



New SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng.
Photo: Courtesy of University Communications.

Coming Up on *Morning Conversations*

On *Morning Conversations*, host **Jennifer Fuller** speaks with SIU administrators to bring the 2009-2010 academic year to a close.

June 1: Representatives of the **Friends of Bald Knob Cross** will be in to talk about their fundraising efforts and upcoming events.

June 2: We'll preview *Taiwan Sublime*, a collaborative artistic endeavor between **Carbondale Community Arts** and **Carbondale Sister Cities**.

June 8: SIUC Chancellor **Rita Cheng** will make her first visit to WSIU Radio to discuss her first week on the job.

June 28: SIUC President **Glenn Poshard** will be in for his monthly interview.

Morning Conversations airs at **8:30am on Tuesdays** and other weekdays, as scheduled.

If you miss the live broadcasts, tune in to our podcasts at www.wsiu.org and follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter!**

Be a Part of Our Community Support Celebration

Join WSIU Radio for our **Community Support Celebration**, coming June 23-30. Help WSIU end this fiscal year on solid financial footing with your support!

WSIU is home to local favorites such as *Morning Conversations* and *Reading*

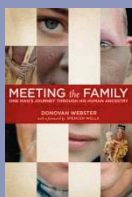
Baseball, and national NPR programs like *Morning Edition*, *Fresh Air*, *Car Talk*, *Wha'd Ya Know?*, and *A Prairie Home Companion!* Listener support is what makes all of these programs possible.

For more than 50 years WSIU Radio has been a steadfast part of our

community. Your financial help during this upcoming Community Support Celebration will ensure that WSIU remains strong for years to come.

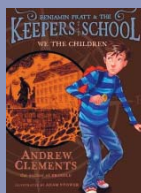
Remember...WSIU Radio is Powered by You!

In the Author's Voice at WSIU.org



In June, author Donovan Webster discusses his book *Meeting the Family: One Man's Journey Through His Human Ancestry*. Webster talks about his experience with *National Geographic's* Genographic Project.

Author Andrew Clements talks about his new children's book series: *Benjamin Pratt & The Keepers of the School*.



Writer Dwayne Raymond talks about his latest book: *Mornings With Mailer: A Recollection of Friendship*. Raymond describes his friendship and working relationship with Norman Mailer.

Click [here](#) to learn more about these authors!

Sounds Like Radio on WSIU



Are you an early riser? On the road to work before the crack of dawn? Then you might be acquainted with our newest program on the block, *Sounds Like Radio*, airing **Sundays from 3-5am**.

Hosted by **Dave Armstrong** (the man being attacked by microphones in the adjacent photo), the two-hour experimental music and sound art series brings a whole new perspective to, and an appreciation of, the sounds that surround us.



Photo: Rachel Snow.

We'd love your feedback on the show. Email us with your comments at wsiuradio@wsiu.org!

SIRIS Volunteer Profile: Darla Loftus

Meet **Darla Loftus**, assistant to the University Archivist in the Special Collections Research Center at Morris Library and a SIRIS volunteer reader. Loftus has worked in Special Collections for 23 years and handles out-dated University records and history questions.

Originally from Willisville, Illinois, Loftus was raised by her grandparents and came to **Southern Illinois University** as a first-generation college student. As the first in her family to graduate from college, she understands the importance of having access to a variety of educational resources.

Loftus became involved with the **Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)** three years ago after recording a voiceover as part of a promotional campaign for the new library. Loftus found that she really enjoyed recording and wanted to use her newfound skill to give back to the community.

A friend recommended that Loftus volunteer at SIUC as a SIRIS reader and for the past year, Loftus has been doing just that.

"I think it's important for me to volunteer – it's a way for me to give back," Loftus says. "My grandmother lost her sight to diabetes towards the end of her life and when I was born premature, doctors thought that I might have vision issues, as well." Loftus explains that at the time of her birth, many premature babies suffered severe visual impairment or lost their eyesight completely due to an over-exposure to oxygen in incubators, which damaged the optic nerve.

Loftus says her close relationship with a loved one who suffered vision loss, and being very near to losing her own sight, has given her an insider's understanding of the importance of the services SIRIS provides. "The most fulfilling part of being a SIRIS volunteer is providing individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or print-disabled with a much-needed service," she says.

In the future, Loftus would like to see more publicity in the community about SIRIS and it's role as a vital educational resource in our region.

Naturally, Loftus is a WSIU fan, in particular of music and historical programs. "I love [the local student-produced program] *Studio A Presents*.



Darla Loftus. Photo: Hannah Rummel.

It's my favorite on WSIU-TV. I also like historical programs, especially those about people who have lived, worked, or gone to school in Southern Illinois."

When Loftus is not volunteering, she enjoys traveling with her husband, working in her yard, spoiling her cat, or singing karaoke. She has a particular fondness for country music and loves to sing Patsy Cline songs.

"I think that everyone involved with SIRIS is doing a beautiful job," Loftus shares. "It's a worthwhile and necessary service, and we need it."

Learn how you can give back to your community as a SIRIS volunteer by calling **(618) 453-2808** or clicking on the SIRIS tab at wsiu.org.

SIRIS Classic Vinyl and Media Sale • Coming September 11



A young vinyl fan digs through albums in the children's section at the 2009 Classic Vinyl and Media Sale. Photo: Rachel Snow.

