

Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)

MARCH, 2024

March's Presenter: Gary Williams

March 20 Meeting

- **Location:**
Epiphany Lutheran-
Church
West Chautauqua Rd.,
Carbondale
- 9:30 - Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 - Meeting and
Program

March Greeters:

- Pat Racana
- Sandy Lambert
- Roxanne Schaal

President: Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

March 20, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024
July - No Meeting

QUESTIONS?

Email SILIR at
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or call
618/536-7751



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Gary Williams has been Carbondale's City Manager since 2015 and has been with the City since 2011. He earned his Bachelors and MPA degrees from SIU, is a graduate of the Delta Leadership Institute, and is currently pursuing a certificate in Public Works Management from the University of Wisconsin. He currently serves on statewide committees including the Illinois City Managers Association's DEI Committee and the Illinois Municipal League's Municipal Managers Committee. When he's not working, he spends as much time as possible with his wife and two daughters exploring the great outdoors of southern Illinois.

Ukraine: report from the scene

Wed. March 6, 10:30-11:15 am, Epiphany Lutheran

Cindy Buys will share her impressions of the situation in Ukraine, from the scene, just over the holidays, her second visit there.

This is a special program, so please note the date and time and location at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W Chautauqua St, Carbondale.

Because there are no commercial flights into Ukraine, Cindy flew into Warsaw and was bussed into Ukraine to attend a conference of international lawyer/scholars. She will share her impressions of the situation in Ukraine and Poland. Cindy is a Professor of International Law at SIU School of Law.

Feel free to bring your own refreshment.



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in Retirement**

Visit the SI Learning in Retirement
web page at:

conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir

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.

March 18, 2024

March's book selection is

"Four Winds"
By
Kristin Hannah



Monthly Lunch Discussion Group

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

March 28, 2024
11:45 am

Location:
Montgomery's Place
131S. Division St
Carterville, IL



Important ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

Important ANNOUNCEMENT

SILIR is looking for someone to Chair our Travel Committee.
Please contact Gary Hartlieb if interest in serving as chair.

Community Events

April 5-8 Eclipse Crossroads Festival- see attached flyer for dates and time

Imagine being in the perfect place for an astronomical wonder...again! Southern Illinois University Carbondale is located at the intersection of the 2017 and 2024 total solar eclipse paths of totality where you can experience this twice in a lifetime awe-inspiring event on April 8, 2024.

While the entire country will see a partial solar eclipse, you must be in the narrow path of totality that sweeps across Southern Illinois to experience the unique features of a total solar eclipse. Only at this time and in the right location can you witness the sky darken as if it was night as the Moon blocks out all direct sunlight and the solar corona, the atmosphere of the Sun, reveals itself. In witnessing this event for the first time, people are often overcome with emotion and awe as the air cools, planets are visible, and an incredible 360 degree sunset is visible as the shadow of the Moon is cast on the earth.

On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse path stretched across the entire United States, reaching its point of greatest duration (GD) a few miles south of Carbondale. This region in southern Illinois is not only in the path of the 2017 eclipse, but also the 2024 eclipse, making it a unique location for being able to perform observations of both eclipses from the same location.

Carbondale is on the center-line of the path of totality and will see 4 minutes and 9 seconds of totality for eclipse 2024, nearly double what was seen in 2017. The two eclipse paths form an intersection just south of the SIU campus around Cedar Lake

Community Events

April 27 SIU Civil Service Council—Flea Market SIU Arena Parking Lot.

All registration fees collected from vendor registration are given to Civil Service employee dependent for scholarships.

(Rain date is April 28)



2024 Southern Illinois Crossroads Eclipse Festival Events

Into the Darkness: Celebrating the Eclipse with Music

Concert with local schools premiering
eclipse inspired piece.

Shryock Auditorium

Friday, April 5

Crossroads Eclipse Research Workshop

Engage in research opportunities
and presentations.

Multiple campus venues

Friday, April 5 – Monday, April 8

Saluki Con Presents Eclipse Con

Comic Con with special guests, vendors, panels and more!

Student Center

Saturday, April 6 - Sunday, April 7

Eclipse Eve Live: Sky Observers Hangout

Live podcast and star-viewing event with
Michelle Nichols, Adler Planetarium.

Shryock Auditorium (outside)

Sunday, April 7

Carbondale Eclipse Concert

Checkout downtown Carbondale for
an evening full of celestial connection
through rhythm and dance.

Washington/E. Main St.

Sunday, April 7

Crossroads Astronomy Science and Technology Expo

Activities, exhibits,
demonstrations, presentations.

Banterra Center

Sunday, April 7 - Monday, April 8

Crossroads Art and Craft Fair

Arts, crafts, eclipse items.

North of the Banterra Center

Sunday, April 7 - Monday, April 8

Eclipse Day at Saluki Stadium

Guided eclipse viewing event.
Tickets available at 877/725-8547
or on eclipse.siu.edu.

Saluki Stadium

Monday, April 8

Other weekend events:

Chalk-Eclipse – Friday, April 5

Run from the Sun 5K – Saturday April 6

Carbondale Spring FEST – Saturday, April 6 – Sunday, April 7

StraightUp Solar Campus and Community Area - April 8

For a full list of all events - visit

eclipse.siu.edu



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.

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

"More Monro "

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*.

SILIR Spring Session Classes

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.

March 28- Trip

Adventure through the History of Williamson County - A Visit to Marion's Historical Museum

Thursday, March 28, 10 a.m. - noon.

Registration Fee: FREE

**Meet at 9:30 to carpool from Epiphany Lutheran Church
West Chautauqua St, west parking area.**

Join us for a tour of the Williamson County History Society Museum and Genealogy Library at 105 S. Van Buren Street in Marion. This former jail and Sheriff's residence is a sprawling brick structure built in 1913, just a block off the main square in downtown Marion. Our tour guide has a vast knowledge of the area and will tell us stories while showing us around the premises.

There will be no cost for the tour, but feel free to leave a donation to help support the Museum's work.

For those who want to stay in Marion for lunch, we'll convene at the old bank building, now a restaurant, called The Vault (on the square).

Register by calling SIU Events & Outreach, 618-536-7751.

For questions, call Pam Matthews, 618-490-1161, pam15river@gmail.com.

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 _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street _____

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

Name: **CANCELLED** _____ (24M0901902)
Name: _____ (24M0901904)
Name: _____ (24M0901905)

INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024
Monthly Musicals\$10 x _____ = _____
Book Study Group\$10 x _____ = _____
Lunch Discussion Group\$10 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (24M0901923)
Name: _____ (24M0901924)
Name: _____ (24M0901925)
Name: _____ (24M0901926)
Name: _____ (24M0901927)

SPRING I SESSIONS
“Hinduism Revisited”:\$15 x _____ = _____
“More Munro”\$15 x _____ = _____
“A Brief History of Rev. America”\$15 x _____ = _____
“Restoring American Statesmanship”... \$ 15 x _____ = _____
“Adventure through the History of Williamson County” .. FREE

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.

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

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**or call Registration at 618-536-7751 to
register with your credit card.**

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