Soldiers Among Us Committee, Office of the Provost, SIU  
Spring 2015 Events

Wednesday March 25, 6:00 -7:30, Carbondale Public Library  
A Soldier among Us: A Reading Discussion

Convener & facilitator: Paul Copeland, Director, SIU Veteran Services.
Readings discussed will be publicized in advance so participants can study them. The event will start with a panel followed by open discussion.

Readings
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/09/opinion/sunday/after-war-a-failure-of-the-imagination.html?_r=1


Friday March 27, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, COMM Bldg Room 1032.  
Redeployment: Performances and Reflections by Vet Artist & Scholars about Re-Entry into Civilian Life

Facilitator: Chris Parr, MCMA staff member, former Air Force Reserve Mental Health Counselor.

Presenters:
* Jonathan Mabee: Vet, filmmaker, and MCMA MFA student will screen Missing Silence* and read selected portion of film script in production, entitled – Please Hold  
* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbHM28s1UJA

Jon writes: “The majority of my work has focused on our society’s lack of acknowledgement, empathy, and resources for our veterans - among other things.”

* Carlye Schweske: Doctoral student, Communication & Performance Studies, will share performance pieces emerging from her research on experiences of SIU student-vets.

* Joseph Stanfill: Student-Vet from USC currently completing social work internship at Marion VA. Will share work and selected readings from the creative writing initiative of the Military Experience and the Arts Project [www.militaryexperience.org]

Discussant: Paul Copeland, Coordinator, SIU Veteran Services.
Monday March 30, 4:00 – 5:30, COMM Bldg 1032*

On Sexual Assault in the Military

Screening of selected portions of *The Invisible War* (2012 by Kirby Dick & Amy Ziering) followed by panel and open discussion. Winner of Peabody & Emmy awards, this Oscar nominated documentary film focused on how the US military handles sexual assault among its ranks.

Convener: Peter Lemish (Journalism, Imagining Geographies)*

Facilitator: Hassan Pitts, Visiting Filmmaker, Big Muddy Film Festival.

Discussants: Matt Gooding, Army ROTC Professor of Military Studies, SIU.

Carlye Schweske, Doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies.

Joseph Stanfill: Student-Vet from USC currently completing social work internship at Marion VA. Will share experiences of working on sexual assault policies during period prior to and after *The Invisible War* was screened.

A collaboration of *Soldiers Among Us Committee* - Office of the Provost, Big Muddy Film Festival, Carbondale Human Relations Commission (TBD), Imagining Geographies.

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