



The Governing Board of the Sirico Scholars' Workshop is pleased to announce the 2026 Sirico Scholars' Workshop to be held at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, July 10–13, 2026

Do you have an article in progress that you would like to publish in the August publication cycle? Are you a new scholar looking to build a scholarship community? Are you an experienced scholar looking to workshop a work in progress? If your answer to any of these questions is “yes,” then the Sirico Scholars' Workshop is for you!

What is the Sirico Scholars' Workshop?

The Sirico Scholars' Workshop provides an opportunity for both new and experienced legal writing scholars to gather in small groups for shared critiques and support for each other's works in progress. Each participant should have a draft that, while not yet completed, is at a stage of development where other scholars can review it and provide constructive feedback.

What can you expect from participating?

The Sirico Scholars' Workshop Governing Board will select twelve scholars for Workshop participation. The Governing Board will form synergistic groups of three scholars, led by an experienced scholar mentor. Each small-group member is expected to read the other group members' work and provide constructive feedback, and the scholar mentor will read each member's work and provide constructive written feedback. Each day, the small groups will gather for at least one session where the focus will be one

group member's work in progress. The Workshop includes a daily large-group session on broader topics such as the publication process generally, making time to write, and using research assistants and librarians effectively. All meals are included. Most importantly, scholars will have significant blocks of time to work independently, without interruption, to complete their article. The draft schedule is included below for your frame of reference.

When? Where? What else?

The workshop will occur at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota (about 75 minutes by car from downtown Minneapolis), July 10–13, 2026. The site is in a small college town in a beautiful natural setting; affiliated with a monastery, the St. John's grounds provide an amazing spot for contemplation and work. The Workshop leads up to the LWI Biennial Conference, which occurs the following week in Minneapolis. The Governing Board selected this date to allow scholars sufficient time to develop their articles before the Workshop while leaving a sufficient window for final revisions before the August submission cycle. The proximity to Minneapolis also allows participants an easy transition from the Workshop to the LWI Biennial Conference.

The registration fee for each participant is \$425, which includes lodging, meals (with vegan and GF options), and transportation to/from Minneapolis or MSP airport. Each participant must pay for their own round-trip transportation costs to Minneapolis.

Praise for the Sirico Scholars' Workshop

[Sirico Scholars] was one of the most pivotal events of my legal writing career. Ruth Anne Robbins

"I was able to turn 10k words into 20k over the course of the workshop and began submitting it immediately after the conclusion." Ashley Krenelka Chase



“The article was my ‘major opus’ for my tenure application. . . . [It] completed my successful tenure package.” Gail Stephenson

“We got great suggestions about the substance of the article, and we also got very practical suggestions about shopping it. We left understanding so much more about what our goals were and how to achieve them.”

Laura Graham

If you have a current research project that would benefit from a supportive group review and critique, please consider participating in this Workshop. Let’s make your article the next success story!

Apply now!

The Workshop is named in honor of one of its biggest supporters and super-facilitator, the late Lou Sirico. To apply for a spot in this outstanding program, please fill out the application form [here](#). Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning March 15 and ending May 7. We will notify participants shortly after their submission. While all scholars, established and emerging, are encouraged to apply, if we have more applications than spaces available, preference will be given to emerging scholars.

Elizabeth Berenguer, Kristin Gerdy, and Brian Larson
Co-Chairs of the Sirico Scholars Workshop Governing Board



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SIRICO SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP

JULY 10–13, 2026, ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, COLLEGEVILLE MN

FRIDAY, JULY 10

4:00-5:30: Arrive at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.

5:30-6:30: Brief introductions where everyone introduces project topics; preview of retreat activities

6:30: Group Dinner (location TBD)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

7:45-9:30

- Breakfast in Refectory
- Morning small group session in Great Hall classroom

9:30-11:45: Writing on your own/group writing option

11:45-1:15

- Lunch in Refectory
- Round Table Discussion (best practices for maintaining scholarly agenda: finding time to write, process considerations) in Great Hall meeting room

1:15-2:45: Afternoon small group session in Great Hall classroom

2:45-6:30: Writing on your own/group writing option

6:30-8:30: Dinner (location TBD)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:45-9:30:

- Breakfast in Refectory
- Morning small group session in Great Hall classroom

9:30-11:45: Writing on your own/group writing option

11:45-1:15:

- Lunch in Refectory
- Round Table Discussion (the publication process and considerations for article placement)

1:15–3:30: Afternoon small group session in Great Hall classroom

3:30-6:00: Writing on your own/group writing option

6:00-8:30: Farewell Dinner (BBQ on St. John's grounds (tentative and weather permitting))

MONDAY, JULY 13

8:00-9:30:

- Breakfast in Refectory
- Closing in Great hall meeting room

9:30-11:00: Pack-up/Writing on your own (and checkout)

11:00: Depart

TRANSPORTATION FROM MSP AIRPORT ON JULY 10 AND TO MINNEAPOLIS LWI CONFERENCE HOTEL OR MSP AIRPORT ON JULY 13 INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION. ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION; VEGAN & GF OPTIONS PROVIDED.