January 16 Meeting
Location: Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Road, Carbondale
- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program

January Greeters:
- Jan Radtke
- Lilly Crane
- Rose Bender
- Frances Shiplett (hostess)

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE
Monthly Meetings:
February 20, 2019
March 20, 2019
April 17, 2019

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL SILIR AT silir@siu.edu OR CALL 618/536-7751

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January Speaker:
John Shaw, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

Rising Star, Setting Sun

John Shaw, who grew up in Peoria, received his BS in Political Science from Knox College and his MS in History from the University of New South Wales in Australia. He began his career working for the governor of Illinois, then joined the Wall Street Journal Europe. He spent over 20 years in Washington, DC covering Congress and writing for the Washington Diplomat. He has published four books, been a guest on PBS NewsHour and C-SPAN, had a weekly public radio program in Los Angeles for years and was a media fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford. He and his wife now live in Carbondale where he heads the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

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https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.php

Special Accommodations
SILIR members needing a special accommodation to participate in a SILIR activity must notify SIU Conference and Scheduling Office 618/536-7751 two weeks prior to the published date of an activity or at the time of registration for a trip. SILIR will make reasonable efforts to accommodate those with special needs. SILIR is not required to provide services of a personal nature so if you need assistance of a personal nature during a SILIR activity, it is your responsibility to provide the personal assistant.
**SILIR Monthly Interest Groups**

### Monthly Lunch 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** January 24th.

**Location:**

Midland Inn

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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.

**January 21**

January’s book selection is *A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived* by Adam Rutherford

![Image of book cover](image)

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### Musical of the Month Interest Group

This group meets the 4th Wednesday each month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

**Call Me Madam**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 23 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Coffee and snacks at 8:45 am and movie at 9:00 am.

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**SILIR Session I Classes — February 4 - March 7, 2019**

**Monday**

**American Cinema of the 1950s**

Registration Fee: **$10.00**

**Instructor: Walter Metz**

February 4th—March 4th  
**1:30 - 3:30 pm**  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

This course will involve the close study of dozens of 1950s American films during a time of enormous transformation of the industry. Topics will include McCarthyism, major filmmakers (Hitchcock, Douglas Sirk) and genres (westerns, comedies and film noir). Interested students may email him with suggestions at: wmetz@siu.edu

**Tuesday**

**Illinois Government: A Personal Perspective**

Registration Fee: **$10.00**

**Instructor: Ken Buzbee**

February 5th—March 5th  
**1:30 - 3:30 pm**  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

This class will look at and compare Illinois government of the 1970’s and 80’s, from my perspective as an active participant, with the current political landscape. We will discuss the legislative process, and the General Assembly’s interaction, or lack thereof, with the state’s Chief Executive. While an attempt will be made at keeping partisan politics out of class discussion, it may inadvertently creep in occasionally. My experiences while working with members of both political parties will be a starting point. Where scheduling permits, we will have guest speakers to bring differing perspectives.
**SILIR Session I Classes — February 4 - March 7, 2019**

| Thursday |
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| **Skeptic’s Guide to American History** | **Registration Fee: $10.00** |
| **Instructor: Gary Hartlieb** |  |
| February 7th—March 7th | 9:30 - 11:30 am |
| Epiphany Lutheran Church |  |

This DVD course explores common myths of American History, from Columbus discovering America to George Washington and the cherry tree. Few people realize how much of what we think about American history is mythical and mistaken. This course will examine many of these myths as well as exploring the complexities of history and what historians do.

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This will be an introduction to and overview of the American civil litigation system. We will review the history of our legal system with some contrasts to others, introduce the major players at the state and federal levels, follow a civil case from beginning to end, discuss typical civil law suits and their remedies, and finally, examine alternatives to litigation.

