April Speaker: Daniel F. Mahony, SIU System President

Dr. Daniel F. Mahony began his tenure as the 10th president of the Southern Illinois University System on March 1, 2020. Before coming to the SIU system, Mahony served as President of Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina from 2015 to 2020. While there, he initiated a campus-wide effort to create a strategic plan that focused the university's attention on becoming a national model for a student-centered university experience while adjusting to the changing realities of higher education.

Prior to his tenure at Winthrop, Dr. Mahony spent seven years as dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services and a professor of sport management at Kent State University in Ohio. While in this role, he developed the college's strategic plan and reorganization which led to increases in both enrollment and retention. He also spent 13 years as a faculty member and administrator at the University of Louisville where his positions included sport administration program director, department chair, associate dean, assistant provost, and associate provost. In these roles, he had a variety of responsibilities including strategic planning, student learning assessment, program review, budget management, and accreditation.

Prior to his faculty and administrative positions, Dr. Mahony worked in both public accounting and intercollegiate athletics. He earned a B.S. in accounting from Virginia Tech, an M.S. in sport management from West Virginia University, and a Ph.D. in sport management from Ohio State University. He is an active researcher in the areas of sport consumer behavior and intercollegiate athletics and has published more than 60 articles in various refereed journals, several book chapters, and one book.

Dr. Mahony has received numerous national awards for his leadership and scholarship in the areas of justice and ethics. He is the 2020 recipient of the Charles Whitcomb Service Award given by the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA) which acknowledges individuals who foster diversity and inclusion within the intercollegiate athletics community. Originally from Clinton, New Jersey, Dr. Mahony has been married for more than 25 years to wife Laura, with whom he has two children, son Gavin and daughter Elena.

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 at conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir
## 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

**April 19**

April’s book selection is

*The Botany of Desire*

by Michael Pollan

### 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, April 22**

**12:00 noon**

**Location:**

*Evergreen Park big pavilion*

Everyone bring their own lunch.

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## SILIR Session II Classes — March 15 — April 16, 2021

### Tuesday

**Joe Biden’s First One Hundred Days: The Future of the Republic; the Future of the Two Major Parties**

**Instructor:** John Foster, John Jackson and Suzanne Schmitz  
**Registration Fee:** $0.00

March 16-April 13  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom

The first 100 Days has become a marker of an administration’s success; so how is President Biden doing? We will briefly look back at the issues remaining from the Trump administration and then focus on issues before the republic such as domestic terrorism and voting and election issues. We will look at the deep division between the Trump base and the more mainstream Republic party. The division within the Democratic party between the left and the moderates and how that is playing out. We will look ahead to the 2022 election. Undoubtedly, additional issues will arise between now and then.

### Wednesday

**A Brief Look at Infectious Diseases of the Past and Present**

**Instructor:** Fran Oros  
**Registration Fee:** $0.00

March 17-April 14  
1:30 - 3:30 pm

Zoom

This course will include descriptions of microbes such as viruses and bacteria. Also included will be discussion of infectious diseases of the past such as the "black death" and smallpox. More recent disease outbreaks will also be covered; in particular I will discuss Covid-19 and the coronavirus that causes this disease. If time permits, I will also briefly discuss vaccines.
SILIR Session II Classes — March 15 — April 16, 2021 cont.

Thursday

The New Testament

Instructor:  Pastor Paul Waterman
Registration Fee: $0.00
March 18-April 15 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Great Courses Zoom

When you hear the New Testament, what comes to mind? Follow along Dr. Bart Ehrman (*The Great Courses*) and Pastor Paul Waterman (Epiphany Lutheran - Carbondale) on this five-week dive into the New Testament. This two hour class will view the *Great Courses* lectures, and end with discussion. Emphases include the context in which the New Testament was written, the four Gospels in the New Testament, the historical Jesus, the apostle Paul and his writings, and more. Bring your curiosity and questions about the New Testament and its contents.

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Washington DC in Depth

Instructor:  Gary Hartlieb
Registration Fee: $0.00
March 18-April 15 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Great Courses Zoom

Tired of being homebound? Wish to travel again? Until we can safely do so, you can tour Washington, DC landmarks from the comfort of your own home. Join Richard Kurin from the Smithsonian Museum for an in-depth look at our Capitol’s best known sites. The 15 segments will include how Washington came to be, the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and many other major visitor sites. Please join us! You don’t even need comfortable shoes.

Can’t get to the Garden; let the Garden come to you

The Missouri Botanical Garden has a virtual feature that allows you to learn about gardening, find out what goes on behind the scenes of the Garden, enjoy reflective scenes from the garden, take virtual tours, and even have a story time.

Visit  [https://discoverandshare.org/ourgardenyourhome/](https://discoverandshare.org/ourgardenyourhome/) for the link.

Volunteers Requested

The Egyptian Area Agency on Aging does an Area Plan each year to determine what seniors need to have offered in the community and then they plan funding around those things. Some of the services they have offered in the past include home delivered meals, meals at senior centers, Medicare and other insurance assistance, referrals for resources and benefits in the community, outreach to those in need such as home visits or phone calls, funds for residential repair and transportation and other services. The agency is forming focus groups to help in their planning and welcome any volunteers who would be interested. If you would like to get involved, please contact Becky Salazar at 618.985.8311, ext. 103 or email to:  [egyptianaaa@egyptianaaa.org](mailto:egyptianaaa@egyptianaaa.org).

You can also provide information by completing their survey at the following link:  [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2LBSZ5](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2LBSZ5)
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