June’s Presenter: Cary Minnis

The speaker for our June 19 meeting is Cary Minnis. A lifetime resident of Southern Illinois, he’s the Executive Director of the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission.

As the Commission’s Director, Minnis probably knows more about our region than anyone else, for few roads get built, few public projects get authorized, and very few grants come into our region without the planning work and technical assistance provided by Greater Egypt’s planning and development.

Come hear what he’s done and what he’s working on now.

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.

Golden Opportunities

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 Events and Outreach 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.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Learning in Retirement is saddened to learn of the passing of long-time member Dennis Leitner on May 9.
SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Monthly Lunch Club Discussion Group

LIR Members are cordially invited to join this group which meets monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

Thursday, June 27, 2024
11:45
The Turn (restaurant) at Kokopelli Golf Course
Marion, IL

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Thursday, July 25, 2024
11:45
Don Sol
Carbondale, IL

Monthly Book Club

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

Monday, June 17, 2024
Poverty By America
by Matthew Desmond

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Monday, July 15, 2024
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

OnTheRoad with LIR

HAMILTON at the Fabulous Fox Theatre

Join us for a five-star day trip to see the revolutionary musical that won 11 Tony awards, the Pulitzer Prize, & a special citation from the Kennedy Center Honors!

Thursday, August 29
Board at Epiphany 8:15 a.m. Home at 6:30 p.m.
30 seats @ $185
including bus and show ticket

Buy-your-own lunch and meet at the common table at the international Food Hall, City Foundry STL, worthy of an architectural tour and ranked 4th in the nation in a 2023 USA Today poll. $10-20.
Choose from Argentine, Creole, Hawaiian, Indian, Asian Fusion, gourmet burgers, grilled cheese or pizza, Yucatecan, Middle Eastern, Afro-Caribbean & more!

Register by June 25! Call 618-536-7751
Payment by credit card is strongly preferred.
And please remember, NO REFUNDS

General Announcements

- We will not publish a newsletter in July; the next newsletter will be published in August.
- LIR will not be offering classes this Summer. Fall classes will begin in September and their content, location, and times will be reported in the August newsletter.

Time to renew your membership

Membership in SILIR runs from July 1 to June 30 the following year. Sign up now for the benefits of membership: classes, speakers, interest groups, and access to trips.

Membership dues are $25 and can be paid by completing the registration form on the back page of the newsletter. Submit a check payable to SIU at:

Events and Outreach
Anthony Hall – Mail Code 6705
Carbondale, IL 62901

Or pay or with your credit card by calling Events and Outreach at (618) 536-7751.
**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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**NEW MEMBERS:** How did you hear about us?  
☐ Friend  ☐ Newspaper  ☐ Social Media/Online  ☐ Radio/TV

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**If you are registering more than yourself for a class/trip, please list the name(s) of the SILIR member you are registering.**

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**INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025**

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**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.

**Please submit a check payable to “SIU Carbondale” or credit card information below.**

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