

Golden Opportunities

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March 2021

March Speaker: Liz Jarnigan

Adapting to Practice and Competition during a Pandemic



Liz Jarnigan will address the impact of the pandemic on student-athlete health and safety, game and attendance modifications, academic adjustments, as well as budgetary impacts of the pandemic and other factors. She will discuss the role of the Salukis and the community.

Jarnigan is the first female athletic director at SIU. She serves on the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. Prior to SIU, she served as the senior woman administrator for two years at Air Force Academy and was the primary advisor and liaison to the athletic director on all matters related

to equity and gender issues in intercollegiate women's programs. She also worked in athletics at San Jose State, University of Tulsa, and Briar Cliff College.

March 17 Meeting

10:30 am Program Meeting

Delivery: Zoom

A Zoom link will be emailed to all current members. Make sure Conference and Scheduling Services has your current email address. Please check your Junk mail or Spam if you do not see a link in your email.

President: Tom Britton

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

April 14, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 15, 2021

QUESTIONS?

Email SILIR at silir@siu.edu or call 618/536-7751

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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web page at:**

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

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



Monthly Book Club

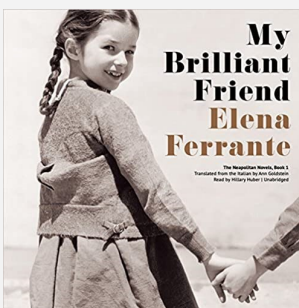
The Book Club meets on the **3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am** via Zoom

March 15

March's book selection is

My Brilliant Friend

by Elena Ferrante



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!

SILIR Session II Classes — March 15 — April 16, 2021

Tuesday

Joe Biden's First One Hundred Days: The Future of the Republic; the Future of the Two Major Parties

Instructor: John Foster, John Jackson and Suzanne Schmitz

March 16-April 13

Zoom

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration Fee: \$0.00

The first 100 Days has become a marker of an administration's success; so how is President Biden doing. We will briefly look back at the issues remaining from the Trump administration and then focus on issues before the republic such as domestic terrorism and voting and election issues. We will look at the deep division between the Trump base and the more mainstream Republic party and the division within the Democratic party between the left and the moderates and how that is playing out. We will look ahead to the 2022 election. Undoubtedly, additional issues will arise between now and then.

Wednesday

A Brief Look at Infectious Diseases of the Past and Present

Instructor: Fran Oros

March 17-April 14

Zoom

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$0.00

This course will include descriptions of microbes such as viruses and bacteria. Also included will be discussion of infectious diseases of the past such as the "black death" and smallpox. More recent disease outbreaks will also be covered; in particular I will discuss Covid-19 and the coronavirus that causes this disease. If time permits, I will also briefly discuss vaccines.

SILIR Session II Classes — March 15 — April 16, 2021 cont.

Thursday

The New Testament

Instructor: Pastor Paul Waterman **Registration Fee: \$0.00**
 March 18-April 15 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Great Courses Zoom

When you hear the New Testament, what comes to mind? Follow along Dr. Bart Ehrman (*The Great Courses*) and Pastor Paul Waterman (Epiphany Lutheran- Carbondale) on this five-week dive into the New Testament. This two hour class will view the *Great Courses* lectures, and end with discussion. Emphases include the context in which the New Testament was written, the four Gospels in the New Testament, the historical Jesus, the apostle Paul and his writings, and more. Bring your curiosity and questions about the New Testament and its contents.

Class limited to 50

Washington DC in Depth

Instructor: Gary Hartlieb **Registration Fee: \$0.00**
 March 18-April 15 1:30 - 3:30 pm
 Great Courses Zoom

Tired of being homebound? Wish to travel again? Until we can safely do so, you can tour Washington, DC landmarks from the comfort of your own home. Join Richard Kurin from the Smithsonian Museum for an in-depth look at our Capitol’s best known sites. The 15 segments will include how Washington came to be, the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and many other major visitor sites. Please join us! You don’t even need comfortable shoes.

Class limited to 50



Can’t get to the Zoo? Let the zoo come to you!

The St. Louis Zoo has rotating webcams which are live on YouTube, at 9 am daily. See polar bears on Sunday, Monday and Friday; grizzly bears on Tuesday and Saturday, pinnipeds on Wednesday and Thursday. There is also a daily webcam on the penguins. For details go to stlzoo.org

Several other zoos offer similar programs. See <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/> or <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/> for additional webcams and other programs

Sit down with the grandkids or friends and enjoy the animals.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Author! Author! 9:30 am Virtual Reality Is It for You? 1:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Virtual Reality Is It for You? 1:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Monthly Book Club 9:30 am	16 Joe Biden's First 100 Days 10:00 am	17 Monthly program and meeting 10:30 am  Infectious Diseases 1:30 pm	18 The New Testament 10 am-12 pm Washington DC 1:30 pm	19	20 
21	22	23 Joe Biden's First 100 Days 10:00 am	24	25 The New Testament 10 am-12 pm Washington DC 1:30 pm	26	27
28	29 Palm Sunday	30 Joe Biden's First 100 Days 10:00 am	31 Infectious Diseases 1:30 pm			

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Please fill out and send entire form with payment

SILIR REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.)

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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.

Name: (21W0901901) FY21 Half Year Membership Dues \$13 x =
Addtl. Name: (21W0901901) (January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021)

INTEREST GROUPS - July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
Name: (21W0901904) Book Study Group \$0 x =
Name: (2010901905) Lunch Discussion Group \$0 x =

Session II Classes
Name: (21W0901915) Joe Biden \$0 x =
Name: (21W0901916) Infectious Diseases \$0 x =
Name: (21W0901917) The New Testament \$0 x =
Name: (21W0901918) Washington DC \$0 x =

Be sure we have your current email address. Zoom links will be emailed for the classes in which you are enrolled. If you do not see a link in your inbox, please check your Junk mail and Spam mail. If it is not in any of those places, please email me at silir@siu.edu.

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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