June Speaker: Rebecca O’Neill

Guardianships for Adults and Minors

Rebecca O’Neill will give an overview of the legal aspects of guardianships over adults explaining why they sometimes become necessary and how to possibly avoid their necessity. She will also explain how and why grandparents and other caregivers obtain guardianship over minors.

Rebecca O’Neill is an SIU law grad and has worked in the SIU Civil Practice Clinic for the Elderly since 1991, where she supervises law students who along with Becky provide legal services to senior citizens in 13 counties. The clinic recently received the Illinois State Bar Association Legal Education Award. She is the recipient of the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award presented by Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees in May 2005.

Golden Opportunities

June 16 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:
August 18, 2021
September 15, 2021
October 20, 2021
November 17, 2021
December — no meeting

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:

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**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

*June 17*

June’s book selection is

*News of the World: A Novel*

by Paulette Jiles

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**Monthly Lunch Discussion Group**

Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation. Please bring a sack lunch and a mask.

*Thursday, June 24*

*12:00 noon*

**Time to Renew Your Membership**

If you haven’t already renewed your membership in Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR), do so now to be eligible for fall classes. The SILIR Curriculum Committee is organizing a variety of classes on topics such as history, law, mythology, politics, and religion.

Membership in SILIR runs from July 1 - June 30 the following year. Sign up now for the benefits of membership: classes, speakers, monthly interest groups. There are also opportunities to serve the organization as an officer or member of one of the standing or ad hoc committees. Standing committees include the Executive Committee, the Curriculum Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Membership & Publicity Committee. Currently, there is an ad hoc Technology Committee.

The cost of membership has remained the same for well over 10 years, thanks to the many teachers and speakers who provide life-long learning opportunities to our members with little compensation. Below is a list of members who to those who stepped “outside the box” to offer classes via Zoom or in person during the Pandemic.

Gary Hartlieb        Pastor Paul Waterman        John Jackson        Robert Swenson
Suzanne Schmitz     John Foster                 John Haller         Fran Oros
In person with less that 10 participants:        Pinckney Benedict     Beth Lordon

Membership is still $25/year. Two easy ways to renew:

♦ Mail registration form and payment to Conference and Scheduling Services (check or credit card)
♦ Call Conference and Scheduling Services at 618-536-7751 (credit card)
Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement Members:

A regular meeting of the SILIR Board of Directors was held on Monday, May 10, 2021. The unanimous view of Board Members is that SILIR should return to some semblance of ‘normal’ as soon as it is safe and otherwise feasible to do so. We plan to begin moving in that direction in the next few months.

Our membership has been both supportive and gracious about adjusting to the realities of the Pandemic. Your support has allowed us to continue offering high quality programs and courses under the unusual conditions we all face. Thank You.

Our short-term goal is to offer classes and hold meetings in both in-person and Zoom formats, so long as the safety of our members is the highest priority. How quickly we can return to in-person meetings and classes will depend on the continuing progress being made to reduce the risks of exposure to the COVID Virus. The effects, if any, that Mother’s Day and Memorial Day celebrations may have on overall positivity will not be known for some time. The result is that our plans for in-person gatherings at this point are TENTATIVE and depend on continued progress in reducing the risk of transmission at public gatherings.

But we are optimistic. Our TENTATIVE plans include the following:

• The Board of Directors will hold its first in-person meeting in more than a year on June 21, 2021. Appropriate distancing and mask-wearing will be required.

• All fall term classes, beginning on September 13, will be held in person with a Zoom option for those not comfortable with in-person gatherings. In-person attendees will be required to maintain a safe distance from each other and wear masks.

• While we have waived charges for courses during the past year, we will resume charging a modest fee for enrollment in each class held either in-person or via ZOOM.

• Monthly General Membership Meetings will resume in-person on August 18 at Grace United Methodist Church assuming that space is available. The ‘coffee hour’ gatherings before the meetings will be delayed until we are comfortable with their safety. A Zoom option will also be available for the general meeting, and in-person attendees, will be required to maintain a safe distance and wear protective masks.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Please bear with us as we seek to offer a full and satisfying learning experience to our members.

Tom Britton, President
Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement

P.S. Please renew your membership (page 5) for 2021-22. Dues should be paid before July 1, 2021.

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- **Happy Father's Day**
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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: _____________________________ (22W0901901) FY22 Membership Dues .............$25 x _____ = ______
Addtl. Name: ________________________ (22W0901901) (July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022)

INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022
Name: _____________________________ (22W0901904) Book Study Group .......................$0 x _____ = ______
Name: _____________________________ (22W0901905) Lunch Discussion Group ..............$0 x _____ = ______

Be sure we have your current email address. Zoom links will be emailed. 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.

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