

Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)

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November Presenter Brent Pease

October 20 Meeting

- **Location:**
Epiphany Lutheran Church
West Chautauqua Rd.,
Carbondale
- 9:30 - Coffee & Conversation
- 10:30 - Meeting & Program

November Greeters:

- Diana Andrews
- Gina Paul
- Kitty Treascott

President:

Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

November 20, 2024
December - No Meeting
January 15, 2025
February 19, 2025

January Speaker:

Sandy Pensoneau-Conway

Subject:

Gender Pronouns

QUESTIONS?

OR SUGGESTIONS

Email SILIR at
silir@siu.edu

Using Sound to Study Wildlife Ecology



Brent has used citizen-science efforts to listen in on nature before, during, and after the recent solar eclipse. In addition to the Eclipse Soundscapes Project, he also runs the Sounds of Nature project, a citizen-science project aimed at understanding changes in biodiversity over time by studying landscapes.

Brent is very enthusiastic about his work and will offer new perspectives on nature to his audience. He is also a strong supporter of citizen-science and is a great resource for those desiring opportunities to be part of science.

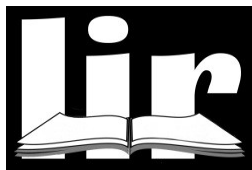
Dr. Pease is an assistant professor in the forestry program at Southern Illinois University. His research interests include wildlife ecology, participatory science, and university education in natural resources. A native of Southern Illinois, Brent returned to the region with his wife and two kids.

A Good Year

2024 has been an excellent year for Learning in Retirement, with a number of well-attended classes and a series of entertaining and informative speakers at our monthly meetings. And, as the year moves toward its end, may we offer you the happiest and most congenial of holiday seasons.

As in past years, we will not hold a monthly meeting in December, nor will we be publishing a newsletter during the month. The next newsletter, in January, will contain a list of upcoming Session I classes for 2025. As always, if you have an idea for a class or wish to suggest a possible speaker for one of our general meetings, please pass on your thoughts to Curriculum Chair Roland Person. Roland's email is rpers@siu.edu.

In the meantime, enjoy the holidays and may you look forward to a grand Christmas and a wonderful 2025.



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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.

SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Monthly Lunch Club Discussion Group

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

November 21 – 11:30 – Thursday
Montgomery's

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.

November 18
The River We Remember
By William Kent Krueger

December 16
*A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux
Klan's Plot to Take over America and the
Woman Who Stopped Them*
By Timothy Egan

Travel Committee Looking for Help

LIR's Travel Committee is looking for new members. If you're interested in helping create or plan new trip offerings, contact Linda Helstern at linda.helstern@gmail.com.

SILIR Fall Session II Classes

Monday, November 11

Cost: \$5.00

9:30 to 11:30

Ken and Carolyn Loving will present a two-hour, **single-session** travelogue
Epiphany Lutheran Church

30,000 Miles by Sea

Learning in Retirement members Ken and Carolyn spent 10 years living on sailboats and cruising around the world. On Paws, their second cruising boat, they cruised for 8 years, sailed 30,000 nautical miles, spent 220 nights at sea, got up

Thursday, November 14

Cost: \$5.00

9:30 to 11:30

Gary Hartlieb will present **single-session** course
Epiphany Lutheran Church
Materials Needed: None

Welcome to Apple's iOS 18 and AI

Apple has just released its newest operating system, iOS 18! Join us for an in-depth look at the new features in this update, including cutting-edge Apple Intelligence enhancements. No prior materials are required. Secure your spot for this exciting class today!

Monday, December 2

Cost: \$5.00

1 to 3 p.m.

JakTichenor will make a two-hour **single-session** presentation on the 1925 tornado that nearly leveled the town of Murphysboro.

Epiphany Lutheran Church

The Tri-State Tornado

Jak, long-time producer and host of WSIU-TV's "Illinois Lawmakers," will discuss the tornado that roared across Missouri, Illinois and Indiana – one of the worst in the nation's history, in a two-hour presentation.

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: _____ (25M0901901)

Addtl. Name: _____

FY25 Membership Dues\$25 x _____ = _____
July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025

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

Name: _____ (25M0901904)

Name: _____ (25M0901905)

Name: _____ (25M0901916)

Name: _____ (25M0901917)

Name: _____ (25M0901918)

Book Study Group\$10 x _____ = _____

Lunch Discussion Group\$10 x _____ = _____

30,000 Miles by Sea\$5x _____ = _____

The Tri- State Tornado\$5x _____ = _____

Welcome iOS and AI\$5x _____ = _____

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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