

Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)

August 2022

August 17 Meeting

• **Location:**

Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Rd.,
Carbondale

- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program

August Greeters:

- Jean Boehne
- Verelle Leaton
- Pat Racana

President: Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

September 21, 2022
October 19, 2022
November 16, 2022
December—no meeting
January 18, 2023
February 15, 2023

QUESTIONS?

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

August Speaker: Dr. Erin Perry Associate Professor of Agriculture, SIU Carbondale

Management of Working Dog Hygiene in the Field



Have you seen the canine partners on the news as they search disaster areas and have you had questions? The back story has many aspects that will surprise you. In this presentation, Dr. Erin Perry will focus on the challenges and observations of the working canines and their human teams in the Champlain Towers building collapse in Florida. Dr. Perry has more than 19 years of experience with working canines and health issues related to deployment of canines in emergencies. She works with Missouri Task Force One and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Dr. Perry and canine partners have deployed to numerous disasters including Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, Joplin Tornado, Colorado Flooding, and Hurricane Harvey. When exposed to potentially life threatening chemicals, pathogens, and toxins, the human partner can shed their clothes, but the canines can't.

Dr. Perry has a unique perspective and passion focused on keeping teams safe as they work, often in very unique environments without resources. Her leading research findings are appropriate for family pets, service dogs, and military as well. A leading expert in many areas, she is currently investigating innovative uses of canine olfaction in detecting various threats to humans, including the dangerous and costly toxins in agricultural fields.



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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.

SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Musical of the Month Interest Group

This group meets once a month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

The next meeting will be

Friday, September 16

at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Coffee and snacks at 9:00 am and movie at 9:15 am.



Monthly Book Club

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

August 15

August's book selection is

Becoming

by Michelle Obama



Monthly Lunch Discussion Group

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

Thursday, August 25
12:00 noon

Location:



SILIR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a friendly reminder that SILIR membership is \$25.00/year and runs from July 1-June 30 the following year. Membership form is on page 5 of this newsletter.

ATTENTION

Refreshments are back! At the August monthly meeting, SILIR will return to providing coffee and light refreshments for the social period (9:30am) before the 10:30am speaker.



LIR is saddened by the passing of two of their members

Mike Hanes passed away Monday, June 20 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale. He was an active member of SILIR, and the coordinator for the Monthly Musical Discussion Group.

George Waring passed away on Sunday, June 19 at his home. He was a Professor, Field Research Zoologist and Ethologist and received numerous awards and was a member of quite a few professional and community organizations.

SILIR Session I Classes — September 12-October 14, 2022

Monday

Films from Short Stories

Instructor: Beth Lordan

Registration Fee: \$10.00

September 12-October 10

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Epiphany Lutheran

This class will be discussion-heavy. That is, you'll be expected to have read the story and watched the film on your own. Then we'll discuss the stories as stories, then the films as films. Then we'll move on to the effect of the change of genre, what's gained, what's lost. We will read Isaac Dinesen's "Babette's Feast," John Cheever's "The Swimmer," Andre Dubus's "Killings," Daphne DuMaurier's "The Birds," and Annie Proulx's "Brokeback Mountain," and watch and discuss the films made thereof, all of which have the same title as the story except Dubus's, which becomes "In the Bedroom." All the films are available on various streaming services and I'll happily email the stories to everyone. If you do not have access to the films, let me know.

Tuesday

A Brief History of Colonial America (to 1763)

Instructor: Kay Carr

Registration Fee: \$10.00

September 13-October 11

9:30 - 11:30 am

Epiphany Lutheran

The class is a surface exploration of the social, ideological, economic, and political developments in the British North American colonies from the end of the 16th century to the middle of the 18th century. It begins with the first contact between indigenous and colonizing cultures and ends on the eve of the American Revolution. It will be a series of informal lectures/discussions that examine important historical events central to the creation of the American nation: the origins of racism and slavery, the maturity of capitalism and class conflict, and the creation of religious and social identities. Maximum number: 30

Wednesday

The History of the English Language

Instructor: Dick Matthews

Registration Fee: \$10.00

September 14-October 5 (4 weeks only)

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Epiphany Lutheran

The class will trace the history and development of English from its earliest beginnings to the present. It also will examine the relationship of English to other world languages and its ability to change and adapt to various historic, linguistic, and geographical influences.

SILIR Session I Classes cont. — September 12-October 14, 2022

Thursday

The Status of Film and Television in the Age of Digital Streaming

Instructor: Walter Metz

September 15-October 13

Epiphany Lutheran

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$10.00

This course argues that the tectonic shift in the delivery of audio-visual film and television content via streaming platforms mandates a corollary shift in film and television criticism. The instructor will deliver case studies of these transitions. Here are some examples: Is Apple's *Ted Lasso* simply a "television sitcom?" Does *Curb Your Enthusiasm* presented on HBO Max provide any different audience experience than watching *Seinfeld* on NBC or *Curb* in its early seasons on HBO, formerly a cable premium channel? Does it matter whether natural history content—such as *My Octopus Teacher*—is delivered via Netflix or PBS Nature or BBC/Discover? Was the shift to streaming culture inevitable, or did the pandemic seal the fate of in-person movie attendance? Disney's special holiday presentation of a canned performance of *Hamilton* shot years before as a "media event" will serve as one of the case studies. Students will read relevant critical theory in film, television, and media studies and present work on streaming case studies of interest to them.



Chancellor Austin Lane invited SILIR Board members to a luncheon.



Jan Radtke, who served for many years as the greeter coordinator for SILIR monthly meetings, received flowers of appreciation from Membership and Publicity Committee chair, Bobbie Ogletree.

Learn
something new
every day

REGISTRATION FORM

•Please fill out and send entire form with payment•

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
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 *E-mail Address _____

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: _____ (23W0901901) **FY23 Membership Dues**\$25 x ____ = _____
 Addtl. Name: _____ (23W0901901) **(July 1, 2022 — June 30, 2023)**

INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023
 Name: _____ (23W0901902) Monthly Musicals\$10 x ____ = _____
 Name: _____ (23W0901904) Book Study Group\$10 x ____ = _____
 Name: _____ (23W0901905) Lunch Discussion Group\$10 x ____ = _____

SESSION I COURSES — September 12-October 13, 2022
 Name: _____ (23W0901910) Films from Short Stories\$10 x ____ = _____
 Name: _____ (23W0901911) History of Colonial America\$10 x ____ = _____
 Name: _____ (23W0901912) History of English Language\$10 x ____ = _____
 Name: _____ (23W0901913) Film and Television\$10 x ____ = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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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