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**What’s Lurking in the Fine Print?**

Instructor: R.J. Robertson  
February 9—March 8; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church  

Whenever you open a bank account, get a credit card, buy a car, etc. you will sign (or agree to) a contract, the term of which are on a standardized form provided by the other party. Few consumers read these forms or understand their contents. Nevertheless, courts will ordinarily enforce the terms in these contracts, with rare exceptions. This course will help become familiar with some of the important terms in these types on contracts, as well as understanding why these types of contracts are so prevalent in modern commerce.  

Registration Fee: $10.00

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WEDNESDAY

**Writers’ Workshop**

Instructor: David Pellow  
February 10—March 9; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church  

Want to be a writer? Come join a workshop open to all, from beginners to experienced writers. We will share our writing efforts, giving feedback and mutual support, for all genres--poetry, fiction, biography, memoirs and history.  

Materials: Access to Email  
Registration Fee: $10.00

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THURSDAY

**Our World of High Technology**

Instructor: Ken Johnson, Gary Hartlieb, John Pohlmann  
February 11—March 10; 1:30-3:30  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street  

This new and updated edition of Our World of High Technology includes new topics and updated information from our previous sessions. Join us as we delve into the “hows and whys” of all hi-tech gadgets that are changing our lives: Smartphones, Smart TVs, Streaming Video, Wearables, and the Internet of Things.  
Along with help from Consumer Reports—to help make you a first-rate consumer—we will explore Online Security, using the Cloud, and Downloading Photos and Videos.  
Last, but not least, we will explore Artificial Intelligence and what Futurists see coming in the next decade or so.  

Registration Fee: $10.00

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**What will you learn today?**

The *Community Listener’s Permit (CLP) Program* is a special non-credit program that gives participants an opportunity to attend many SIU instructor-led courses. It allows participants to experience the university classroom in a stress free manner, without examinations or grades. Anyone not currently enrolled for credit in any university-level course can take part in this program.  

For more information about the CLP or Ed2Go programs, please visit the Extended Campus website at [http://extendedcampus.siu.edu/continuing-ed/personal.html](http://extendedcampus.siu.edu/continuing-ed/personal.html) or call 618.453.3430.
## SILIR Spring Courses Session II

### TUESDAY

**The “ECON 101” Course You Never Took**
**Instructor: Thomas Mitchell**  
March 22—April 19; 9:30 am  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street

This course will look at some current issues through “economic glasses.” Topics will include foreign trade, minimum wage, and market-based taxes. Calculus is not required!!!  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

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**Bach to the Future**  
**Instructor: Anita Hutton**  
March 22 - April 19; 1:30 - 3:30pm  
First United Methodist - 214 W Main, Carbondale

A brief journey through the wonderful world of keyboard music, beginning with J. S. Bach and ending with today. The course will consist of live performances and a few recordings. There will be discussion of the composers, their works, and the lasting popularity of their music.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

### THURSDAY

**Religions of Iran**  
**Instructor: Parviz Sanjabi**  
March 24–April 21; 9:30 am  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street

Iran has been a fertile ground for religious and spiritual thought since the second millennium BC. This course will explore various native religious beliefs from pre Zoroastrian, Zoroastrian, Mithraism, Manichaeans and Mazdac socialism. We will briefly review “foreign religions” in pre Islamic Iran including Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism. Islam and some of its various schools of thought such as Sufi’s mysticism and their effect on culture at various periods will be discussed. Finally, we will explore more recent beliefs and practices including Shiism and the Bahai faith concluding with the present time.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

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**Sherman’s March to the Sea and Beyond**  
**Instructor: Dan Jones**  
March 24—April 21; 1:30-3:30pm  
Carbondale Township—217 East Main Street

A collective look at Sherman’s march through Georgia to the sea and through the Carolinas to ultimate victory in the Civil War.  
**Recommended Readings:**  
- *Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea* by Noah Andre Trudeau  
- *Sherman's March Through the Carolinas* by John G. Barrett  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

### WEDNESDAY

**Masterworks of American Art**  
**Instructor: Helen Nall**  
March 23 –April 20; 1:30– 3:30pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

In this DVD course, we sample the finest works of American painting up to 1910 – from sweeping landscapes to intimate portraits to scenes of everyday life. Professor William Kloss helps us not just to “look,” but to “see.” The artists and their works are placed in historical, political, and cultural context giving us a portrait of our nation as it grows and changes.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

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**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!
The Tony Award Winning musical, Million Dollar Quartet is set on December 4, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together in a recording studio. Million Dollar Quartet brings that legendary December night to life with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations that is both poignant and funny.

Relive the era with the smash-hit sensation featuring an incredible score of rock ‘n’ roll, gospel, R&B and country hits, performed live onstage by world-class actors and musicians. Showcased hit songs include “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Fever,” “Walk the Line,” “Sixteen Tons,” “Who Do You Love?,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Hound Dog,” “Hey Good Lookin’” and more.

Plan to depart Carbondale at approximately 10:30am. We’ll stop for lunch on your own on the way to St. Louis. The show begins at 2:00pm and we should arrive back in Carbondale at approximately 7:30pm.

Contact Don Boehne for more information (618) 549-1319

Registration available at link below
www.teachbytravel.com/boehne2016


SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Musical of the Month Interest Group

This group meets monthly to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

The next meeting will be 9:30am on January 27th of at Vivian Ugent’s house.

On Schedule: High Society

Monthly Book Club

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

January’s book selection is The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History By Elizabeth Kolbert

February’s book selection is The Invention of Wings By Sue Monk Kidd

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 the 4th Thursday of each month.

In January, the group will meet at Harbaugh’s Café.
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- **February 14, 2016**: Book Club 9:30am
- **February 17, 2016**: Monthly Meeting 9:30am
- **February 24, 2016**: Musicals Group 9:30am
- **February 25, 2016**: Lunch Group 11:45am
REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out and send entire form with payment

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(16S0901903)  Book Study Group.......$10 x _____ = _____
(16S0901904)  Lunch Talk Discussion Group.......$10 x _____ = _____
(16S0901905)  Musicals Interest Group (currently full - waitlist only).......$10 x _____ = _____

TRIPS & EVENTS
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(16S0901925)  January Luncheon.......$13 x _____ = _____

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