February 19 Meeting

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

February Greeters:
- Jan Radtke
- Jean Boehne
- Don Boehne
- Sandy Anderson (hostess)

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:
March 18, 2020
April 15, 2020
May 20, 2020

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

February Speaker:
JD Tanner
Director, Touch of Nature

Exciting Activities at Touch of Nature

There is news from Touch of Nature. Ride centers and trail systems popping up all over the Midwest prove mountain biking no longer happens only in the mountains. Touch of Nature is creating a new recreational experience for SIU, Southern Illinois, and the surrounding region by introducing a multi-use trail system for bikers and hikers. This presentation will introduce you to the project, show you where we are at on the project, and explain how you can help if interested.

With over 15 years of experience in outdoor and environmental education, JD has worked with programs like Southeast Missouri State University's Recreation Department, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, Falcon Guides and San Juan College in NM. An avid hiker, backpacker and mountaineer, JD, along with his wife Emily, has published several outdoor recreation guidebooks.

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.

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 meets the 1st Wednesday each month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

*All That Jazz*

The next meeting will be 

**Wednesday, February 5**

at Epiphany Lutheran Church.
Coffee and snacks at 8:45 am and movie at 9:00 am.

**Monthly Book Club**
The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

**February 17**

February's book selection is

*The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

**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 **11:45 am**

**February 27**

Location:

**SILIR Session I Classes — February 3-March 6, 2020**

**Tuesday**

*Le Pays des Illinois: Illinois Before the Civil War*

**Instructor:** Kay J. Carr
**February 4-March 3**
**Epiphany Lutheran**

9:30 - 11:30 am

This course will look at the history of Illinois before the defining events of the Civil War. We will start by looking at the setting; that is, the geology, climate, and natural flora and fauna of the region. Next, we’ll examine human migration and impact to the area, including the cultures of native peoples, Europeans and Africans, and east coast Americans. The course will explore the history and effects of European powers and their uses of the area, the geo-political results of the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, early slavery and its effects, the Second Great Awakening religious revivals, land alienation and distribution, abolitionism and pre-Civil War politics, and the growth of cites and towns. Throughout the course, we will be looking at primary sources that may be useful for individual and family history research.

**Ancient Civilizations of North America**

**Instructor:** Fran Oros
**February 4-March 3**
**Epiphany Lutheran**

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Registration Fee: $10.00

This course will be based primarily on DVDs narrated by Professor Edwin Barnhart; however, I will provide additional material and comments. We will start by looking at the first human migrations to the Americas. New technology for ancient DNA analysis provides new insight into migration pathways. Next, the course moves toward Paleo-Indian times and how cultures called Clovis and Folsom roamed early North America. Much of this course will be about the Mississipians and American Southwest peoples. It will also include the peoples of the northeastern and eastern North America as well as the bison-hunters of the Great Plains, and the complex hunter-gathers of the Pacific Coast.
**Wednesday**

**The World’s Fair Movement**

Instructor: Walter Metz  
Registration Fee: $10.00

February 5 - March 4  
1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran

This course offers an historical overview of the world’s fair movement, beginning with the inaugural event, the “Crystal Palace” Exhibition in London in 1851, and the 1889 Paris “Exposition Universelle,” for which the Eiffel Tower was built. The course will explore the rapid industrialization of the United States as celebrated in a series of expositions: 1876 Philadelphia, 1901 Buffalo, and 1904 St. Louis. There will be two intensive case studies: the two Chicago fairs (the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition and the 1933 Century of Progress fair) and the two fairs in New York City (the 1939 “World of Tomorrow” fair and the 1964 New York World’s Fair). We will study post-World War II world’s fairs during the atomic age, particularly Expo 58, the Brussels World’s Fair, for which the Atomium sculpture was built. The course will explore the withdrawal of the United States from the world’s fair movement in the wake of the 1982 Knoxville International Energy Exposition and the failed 1984 Louisiana World Exposition in New Orleans. Finally, we will conclude with the success of recent international world’s fairs in Asia and the Middle East, including Expo 2010 in Shanghai, whose record attendance topped 73 million people.

**Thursday**

**Current Issues in the U.S. Supreme Court**

Instructor: Jill Adams  
Registration Fee: $10.00

February 6 - March 5  
9:30 - 11:30 am  
Epiphany Lutheran

We will begin with an overview of the U.S. Supreme Court and then will look at several significant cases argued or pending before the court during the 2019-20 term. We will review how each case got to the court, the issues in the cases and the arguments on each side.

**Memoirs Workshop**

Instructors: Arlene and David Pellow  
Registration Fee: $10.00

February 6 - March 5  
1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran

Want to write your memoirs? Come join a workshop open to all, from beginners to experienced writers. We will share our writing efforts, giving feedback and mutual support. We will discuss topics relevant to writing any memoir as we proceed.