Are you cleaning out your closets or attic this summer? Would you like to contribute to a good cause that makes a difference in people's lives? Donate your old vinyl records, DVDs,

CDs, cassette or VHS tapes, and gently used stereo equipment to the **SIRIS Classic Vinyl & Media Sale** to benefit **WSIU Radio's Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)**.

This year's sale will be held at the **University Mall** in Carbondale on **Saturday, September 11** from **8am to 7pm**. Look for us next to Hot Topic! Beginning **Monday, July 12**, you can drop off your donations at the table near the **Information Desk** in the central corridor at the University Mall.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this annual fundraiser. To learn how you can help, contact **Vickie**

Devenport at **(618) 453-6148** or **vickie.devenport@wsiu.org**.

Vintage vinyl fans helped break a record at last year's sale by raising nearly \$8,000 to support SIRIS.



On the hunt for classic rock. Photo: Rachel Snow.

Help us break the record again at this year's sale!

Underwriter Profile: F-W-S Solid Surface Specialist

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F-W-S Solid Surface Specialist (also known as F-W-S Countertops) has been serving the tri-state region since 1978. F-W-S fabricates and installs granite, quartz, solid surface, and butcher block countertops for homes and businesses. Their 29,000 square foot production facility is located in Carbondale.

According to **Alan Kuczynski**, President, and **Brian Schaffner**, Project Manager, most people don't realize that their local production facility allows them to turn jobs around rapidly, and that the process of fabricating countertops creates "leftover" materials that are stored in the shop for instant access to customers needing smaller countertops. This large stock of ready remnants is offered at a discount.

F-W-S has helped to underwrite news and weekend entertainment programs on WSIU Radio since 2008. Al and Brian feel that F-W-S has much

in common with WSIU. "WSIU is our local public radio source and we are a local business. We decided to become underwriters because WSIU helps us reach a great group of listeners. WSIU Radio listeners are well-educated and successful, and they also are really nice people who tend to be active in the community."

"We would recommend program underwriting to other businesses as money well-spent. We have enjoyed many new customer relationships thanks to our partnership with WSIU."

They also believe that it is vital to support public radio.

"We rely on WSIU, and if you don't support your local public radio station, it goes away. It's just like any other local business...if you want to have services available to you, you have to be involved. You build your community the way you want it to be."



Al has been listening to public radio daily since his college years and reports that "I gain something from it every time I listen...and I actively listen. I admittedly am an NPR News junkie, and my Saturdays and Sundays are all WSIU, all day." Brian also enjoys the weekends, declaring "What's the best thing about WSIU Radio? One word - humor!"

For more information about F-W-S Countertops, visit online at www.f-w-s.net or call **(618) 457-2326**. The production facility and sample showroom are located at 610 N. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale.

Thank You, Underwriters!

Please join us in thanking the underwriters who recently began, renewed, or expanded their partnerships to make public radio possible:

Century Assisted Living

Clifford L. Coleman, M.D.

Gator Automotive

Mathis, Marifian, & Richter, Ltd.

**SIU School of Music,
Southern Illinois Music Festival**

**SIU School of Music,
Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra**

**SIU Theater Department,
McLeod Summer Playhouse**

For a complete list of WSIU underwriters and information about underwriting WSIU programming, visit us online at www.wsiu.org or call **(618) 453-4286**.

Become a WSIU Radio Volunteer!

Looking for hands-on experience in the broadcasting industry?

WSIU Radio has a variety of student and community volunteer opportunities available. Support WSIU, meet others who share your passion for public broadcasting, and get training and gain new skills! Volunteering also can lead to **paid student work positions** for full time SIUC students.



Opportunities include:

- **Volunteer Board Operator**
- **Operations Assistant**
- **Production Assistant**
- **Library Assistant**
- **Reader** for the Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)
- **Answering phones** during Community Support Drives

For more information about how to get involved at WSIU Radio, contact **Lisa Morrisette** at **(618) 453-6185** or lisa.morrisette@wsiu.org.

Celtic Connections

Sat, 3pm • Sun, 6pm



June 5 • New Releases

What's new in the world of Celtic music? Your host, Bryan Kelso Crow, will give you the best roundup of new releases available on this week's show.

June 12 • Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part

Inspired by the jig "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part," we explore songs of joyous meetings and sorrowful partings on this week's programs.

June 19 • Best of 1980

This continuing series looks back on some of the best Celtic releases of the last 30 years. This episode takes us back to 1980, a rich year for Irish, Scottish, and English folk and traditional releases.

June 26 • Summer Festival Preview

This week we survey tracks by bands and performers who are on this year's summer festival circuit in Ireland and North America.



"I think people should support public radio because it's a media source that doesn't 'spin'."

- Laura Borger, Carbondale, Illinois

I started listening to NPR when I was 16 working at Hundley House in Carbondale. It was always just "background" back then, but it became a Pavlovian cue at four when *All Things Considered* came on; I always knew it was almost time to go home when I heard that jingle. Twenty years later I still get happy and thrilled when I hear *All Things Considered* come on, not only because it means it's the end of the work day, but because I know I'm about to get good information on my way home.

I think people should support public radio because it's a media source that doesn't "spin". I feel it's important to have public radio in our region because there isn't any other media source that is going to give 20 minutes to a single story. **I'm Laura Borger from Carbondale and WSIU is powered by me.**

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Local Winners
Coming to
WSIU Radio!

Coming later this summer...honorees in this year's **PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest** will come to the WSIU Radio studio to read their top-winning stories.

Stay tuned to 91.9 FM/HD, 90.3 FM, and 88.9 FM for updates on the broadcast schedule for these special stories featuring our region's budding young authors!

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