January 20 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:
February 17, 2021
March 17, 2021
April 21, 2021

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

January Speaker: Justin Schoof
Climate Change: Global and Local

Justin Schoof is a Professor of Geography and Environmental Resources at SIU Carbondale and will be the guest speaker at the January 2021 meeting of the LIR group. Despite strong scientific understanding and consensus regarding the nature and causes of recent climate change, the public remains divided by the issue, even as the consequences of inaction become ever clearer. In this presentation, Professor Schoof will explore our current state of knowledge regarding global changes in climate. The presentation will also include information about recent historical and possible future climate changes in southern Illinois.

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. Speaker presentations will be available at conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir
SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

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**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**

January 18

January's book selection is

*The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, the Founding Father Who Freed His Slaves* by Andrew Levy

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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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**Please Help With SILIR Outreach Efforts**

With in-person Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement events on hold there is a need to find new ways to inform potential members about SILIR’s life long learning opportunities. If you are part of a group (church, social, civic) that puts out newsletters or bulletins, please consider requesting that the article below be included in those publications. Your help in keeping SILIR a thriving and growing organization is greatly appreciated.

**Life Long Learning Opportunities**

Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR) is offering online monthly meetings and classes to members 50+ years and older. Since March, 2020 this organization has transitioned from in-person events to those available via ZOOM. Classes and lectures are presented by members, usually retired university or public school teachers or community members, experts in their fields. Topics include the arts, science, law and history.

Membership in SILIR is $25 per year. Included is access to a monthly speaker and a newsletter. At the present time, courses are offered online for the most part and are free for members.

Once in-person contacts resume SILIR will again offer day trips, a wider range of classes, events and interest groups such as book clubs and movie groups. For more information or to register, contact Jackie Welch at the SIU Conference and Scheduling Services office via email (silir@siu.edu) or 536-7751.
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

LIR is saddened by the passing of two former instructors:

Dan Jones on October 12, 2020

Dr. Stan Harris (102) on October 19, 2020
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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)  
Addtl. Name: ______________________ (21W0901901)  
**FY21 Half Year Membership Dues** ......$13 x _____ = _______
(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 I Classes**

| Name: _____________________________ (21W0901912) | Author! Author! | $0 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: _____________________________ (21W0901913) | Virtual Reality | $0 x _____ = _____ |

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**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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Please submit a check payable to “SIU Carbondale” or your credit card information below.

**Mail to:** Conference & Scheduling Services  
Student Center - Mail Code 6705  
Carbondale, IL 62901

or call Registration at 618-536-7751 to register with your credit card.
What will you learn today?

Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at:

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