**Instructional Technology Workshop**

Learn how to operate LIR’s inventory of instructional technology tools. This information is helpful to anyone who gives or coordinates presentations. LIR teachers and students are encouraged to sign up for this workshop. Teachers will be able to independently use LIR’s instructional equipment. Students can also help set up equipment for their classes. LIR has a laptop computer, two video projectors, two DVD players, speakers and all the necessary connectors. This workshop will offer hands-on demonstrations of presentations, photo slide shows and DVD videos. John Pohlmann and Suzanne Schmitz will present this workshop on Friday, February 21st, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale. There is no cost to attend this workshop. Please email John Pohlmann at johnp@siu.edu if you are interested or have questions.
SILIR Session II Classes — March 16 -April 17, 2020

Monday

Religion Revered, Religion Reviled

**Instructor:** Paul Mundschenck
**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 16-April 13, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran

Religion is unquestionably one of the most contentious and divisive of human institutions, and yet, simultaneously, one of its most esteemed and treasured. People turn to religion for comfort and for guidance on how to live a loving and humane life, but religion has also provided grounds for some of the deadliest wars in human history, and continues to do so. This course will explore religion’s inherently incongruous nature with clear-eyed recognition that partial understanding is probably the most we can hope to attain.

Illinois History after Lincoln

**Instructor:** Michael Batinski
**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 17-April 14, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran

Yes, there is a history of Illinois after Lincoln. And that past is relevant to our lives today. Central to this exploration lie the questions: How does the past live with us today? What does it mean to live in Illinois? We will discuss these questions by looking at the various answers found in the small town and the city, in the different ethnic experiences, and in the ways these peoples have interacted. So too, the past affects our lives today when we stop to consider how generations of Illinoisans have shaped this land to their wills. We will begin to explore this environmental history as well. Finally, and throughout the course, we will discuss what it means to be an Illinoisan—in short, that identity or identities.

Justices and Judges: Lives On and Off the Court

**Instructor:** Suzanne Schmitz
**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 17-April 14, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran

We will examine the life 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. For example, do you know how many U.S. Supreme Court justices were from Illinois? We will ask how, if at all, their pre-court life affected their work on the court. We will not consider any of the current U.S. Supreme Court justices.
SILIR Session II Classes — March 16 - April 17, 2020

Wednesday

The Documentary Films of Frederick Wiseman

**Instructor:** Walter Metz

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 18-April 15

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Epiphany Lutheran

In 1967, lawyer Frederick Wiseman released his first documentary, *Titicut Follies*, a cinema verité expose of the horrid conditions at a Massachusetts mental institution. Over the next half century, Wiseman has made a film per year interrogating the relationship between social institutions and the individuals who interact with them. His camera locations, buried in the corners of rooms, belie his artistic intent, ironic portraits of people toiling within systems which produce results outside of their control. Wiseman shades the tone of his films via the editing of massive amounts of film footage; indeed, Wiseman is one of the great editors in film history.

Thursday

**Short Fiction — How and Why To Read It**

**Instructor:** Beth Lordan

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 19-April 16

9:30-11:30 am

Epiphany Lutheran

We will look at the following stories: “**Enough**” McDermott; “**Hills Like White Elephants**” Hemingway; “**Cousins**” Oates; “**The Wizard of West Orange**” Millhauser; “**Hidden Meanings, Treatment of Time, Supreme Irony and Life Experiences in the song, Ain’t Gonna Bump No More Big Fat Woman**” Parker

**A House Divided**

**Instructor:** Dan Jones

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 19-April 16

9:30 - 11:30 am

Epiphany Lutheran

This course will compare the similarities between America in the age of Abraham Lincoln to the America that is being led by Donald Trump. America is at a cross roads once again.

**Our National Parks**

**Instructor:** Tom Britton

**Registration Fee:** $10.00

March 19-April 16

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Epiphany Lutheran

The course consists of four sessions exploring U.S. National Parks. The first session will include an historical overview of the system of national parks with a focus on the oldest national park, Yellowstone. In subsequent sessions, six other parks chosen by class participants will be described and explored. Teaching will be a combination of short lectures, group discussions, and video presentations based largely on Ken Burn’s PBS documentary, "The National Parks - America’s Best Idea."
SIU LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO JOIN US
FOR A JOURNEY TO THE OLD SOUTH
PIGEON FORGE, SAVANNAH & CHARLESTON
MONDAY, APRIL 20 - SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

Day 1 - depart from Arena parking lot in the morning and begin your journey stopping at Pigeon Forge and staying at Clarion Inn and Suites. Dinner and then to the Smoky Mountain Opry Show.

Day 2 - breakfast and then off to Savannah, GA (stopping for lunch on the way). You will be staying at Embassy Suites in Savannah's Historic District. Two nights full of visiting River Street, City Market and the historic Broughton Street. We will have dinner one evening at the Pirates House Restaurant.

