February Speaker: Daniel Booth

Navigating 95

Daniel Booth, Superintendent of Carbondale Elementary School District 95, will discuss the District’s transformation under his leadership, which includes the composition of a comprehensive 5 year strategic plan, entitled "Navigate 95." Because Superintendent Booth describes leadership as his true passion and says his desire is to inspire educators to impact the lives of others by maximizing the daily opportunities they receive to plant seeds of encouragement and hope, we expect an inspiring talk.

Mr. Booth is in his third year as superintendent at Carbondale Elementary School District #95 in Carbondale. Prior to becoming the district leader at CES #95, He served as principal, assistant principal, dean of students, health/driver education teacher and assistant boys’ basketball and track coach for more than 12 years at Carbondale Community High School. In 2006, he earned his undergraduate degree in health education, followed by his master’s degree in educational administration in 2010, his Educational Specialist certification in 2016, and he is currently working towards his doctoral degree, all from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Mr. Booth is married to the love of his life, Ashley, and is committed to being the best dad to the couple's three children, Jaxon, Delaney, and Bellamy.

ATTENTION

Zoom classes and speakers’ presentations are recorded, closed captioned, and available for viewing for 30 days. Links will be emailed the day after each class to those registered. Monthly speaker presentations/meeting will be available at conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir

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SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

**Musical of the Month Interest Group**

This group will be suspended until further notice. We will revisit the issue depending on the current situation.

Thank you,

Mike Hanes

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**Monthly Book Club**

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am via Zoom

**February 15**

February’s book selection is

*Underground in Berlin: A Young Woman’s Extraordinary Tale of Survival in the Heart Of Nazi Germany*

by Marie Jalowicz

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**Monthly Lunch Discussion Group**

Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

This group will be put on hold for now. We will revisit the situation for the spring semester.

Thank you!

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**SILIR Profile: Jackie Welch**

All of us in SILIR have interacted with Jackie Welch, Conference Coordinator with the SIU Conference and Scheduling Services, in one way or another since Jackie began working with our organization just a few years ago. Here is an opportunity to learn a little more about Jackie.

Jackie is a native of Hammond, IL which is a small town east of Decatur and west of Tuscola. How small? Her high school graduating class had fewer than 40 graduates. Jackie attended EIU from which she earned a BS in Business Education. After marrying her husband, Heath, in 1994, they relocated to southern Illinois for Heath’s job with Ameren (CIPS at the time). The next year, Jackie began working at SIU’s Division of Continuing Education and she became a Conference Coordinator in 2006 after gaining several years of experience in conference planning and obtaining a Master’s degree in Workforce Education. Jackie has worked at SIU for over 25 years now. Jackie is described by those who have worked with her as smart, efficient, and great fun to work with.

In her role as a Conference Coordinator, Jackie says she most enjoys the people with whom she has the privilege of working. At the same time, she enjoys the satisfaction of seeing various events and conferences through to completion. Currently, Jackie is putting together her first virtual conference, and she is quick to credit her co-workers in Conference and Scheduling Services for their help and expertise. When the pandemic hit Jackie found working remotely to be a tremendous challenge both professionally and personally, primarily because she is a very social person who loves being with and interacting with people. Yet she adapted quickly and it seemed like a seamless transition. Most of you probably are not aware that Jackie was spending part of the week in central Illinois helping her parents while continuing to work virtually.

As a self-proclaimed “HUGE” Chicago Cubs fan, Jackie continues a tradition set by her grandfather and father who were die-hard Cubs fans. She likes to spend free time with friends when possible now that her two children, Bailie and Jake, are grown. She and her husband are active members of the Marion Elks #800 where Heath is a Trustee and Jackie is Chairman of Kozy Kids which is an outreach program through Marion Elks #800. Its primary mission is to provide warmth and comfort to low income children and/or families in the community by providing coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The program also assists, on an as needed basis, other clothing items, toiletries, and, in some cases, food to children or teachers who have asked for assistance. This worthwhile program is a very special project to Jackie.

Thanks to Jackie for all she has done and continues to do to ensure the smooth operation of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement!
SILIR Session I Classes — February 1 — March 5, 2021

Tuesday

Author! Author!

Instructor: Beth Lordan
Registration Fee: $0.00
February 2-March 2 9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran

The tale and the teller: the inside stories of stories. But trust the tale, not the teller! We’ll read stories by Beth Lordan, which she will make available. We’ll discuss both content and form. This class will be in person and masks will need to be worn.

Limit: 10

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Virtual Reality — Is It for You?

Instructor: Pinckney Benedict
Registration Fee: $0.00
February 2-March 2 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Zoom

In this non-technical series of Zoom sessions, we’ll provide a low-stress introduction to consumer Virtual Reality. VR is an unprecedented tool for education, job training, entertainment, and social interaction. We’ll give you first-hand VR experience through the loan of an Oculus Go for the duration of the series. The Go is an entry-level VR headset with excellent media capability. You can learn more about the Go here and here. We’ll spend as long as we need to during our sessions getting everyone up and running in VR, so that you can experiment with the possibilities as much as you care to in your own home and on your own time. No technical experience necessary. A strong WiFi connection, such as you likely use for Zoom sessions, is desirable.

Limit: 12

Can’t get to the St. Louis Art Museum? Let the museum come to you!

The St. Louis Art Museum has a “Read, Watch and Listen” feature that is on-line. Participate from the safety of your home, with or without a cup of coffee, glass of wine or fine beer.

The Read feature shows an exhibit item, for example a fur coat, and allows you to read about it. The Watch feature allows you to “relax, practice mindfulness, and discover the joy of looking slowly at art through brief guided looking experiences,” while viewing a work of art.

The Listen feature offers audio guides, along with displays of the art, for current and past exhibitions.

https://www.slam.org/read-watch-listen/
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- **Monthly Program & Meeting**
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  - Mon: 9:30 am
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