

# Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)

January 2022

## January 19 Meeting

- **Delivery:** Zoom  
(link will be emailed to all members)

10:30 Meeting and Program

**President:** Tom Britton

## AT A GLANCE

### Monthly Meetings:

February 16, 2022

March 16, 2022

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

June 15, 2022

## QUESTIONS?

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



**S.I. Learning  
in Retirement**

## January Speaker: Austin Lane, Chancellor SIU Carbondale



Austin A. Lane became chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale on July 1, 2020. His appointment was approved May 29, 2020, by the university's Board of Trustees following a recommendation by SIU System President Dan Mahony. A native of New Jersey, Dr. Lane graduated from Hackensack High School and attended Odessa Junior College in West Texas on a basketball scholarship. He holds a B.A. in psychology from Langston University, M.A. in human relations from the University of Oklahoma, and Ed.D. in higher education administration from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Lane's career in higher education is marked by a variety of successive leadership roles and professional achievements.

A 25-year higher education administrator and faculty member, Lane has served as president of Texas Southern University, executive vice chancellor of academic and student affairs at Lone Star College System, president of Lone Star College-Montgomery, vice president for student affairs at Tyler Junior College, and dean of students at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Lane has been an active participant in the communities in which he has served. He has served on a number of boards, including Texas Children's Hospital, Greater Houston Partnership Economic Development board of directors, Amegy Bank advisory board, Montgomery County Women's Center board of directors, Rotary Club of The Woodlands, the Texas Diversity Council board of directors, Montgomery County United Way Board, The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Conroe Economic Development Council and Education for Tomorrow Alliance board of directors. In addition to his service, Dr. Lane has received a number of awards and recognitions. Dr. Lane was recognized among the 2017 top minority professional leaders in Greater Houston, was the recipient of the 2015 Drum Major Award, received the 2014 Interfaith of The Woodlands Hometown Hero Honoree, and was named in 2012 as Pacesetter of the Year for the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. He is married to Loren Lane and has three children, Lauren, Chase and Lance.

## SILIR Interim Class

**Tuesday / Wednesday**

### **Harry Potter: Magic and Meaning (aka Dumbledore's Army, Southern Illinois Division)**

**Instructors:** Paulette Curkin and Carmen Suarez

**Registration Fee: \$5.00**

January 25 and January 26

1:30 - 3:30 pm

**Zoom only**

This course is a discussion of the overall series. It focuses on the books rather than the movies, but the movies are part of the whole Harry Potter Wizarding World and valuable to the discussion. This is a shared discussion format, rather than instructional. The facilitators will provide structure through identifying some themes and their supporting story lines. For the facilitators, Harry Potter is truly magical and we find all kinds of applicable meaning in it. Friendship, hate and its effects, fear and oppression of the "other", love, family, community, resiliency, persistence, tragedy, grief, humor...it's all there! Come prepared to discuss the books, your favorite parts, or not so favorite, impacts, the meaning(s) you have found, and we will have a Harry Potter love fest together. We welcome and encourage cosplay and role play!! **Materials Required:** Harry Potter is a 7 volume (really 8) series. Having the books isn't necessary, but you might have favorite quotes or passages.

## SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

### Musical of the Month Interest Group

Interested in taking over the Movie Musicals class?

Please contact  
Mike Hanes  
[hanes@siu.edu](mailto:hanes@siu.edu)



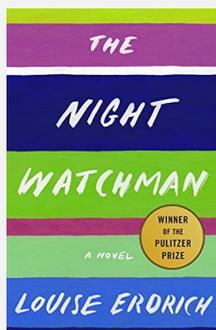
### Monthly Book Club

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

January 17

January's book selection is

**The Night Watchman**  
by Louise Erdrich



### Monthly Lunch Discussion Group

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

January 27

Location:

Watch your email for the location.



We are seeking a volunteer who is willing to take over the Movie Musicals class. This would involve showing one well-known musical film (DVD) per month at the church. LIR owns seventy+ DVDs of movie musical films, and can purchase others as needed. Assistance will be available (as needed) with the technical aspects of showing the films.

Please contact Mike Hanes  
[hanes@siu.edu](mailto:hanes@siu.edu) (618) 201-6156

## SILIR Session I Classes — January 31-March 4, 2022

*Please note: All classes will be in-person with a limit of 20 participants, masked and socially distanced.*

### Monday

#### Opera and Cinema

**Instructor:** Walter Metz  
January 31-February 28  
**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

9:30 - 11:30 am

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

The course uses media studies methods to understand the relationship between opera, film, and television. Before class, students will watch complete operas. In class they will discuss connections to cultural history, theory and criticism (feminist critique, Hollywood musicals, film soundtracks, and the like). Assigned readings will stimulate conversations about intertextual relationships between classical music tradition and a/v mass media forms.