Day 3 - enjoy a made to order hot breakfast then off to tour Savannah's historic district's rich history including the restored 18th and 19th century buildings and picturesque waterfront where cotton warehouses once stood. See the sights familiar to you from the movie, Forest Gump and the tale of Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. Then off to Tybee Island where you will view outlying areas that showcase river inlets, marshes and the tidal creeks. Lunch at the Crab Shack then an overview of the island's unique coastal living style and a drive-by of Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse. Back to the hotel to relax a bit before the complimentary evening reception at the hotel. You are on your own for dinner. Some of Savannah’s best restaurants are within walking distance.

Day 4 - enjoy another cooked to order breakfast then it is on to Charleston, SC and the Magnolia Plantation. Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, this plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation from the American Revolution through the civil War and beyond. A boxed lunch will be proved. Then you are off to the Palmetto Carriage Works where you will experience 25-50 blocks of Charleston's historic downtown district. Learn everything Charleston has to offer on the Carriage Tour. From here, we will check into the Hampton Inn located at the base of the Cooper River Bridge. Refresh then you will make your way to the beautiful Charleston Harbor for boarding on the spirit of Carolina. You will enjoy this dinner cruise featuring live and local entertainment and a gourmet menu with a focus on fresh local ingredients.

Day 5 - enjoy a hot breakfast at the hotel then we will depart for our return to southern Illinois. We will make a few stops including a guided tour of Hatcher Gardens in Spartanburg, SC. A boxed lunch will be provided. Then it is on to Knoxville, TN where we will stay at the brand-new Drury Inn and Suites. you can enjoy a kickback meal at the hotel or take a taxi or Uber to a restaurant of your choice.
Day 6 - enjoy a hot breakfast at the hotel then your last leg home on this beautiful spring adventure to the historic south. You will make your way to Clarksville, TN for your included lunch and entertainment - BBQ, booze and Bluegrass at the Old Glory Distillery. After lunch, you will make your way back to Carbondale. You should arrive at the SIU Arena approximately 6:00 pm.

PER PERSON COST PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD:
$1380 Double - $1205 Triple - $1906 Single

PER PERSON COST PAYING WITH CHECK:
$1340 Double - $1170 Triple - $1850 Single

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:
DON BOEHNE - 618-549-1319

All reservations and Full Payment must be received by March 2, 2020
All payments become non-refundable on March 2, 2020
Please Call 618.536.7751 for your reservations and your payment information.

TOUR COST INCLUDES: Roundtrip Deluxe Motorcoach, 5 Nights Hotel Accommodations to include One Night at the Clarion Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN, Two Nights at the Embassy Suites in Savannah, GA (all rooms are suites), One Night at the Hampton Inn, Charleston, SC, One Night at the newly opened Drury Inn, Knoxville, TN, Dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse Grill, Admission to the Smoky Mountain Opry, Dinner at the Pirates House Restaurant, Hot Breakfast Each morning at your hotels including your made-to-order breakfast at the Embassy Suites, Guided Sightseeing tour of the City of Savannah and the Low Country tour, Lunch at the Crab Shack in an indoor/outdoor setting on the Lagoon on Tybee Island, Evening adult beverages and snacks at the Embassy Suites and Drury Inn, Tour of the Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, Boxed Lunch at the Gardens, Palmetto Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride & Guided Tour in Charleston, SC, Spirit of Carolina Dinner Cruise, Tour of Hatcher Garden with Box Lunch provided by Jason’s Deli, Barbeque, Booze and Bluegrass at the Old Glory Distillery with BBQ Lunch & Entertainment, Gratuity to your guides in Savannah and Charleston, Gratuity to your Guide at the Hatcher Gardens, Gratuity to your Driver and WiFi Equipped Motorcoach.

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**New Members:**

- How did you hear about us?  
  - [ ] Friend  
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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.

### FY20 Membership Dues

- **January 1, 2020 — June 30, 2020**
  - **$13 x ____ = ____**
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### Interest Groups — July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

- [ ] Musicals Interest Group **$10 x ____ = ____**
- [ ] Book Study Group **$10 x ____ = ____**
- [ ] Lunch Discussion Group **$10 x ____ = ____**

### Session I Classes

- Civil War **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Ancient Civilization **$10 x ____ = ____**
- World's Fair Movement **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Supreme Court **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Memoirs Workshop **$10 x ____ = ____**

### Session II Classes

- Religion **$10 x ____ = ____**
- IL History after Lincoln **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Justices and Judges **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Frederick Wiseman **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Short Fiction **$10 x ____ = ____**
- A House Divided **$10 x ____ = ____**
- Our National Parks **$10 x ____ = ____**

### Trip Opportunity

Please use the registration form on Page 7 to reserve your spot. Please complete the payment information below or mail a check to Conference & Scheduling Services.

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