

Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)

FEBRUARY, 2024

February 21st Meeting

- **Location:**
Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Rd.,
Carbondale
- 9:30 - Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 - Meeting and Program
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- **February Greeters:**
 - Lily Crane
 - Gary Crawford
 - Jean Crawford

President: Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

March 20, 2024

April 2024

QUESTIONS?

Email SILIR at

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February's Presenter: Judge Christy Solverson

What is the SAFE-T Act? What is Cashless bail?

You may have heard about the new "cashless" bail system in Illinois but what is it? How is it working? What else is new? Judge Christy Solverson, presiding judge of Jackson County, will explain the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today (SAFE-T) Act which became effective in 2023. The judge will report on its implementation to date in Jackson County.

Under the law, prosecutors may seek pretrial detention in certain specified cases. For example, a defendant charged with certain crimes may be detained if the court finds the person "poses a real and present threat to the safety of any person or persons or the community." If the prosecutor seeks detention, the judge then reviews the investigative report and decides whether to detain.

In discussing the new Act, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts said "(1) the Pretrial Fairness Act is historic – we are the first state to explicitly prohibit the use of money in pretrial detention decisions and (2) all eyes nationally are on Illinois." Prior to the passage of the SAFE-T Act, the Illinois Supreme Court had studied best pre-trial practices, consulted national pretrial reform experts, and heard from those affected by the Illinois pre-trial system. The SAFE-T Act provides for the training of existing staff to conduct the investigations and hearings needed to guide the decisions of whether to detain an accused. The Court has initiated state-wide training to ensure compliance with the Act. Come and learn what is going on.

BIO: Judge Christy Solverson is the presiding judge of Jackson County. If the court schedule permits, she will be joined by Judge Ralph Bloodworth, Chief Criminal Judge of the County.

Important ANNOUNCEMENT

SILIR Monthly meeting will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on February 21, 2024.

Beginning March 20, 2024 SILIR Monthly Meeting will relocate to Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

Please check out our Facebook page at
Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement
to see what we've been up to and read what's happening around town.



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Our newsletter is published online as well as in print and can be found at conferenceservices@siu.edu/silir. The online version is in color and you might enjoy seeing pictures and graphics in color, so please check out the link!

"If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Newsletter, please email them to silir@siu.edu. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!"

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 on the last Friday of the month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

The next meeting will be

Discontinued

at Epiphany Lutheran Church.
12:15-3:30 pm



CANCELLED

Monthly Book Club

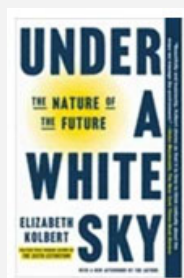
The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

February 19, 2024

January's book selection is

"Under a White Sky"

By Elizabeth Kolbert



Monthly Lunch Discussion Group

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

January 29, 2024
11:45 am

Location:
Sunny Street Café
900 E. Walnut St.
Carbondale, IL



The Membership & Publicity Team recruits new members, informs current members of activities (press releases and online announcements), handles hospitality and greeter functions at monthly meeting, and organizes annual luncheons. Team members may provide presentations if requested by local organizations. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Pam Matthews pam15river@gmail.com

Current Membership & Publicity Team members

Pam Matthews, Chair

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SILIR Spring Session II Classes

March 18, 25 and April 1, 15 & 22, 2024 (NO Class April 8, 2024)

"Hinduism Revisited"

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00

Instructor: Paul Mundschenk

Mondays from March 18- April 22, 9:30-11:30am

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Course description:

All the world's major religious traditions arose long before humankind developed the capacity to explore life, our world, and the far-flung universe with the sophisticated technological instrument we now take for granted. Even so, religions flourish because they quit butting heads with science, but continue to speak to the complex questions that arise from the human heart—questions about meaning and purpose, about the nitty-gritty of another day. This course will revisit Hinduism, minimizing its cosmology and focusing on what it says about the more compelling issues of daily human life.

March 26 and April 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2024

"A Brief History of Revolutionary America (1763-1812)"

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00

Instructor: Kay Carr

Tuesdays from March 26- April 23, 2024, 1:30-3:30pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Course description:

This course spans the period of American history from 1763-1812, covering developments in late British colonial America, through the American revolution, and into the early republic. Through informal lectures and class discussions, participants will attempt to answer the following: Why did a diverse group of British colonists join to rebel against their British overlords and, then, to form a new nation based upon democratic principles? The class will explore the motivations of the late eighteenth-century colonists, with an emphasis upon the ideological, social, political, and economic developments behind the formation of the United States of America.

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March 18, 25 and April 1, 15 & 22, 2024 (NO Class April 8, 2024)

"More Munro "

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00

Instructor: Beth Lordan

Mondays from March 18- April 22, 2024 1:30-3:30pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Course description:

We will examine Alice Munro's stories from *The Love of a Good Woman*.

March 20, 27 and April 3, 10 & 17, 2024 (NO Class April 8, 2024)

"Restoring American Statesmanship"

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00

Instructor: John Shaw

Wednesdays, from March 20- April 17, 2024 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Course description:

This course will examine the concept of statesmanship, consider it in the context of American history, and reflect on the future of statesmanship as an ethos and aspiration in the United States. Given our current affairs, it is easy to forget that statesmanship, while unusual and distinctive, has been a critical feature of American politics and history. Statesmanship sometimes occurs in generational clusters such as America's founding era, WW II, and the civil rights crusade. This suggests that statesmanship begets statesmanship—that it can be self-nourishing and perhaps even contagious. The class will explore such statesmen and stateswomen as Abraham Lincoln, George Marshall, Eleanor Roosevelt, former Illinois senators, Everett Dirksen and Paul Douglas, and Liz Cheney.

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 _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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: _____ (24M0901901)

Addtl. Name: _____

FY24 Membership Dues\$25 x _____ = _____

July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024

INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024

Name: **CANCELLED** _____ (24M0901902)

Name: _____ (24M0901904)

Name: _____ (24M0901905)

Monthly Musicals\$10 x _____ = _____

Book Study Group\$10 x _____ = _____

Lunch Discussion Group\$10 x _____ = _____

SPRING I SESSIONS

Name: _____ (24M0901923)

Name: _____ (24M0901924)

Name: _____ (24M0901925)

Name: _____ (24M0901926)

“Hinduism Revisited”:\$15 x _____ = _____

“More Munro”\$15 x _____ = _____

“A Brief History of Rev. America”\$15 x _____ = _____

“Restoring American Statesmanship”... \$15 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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