## SILIR Session I Classes (cont.) — January 31-March 4, 2022

Please note: All classes will be in-person with a limit of 20 participants, masked and socially distanced.

### Tuesday

#### A Brief History of Colonial America (to 1763)

**Instructor:** Kay Carr

February 1-March 1

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

9:30 - 11:30 am

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

An exploration of the social, ideological, economic and political developments in the British North American colonies from the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It begins with the first contact between indigenous and colonizing cultures and ends on the eve of the American Revolution. The class will be a series of informal lecture/discussions that explore some important historical developments central to the creation of the American nation: the origins of racism and slavery, the developments of capitalism and class conflict, and the creation of religious and social identities.

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#### Why Religions Fail

**Instructor:** Paul Mundshenck

February 1-March 1

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

1:30 - 3:30 pm

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

"Religion" is an umbrella term that refers to the whole complex set of human responses to the elemental Big Questions about existence, life in general, human life in particular, and how best to live. There's nothing troublesome about religion itself, but, when the responses are understood to be authoritative and final -- i.e., when they become institutionalized -- trouble arises, big time. This course explores the process of institutionalization and its unfortunate consequences with examples from some Eastern as well as Western religions.

### Thursday

#### Eudora Welty: parts making a whole

**Instructor:** Beth Lordan

February 3-March 3

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

9:30 - 11:30 am

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

The Golden Apples, by Eudora Welty, is a novel in stories, which I consider the most American of forms, because it takes the many and makes one out of them, without sacrificing their individuality. So we'll read the stories as individuals, in the order in which they appear in the book, beginning with Shower of Gold, which I recommend you read before our first class. There are seven stories, and only five meetings; most of the stories are quite long, so we'll double up shorter with longer stories, i.e. week two we'll read June Recital and Sir Rabbit, week three Moon Lake and The Whole World Knows. I think we'll still need an extra meeting, if you're game, because Music from Spain and The Wanderers is too much for one week. There's also the issue of whether this collection lives up to its billing as a novel. Be aware as you read that there's a ton of mythology being referred to. **Materials:** *The Golden Apples*, by Eudora Welty

**LIR is saddened by the passing of a few of our members:**

Kathleen Fahey passed on Friday, August 20, 2021.  
 Barbara Schwartz passed on Saturday, November 20, 2021.  
 Marvin Kleinau passed on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

**Membership Directory**

In January, SILIR members will receive an addendum listing new members to be inserted with your Fall 2020 Membership Directory. If you did not receive a Fall 2020 directory and would like one, please contact Jackie Welch at [jackiew@siu.edu](mailto:jackiew@siu.edu) or 618/536-7751.



**January 2022**

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                                     | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday                           |
|--------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--------|------------------------------------|
|        |   |                               |   |  |        | <sup>1</sup><br>Happy<br>New Year! |
| 2      | 3   | 4                             | 5   | 6  | 7      | 8                                  |
| 9      | 10  | 11                            | 12  | 13   | 14     | 15                                 |
| 16     | 17<br><br>Monthly Book Club<br>9:30 am | 18                            | 19<br>Monthly Program/<br>Meeting<br>10:30 am | 20   | 21     | 22                                 |
| 23     | 24  | 25<br>Harry Potter<br>1:30 pm | 26<br>Harry Potter<br>1:30 pm                 | 27<br>Lunch Discussion—<br>location will be sent<br>to you by email.<br>12:00 noon | 28     | 29                                 |
| 30     | 31  |                               |   |  |        |                                    |

# REGISTRATION FORM

•Please fill out and send entire form with payment•

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

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Day Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*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: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901901)

Addtl. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901901)

**FY22 Membership Dues** .....\$13 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**(Half-year membership — January 1, 2022 — June 30, 2022)**  
If you are receiving this newsletter via snail mail, you do NOT need to renew membership until July 1, 2022

**INTEREST GROUPS** — July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901904)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901905)

Book Study Group .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Discussion Group .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERIM COURSE** — January 25 and 26,, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901913)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901914)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901915)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901916)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (22W0901917)

Harry Potter..... \$ 5 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Opera and Cinema.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial America .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Why Religions Fail.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Eudora Welty.....\$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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Carbondale, IL 62901**

**or call Registration at 618-536-7751 to  
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