
Series on state politics, government starts Feb. 14

"Timely Talk About Timeless Topics," a three-session educational series examining topics related to Illinois government and political figures, will begin Feb. 14.

Sponsored by the UIS Alumni SAGE Society, the Illinois State Historical Society and the UIS Chancellor's Office, the series will include an evening lecture and two lunch-time programs.

The series will begin Monday, Feb. 14, with "Ronald Reagan: The Foundations of a World Leader" at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 700 S. Sixth St. Brian Sajko, founding curator of the Ronald Reagan Museum at Eureka College, will give a presentation on the core life values President Reagan experienced during his years as a Eureka College student. Suggested donation is \$5.

The second program in the series, on Wednesday, March 9, will focus on "Springfield's State Capitol Buildings." Wally Henderson, architect for the firm that restored and renovated the Old State Capitol, will share insider information about what was considered an impossible project. Mark Sorensen, recently retired from the Illinois State Archives and currently president of the Illinois State Historical Society, will make an illustrated presentation about the current Statehouse and its recent renovations. Bill Furry, UIS graduate and executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society, will be the moderator.

The final program in the series, on Wednesday, April 20, will focus on "The American People, the Government, and the Public Trust." Former UIS chancellor and political scientist Naomi Lynn will moderate a discussion about American political institutions with former Gov. Jim Edgar and Mike Lawrence. Edgar is distinguished fellow with the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. Lawrence is recently retired as the director of the Paul Simon Institute for Public Policy at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

The luncheon programs begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Public Affairs Center Conference Rooms C/D with presentations from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is \$20 per person, or \$35 per person for both luncheons if reservations are made by March 2. The programs are free, although those wishing to attend only the presentations are asked to pre-register.

Visit www.uiaa.org/uis for more information and online registration. Additional information is available at alumni@uis.edu or by calling 206-7395.
