September 16 Meeting

**Delivery:** Zoom

A Zoom link will be emailed to all current members. Make sure Conference and Scheduling Services has your current email address.

**President:** Tom Britton

AT A GLANCE

**Monthly Meetings:**
- September 16, 2020
- October 21, 2020
- November 18, 2020

**Questions?**
Email SILIR AT silir@siu.edu OR CALL 618/536-7751

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**September Speaker:**

Pam Matthews

A Visit with Cornelia “Fly Rod” Crosby, Champion of Maine

Listen to the story of a celebrated woman of Maine, Cornelia “Fly Rod” Crosby, told by author Pam Matthews. Having recently moved to Carbondale from Maine, Pam wrote an illustrated children’s book (title above) while living in the village and mountains that Fly Rod called home. Hers is a story of perseverance and the breaking of barriers in 19th century Maine. A fisherwoman, hunter, journalist, and early advocate for Maine and its natural beauty, her story is one of determination and heart; a sickly child who became a Maine heroine. Pam will tell her story, dressed in Fly Rod’s garb from the late 1800’s, in our first Zoom speaker presentation. After the presentation, there will be time for questions and answers.

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Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at:

https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.php
SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Musical of the Month Interest Group
This group will be suspended through the fall semester. We will revisit the issue for the spring semester depending on the current situation.

Thank you,
Mike Hanes

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

September 21
September’s book selection is

*Leadership in Turbulent Times*
by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Musical of the Month Interest Group

Monthly Lunch Discussion Group
Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation. Please bring a sack lunch and a mask.

Thursday, September 24
12:00 pm
Location:
TBA

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These courses will be offered via Zoom except where indicated. Face masks are REQUIRED and social distancing will be maintained. Although the cost for each class is free, you do need to register for any class in which you wish to participate so that we may contact you with Zoom and other information.

**Monday**

**Reading Short Stories: How and Why**

**Instructor: Beth Lordan**

Registration Fee: $0.00

September 21-October 19

10:00 - 11:30 am

Epiphany Lutheran (in person)

We will read with particular attention to formal elements, the five stories below. I will provide the stories via email in the order listed:

"Enough," by Alice McDermott
"Hills Like White Elephants," by Ernest Hemingway
"Cousins," by Joyce Carol Oates
"Wizard of West Orange," by Stephen Millhauser
"Hidden Meanings, Treatment of Time, Supreme Irony, and Life Experience ..." by Michael Parker

Course limit: 9

**Tuesday**

**Justices and Judges: Lives On and Off the Court**

**Instructor: Suzanne Schmitz**

Registration Fee: $0.00

September 15-October 13

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Zoom

We will examine the lives on and off the court of selected judges, including Louis Brandeis, Robert Jackson, Thurgood Marshall, Sandra Day O’Connor and others who may surprise you. We will explore a short biography and ask how, if at all, their pre-court life affected their work on the court and consider how some of their opinions live on. We will not consider any of the current U.S. Supreme Court justices. Some surprises: do you know how many U.S. Supreme Court justices were from Illinois?

Course limit: 49
Thursday

Selecting a President in the Age of Covid-19 and Major Civil Unrest

Instructor: John Jackson
September 17 - October 15
10:00 - 11:30 am
Zoom

Registration Fee: $0.00

This course will describe and explain the 2020 presidential nominations and elections in the unique circumstances of them being conducted while a pandemic is raging and the nation is also beset by deep civil unrest attendant America’s persistent racial problems. It will also cover the congressional elections to a lesser extent. Some of the analysis will be similar to earlier presidential elections while other aspects will be quite different because of this year’s unprecedented challenges. The discussion will adopt a chronological framework around which the events of the campaigns unfold. It will also present a considerable amount of polling data to show how the voters react to the candidates and the unfolding events. It will conclude with projections about the likely outcomes of the elections and their possible impact on the making of public policy in the next administration.

Course limit: 60

Interested in Voting by Mail? Here's how it works..

