



## New Programs on WSIU Radio

Due to circumstances beyond its control, National Public Radio (NPR) is no longer producing the series **Justice Talking**. Although we regret the loss of **Justice Talking** from our programming lineup, we're excited about two new programs now airing on WSIU Radio, which offer thought-provoking content and will inspire your spirit of adventure.

Now airing in place of **Justice Talking** on **Sundays at 6am** is **The State We're In**, a free magazine-style public affairs program covering the state of human rights around the world.

Produced by Radio Netherlands and WAMU on the campus of American University in Washington, DC, the one-hour program explores human rights issues from a broad perspective and tells stories that illuminate both human tragedies and successes around the world. Find out more at [www.thestatewerein.com](http://www.thestatewerein.com).

We're also pleased to announce the addition of another free series, **Travel With Rick Steves**, now airing **Sundays at 3pm**. A renowned travel expert, Steves mixes guest interviews with lively conversation



*Rick Steves on location in Corinth, Greece.  
Photo: Europe Through the Back Door.*

between callers and experts to help you explore the world smartly, smoothly, and thoughtfully. For more information about **Travel With Rick Steves** and for travel tips, go online at [www.ricksteves.com](http://www.ricksteves.com).



*Enda Scahill and Manus McGuire of the Brock-McGuire Band.  
Photo: James Milner.*

## Coming Up on Celtic Connections

*Connections* features the best in traditional and contemporary Celtic music. Coming up this summer:

### July

- 7/5 • New Releases
- 7/12 • Lisdoonvarna
- 7/19 • Fresh from Scotland
- 7/26 • She Moved Through the Fair

### August

- 8/2 • New Releases
- 8/9 • English Folk
- 8/16 • A Visit with Len Graham
- 8/23 • Songs of the Civil War
- 8/30 • Celtic Music 101

### September

- 9/6 • New Releases
- 9/13 • **Brock McGuire Band in Concert** (see description at right)
- 9/20 • The Homes of Donegal
- 9/27 • Old Favorites

### Celtic Connections Special: The Brock-McGuire Band Sat, Sept 13 • 5pm

Hailing from Ireland, the **Brock-McGuire Band** features **Paul Brock** on melodeon and accordion, **Manus McGuire** on fiddle, **Enda Scahill** on banjo, and **Denis Carey** on piano. The quartet was recorded in concert in WSIU's TV Studio A in February 2008. You can learn more about the band online at [www.brockmcguire.com](http://www.brockmcguire.com).

For additional information about *Celtic Connections*, visit [www.celticconnectionsradio.org](http://www.celticconnectionsradio.org).

Questions or music requests should be directed to host Brian Kelso Crow at [bcrow@siu.edu](mailto:bcrow@siu.edu) or **(618) 453-1884**.

## Celtic Connections

Sat, 3pm • Sun, 6pm (repeat)

**Celtic Connections** was created in 1991 by musician **Bryan Kelso Crow**, currently an associate professor in Speech Communications and guest lecturer in Irish Studies at SIUC. Crow also performs with the local band *The Dorians*.

Now syndicated to over 110 stations nationwide, *Celtic*

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Neil Claussen

Meet WSIU Radio volunteer **Neil Claussen**, a former elementary school educator/administrator from Bethalto, Illinois. Claussen recently was awarded the 2008 SIRIS Volunteer of the Year Award.

After relocating to southern Illinois, Claussen worked part-time as the education director for both Murdale Baptist and Grace Methodist churches in Carbondale. Now retired, Claussen remains active in the community through volunteer activities with several organizations, including WSIU Radio.

Claussen first got involved with WSIU Radio after attending a yard sale for the **Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)**, a radio reading service for individuals who are blind or whose physical condition

prevents them from reading. Impressed with SIRIS's services, Claussen has been volunteering there for over two years. "I have always enjoyed reading out loud," shares Claussen. "I used to read to my children long after they could read to themselves. I thought being a SIRIS reader was something I could do to help. Our purpose in life is to serve, and this is just one of many avenues we can pursue in order to do that."

When Claussen is not reading for SIRIS, he volunteers his time with Williamson County CASA, where he has represented abused and neglected children in the court system for over seven years. "It just gives you a really good feeling to be able to help people when they need it most," says Claussen.



Volunteer Neil Claussen (r) and SIRIS director Vickie Devenport. Photo: Tim Damian.

When not busy volunteering, Claussen enjoys photography and birding. He also listens to the morning and evening editions of *Talk Time*, *Car Talk*, and *Whad'Ya Know?*

Claussen has two children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and just celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary.

## Read Local News Stories Online

**Have you ever listened to a news story, missed a detail, and wished you could re-play the information?** Well, now you can! WSIU Public Radio listeners can now read local news stories online at [wsiu.org](http://wsiu.org). It's all part of our **Local News Initiative**. Our goal is to provide local news and information to you through a variety of channels, which enables you to access news programming when and where it's convenient for you.

Last fall WSIU Radio began podcasting several local programs such as *Morning Conversations*, *Reading Baseball*, and *Radio Voices*. Earlier this year we also added the *WSIU News Update* consisting of two local, daily news podcasts. Now we're adding individual local news copy to [wsiu.org](http://wsiu.org).

In addition to being able to reference local WSIU Radio news content, you also will be able to read the latest news stories from Reuters, as well as a variety of arts, science, and entertainment news from around the world.

Check out WSIU Radio's latest local news initiative online at [wsiu.org](http://wsiu.org). Just click on Radio and explore!

## Welcome, New Underwriters!

Program underwriting is an important part of the community support equation. Together, our members and underwriters make public radio possible! Please join us in thanking the following underwriters, who began or renewed their partnerships last quarter:

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For more information about the advantages of underwriting WSIU Radio programming through your business, group, or organization, please contact us at **(618) 453-6196**.

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