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**Learning in Retirement Course Cancellation/Refund Policy:**

There are no refunds issued for LIR 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! **Trips are non-refundable.**
SPRING TRIP OPPORTUNITY — March 22, 2019

Please join Learning in Retirement
As We Explore Favorite St. Louis Landmarks
The Arch, Magic Chef Mansion and the Clydesdales of Anheuser Busch
Friday, March 22, 2019

7:30am Depart SIUC Arena Parking Lot - South End and begin our travel to St. Louis. Our first stop is the Gateway Arch National Park. The Arch grounds have an entirely new look along with a new museum and new name. See the grounds and visit the Museum—See history differently. Trace the story of the Native Americans, Explorers, Pioneers. And Rebels who made America Possible. Featuring six themed exhibit areas, this innovative and interactive museum celebrates America’s pioneering spirit. New galleries feature Colonial St. Louis – Discover the indigenous and Creole culture of St. Louis before the Louisiana Purchase, Jefferson’s Vision—Thomas Jefferson had a vision for the United States, New Frontiers - Explore how people settled and lived in the West, the myths that became the West’s cultural legacy, and the changes caused by industry—The Riverfront Era, The first steamboat to arrive in St. Louis changed the city forever, Manifest Destiny - The United States was determined to move west and finally our last new exhibit - Building the Dream - Learn how the Gateway Arch became a reality.

Lunch is included at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Its home is the Raeder building in historic Laclede’s Landing. Choose from a choice of 2 entrees: Spaghetti w/marinara sauce and meat balls or Fettucine Alfredo both with a side salad, hot bread & butter and Spumoni Ice cream and beverage.

Our next stop is The Magic Chef Mansion which was built for Charles Stockstrom, the founder of the Quick Meal Stove Company, later renamed Magic Chef in 1908. Magic Chef was the largest stove maker in the world at the time, with the St. Louis plant employing 2,000 people and operating in over 12,000 square feet of space. The current owners of the Mansion purchased it in the fall of 1990. The new family moved in and began an immediate restoration. Over the next 20 years, the owners tracked down some of the original items to the house, repurchased and returned them to their rightful home. The Mansion has now been painstakingly restored to its turn-of-the-century elegance, including light fixtures and period furnishings. Today you will enjoy a tour of this magnificent home.

Then we travel on to the Anheuser Busch Brewery for a view of the Clydesdale Stables and to spend some time at the Gift shop—we will top off our time here with a visit to the Hospitality House for one of those famous Anheuser Busch products.

We will board the coach now and depart for our return back to Carbondale. We should return at approximately 7:00pm.

MEMBERS PER PERSON COST: $93.00
PLEASE CALL: Conference and Scheduling Services at 618-536-7751 to register.
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB. 22, 2019
All Payments are Non-Refundable unless the Tour is Cancelled by Learning in Retirement.
All admissions, Lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory and driver’s gratuity are included

Trip information contact Don Boehne - (618) 549-1319. Trips are non-refundable
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**February 2019**

- **1 February**: Groundhog Day
- **7 February**: Skeptics' Guide—9:30 am, US Civil Judicial System 1:30 pm
- **14 February**: Skeptics' Guide—9:30 am, US Civil Judicial System 1:30 pm
- **21 February**: Skeptics' Guide—9:30 am, US Civil Judicial System 1:30 pm
- **28 February**: Skeptics' Guide—9:30 am, US Civil Judicial System 1:30 pm

**Weekly Events**

- **American Cinema**: 1:30 pm
- **Illinois Government**: 1:30 pm
- **Skeptics' Guide**: 9:30 am
- **US Civil Judicial System**: 1:30 pm
- **Monthly Book Club**: 9:30 am
- **Monthly Meeting**: 9:30 am—coffee
- **Lunch Discussion**: At Midland Inn 11:45 am
- **Monthly Musical**: 8:45 am
**REGISTRATION FORM**
*Please fill out and send entire form with payment*

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If you are registering more than yourself for a class/trip, please list the name(s) of the SILIR member you are registering.

Name: ___________________________ (19W0901901)  **FY19 Membership Dues ..........$13 x _____ = _____**

January 1, 2019 — June 30, 2019

Name: ___________________________ (19W0901902)  **INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019**

Musicals Interest Group ...............$10 x _____ = _____

Book Study Group .....................$10 x _____ = _____

Lunch Discussion Group .............$10 x _____ = _____

Name: ___________________________ (19W0901904)  **SESSION I COURSES**

American Cinema of the 50s.........$10 x _____ = _____

Illinois Government....................$10 x _____ = _____

Skeptic’s Guide................................$10 x _____ = _____

U.S. Civil Judicial System.............$10 x _____ = _____

Name: ___________________________ (19W0901905)  **TRIP OPPORTUNITY**

St. Louis Landmarks.......................$93 x _____ = _____

**Amount Enclosed $___________**

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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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