Voting By Mail: It’s a Two Step Process

Step 1: Application

Applications to Vote by Mail will be mailed on or before August 1, 2020 to any person who voted in at least one of the following: 2018 General Election, 2019 Consolidated Election, 2020 Primary Election or anyone who registered to vote or change their address before July 31, 2020. Any registered voter not in one of the previous categories may request an application to vote by mail by contacting their County Clerk. To receive a ballot by mail, application forms must be filled out and returned to the office of the County Clerk where the person resides.

Step 2: Ballot: Receive, Mark, Return

County Clerks can mail official ballots to registered voters starting on September 24, 2020. All voters who have applied to vote by mail by October 1 should receive their ballot by October 6. If you don’t, call your County Clerk.

Note: If you have not applied to vote by mail you can still apply to vote by mail until October 29, 2020. Once a ballot is received voters may vote the ballot and return it in the envelope provided. The ballot will be valid as long as it is postmarked on or before November 3, 2020.
VOLUNTEERING REMOTELY*: Part II

by Bobbie Ogletree

As promised, the following are additional volunteer opportunities which can be done remotely from the comfort of our homes. *Source: Facebook

**Smithsonian Digital Volunteer Program:** [https://transcription.si.edu/](https://transcription.si.edu/)
The Smithsonian Digital Volunteer program engages the public in making its collections more accessible. Digital volunteers transcribe historic documents and collection records to facilitate research and preserve these valuable assets for future generations.

**Amnesty Decoders:** [https://decoders.amnesty.org](https://decoders.amnesty.org/)
Amnesty Decoders is an innovative platform for volunteers around the world to use their computers or phones to help our researchers sift through pictures, information and documents. Join a global network of digital volunteers helping us research and expose human rights violations.

**Career Village:** [https://www.careervillage.org/about/mission/#become-a-mentor](https://www.careervillage.org/about/mission/#become-a-mentor)
Career Village is an online platform where students ask career questions that are answered by people working, or that have worked, in that field. All you need is a LinkedIn account to start helping students become better informed about the career decisions they are facing.

**Buses 4 Homeless:** [https://buses4homeless.org/](https://buses4homeless.org/)
Buses 4 Homeless is a low-cost holistic solution to homelessness. We refurbish decommissioned buses into spaces for Eating, Sleeping, Wellbeing and Learning in order to re-engage homeless people back into the community. Some volunteering positions can be done remotely (e.g. bookkeeping/accounts/VA/Tax/Funding/Grant writing/Legal Agreements review input/insurance guidance).

**Folding @ Home:** [https://foldingathome.org](https://foldingathome.org)
Folding @ Home is a project hosted by Washington University and the St. Louis School of Medicine. It provides a means by which anyone can donate processing power from their personal home computer(s) to become part of a massively parallel computer network used by researchers and scientists all over the world to develop vaccines and cures for coronavirus and other diseases.

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**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, law and politics. Membership in SILIR runs from July 1 - June 30 the following year.

Three easy ways to renew!! Membership is still $25.

- Mail registration form and payment to Conference and Scheduling Services (check or credit card)
- Call Conference and Scheduling Services at 618/536-7751 (credit card only)
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*Please fill out and send entire form with payment*

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**NEW MEMBERS:** How did you hear about us?  
☐ Friend  ☐ Newspaper  ☐ Social Media/Online  ☐ Radio/TV

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

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**INTEREST GROUPS** — July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

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| Name: (2010901905) | Lunch Discussion Group $0 x _____ = _____ |

**Session I Classes**

| Name: (21W0901906) | Reading Short Stories $0 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: (21W0901907) | Justices and Judges $0 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: (21W0901908) | Selecting A President $0 x _____ = _____ |

Be sure we have your current email address. Zoom links will be emailed for the classes in which you are enrolled.

**LEARNING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAIVER DISCLAIMER:** Most SILIR activities require very little mobility. When an activity requires traveling up to 1 mile or more or navigating 10 steps or more, or involves longer waiting or standing times, we will alert you so that you may choose wisely.

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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