October Speaker:
John S. Jackson
Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

The 2016 Presidential Election Really Is Different: Even Weird!

In this discussion we will look at the ways the 2016 Campaign is different from anything which has come before. Most of those differences stem from the Donald Trump phenomenon, although Hillary Clinton’s position as the first woman ever to receive a major party presidential nomination is historic. All presidential elections take place within certain formal and informal “rules of the game” and Trump has violated or ignored many of those. Yet, those rules set a normative context and we will examine what may be the results of ignoring those rules and what the prospects for both candidates are for November 8th, and the prospects for the new president to govern starting in January.
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. September's movie is Damn Yankees.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 28 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.

October's book selection is

Round House

By Louise Erdrich

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 Oct 27

Location: The Flame

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Thanks to our helpers at the August Luncheon!
## MONDAY

### Getting Your Affairs in Order - and Those of Others

**Instructor:** Suzanne Schmitz and guests  
**Registration Fee:** $10.00  
**October 17th—November 14th**  
1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Should I have a will or a trust? Should I re-title my home now? What should I do now that I am an executor? What can’t I do?  
What are my duties and limits as a guardian for someone else? I am a caretaker but not a guardian, what do I need to do?  
Where do I keep important papers and which ones are important? These and other topics will be explored through a series of guest speakers.

## TUESDAY

### Continuation of Maya to Aztec: Ancient Mesoamerica Revealed

**Instructor:** Fran Oros  
**Registration Fee:** $10.00  
**October 18th—November 15th**  
1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Carbondale Township

We will continue the DVD lecture series on ancient Mesoamerica, featuring Professor Edwin Barnhart, the Director of the Maya Exploration Center. This DVD series is one of the best ones I have seen, with many photos and diagrams. Continue your reading about Mesoamerica.

## WEDNESDAY

### Digital Photography

**Instructor:** Jim and Jan Womack  
**Registration Fee:** $10.00  
**October 19th—November 16th**  
1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Enter the fascinating world of digital photography and finally figure out what your camera can really do. You will learn about your camera’s features and how to take even better pictures. You can choose to stay with the “automatic settings,” or you may get brave and want to try some of its other features. We won’t overload you with too much detail, but you will learn techniques for exposure, composition, and flash. We will view photos that demonstrate beauty, impact and humor. There will always be time for questions - and hopefully some accurate answers. **Maximum: 15 participants.**
Aspects of Religion
Instructor: Dale Bengtson
October 20th—November 17th 9:30 - 1130 am
Carbondale Township

A discussion of various aspects of religion, such as: What are the ways of looking at religious traditions? What do religious traditions have in common? The need of, and search for, community. The nature of conversion—who converts and why. A pattern of religion in America since WWII. Islam101. ISIS as a religious tradition. Other topics may be added depending on the interests of participants.

Five Weighty Issues in Religion
Instructor: Paul Mundschenck
October 20th—November 17th 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

This course will explore five vital issues about the phenomenon of religion itself, and how they are made manifest in a few of the major religious traditions. Why five? Because an LIR course has five weeks. Why these issues? The choice was a bit arbitrary, truth to tell. The issues are: 1) Religion’s cause: why is there religion in the first place?; 2) Religion and the human situation: how does religion characterize the point of human life?; 3) Religion and violence: what’s that all about?; 4) Religion and sex: we’ve got to breed to survive, so why does religion try so hard to inhibit and even demonize our indispensable sex drive?; 5) Religion and death: how could religion exist without it?

Southern Illinois Massacre History
October 18th at 8:30 am

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
November 11th at 6:30 am

Christmas at the Cathedral
December 11th at 9:30 am

All trips will depart from the south end of the Arena parking lot.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of two SILIR members:

James Cather passed on August 29, 2016

Robert Arthur passed on September 11, 2016
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