

**RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, & COVENANT NOT TO SUE
AGREEMENT**

(BINDING LEGAL DOCUMENT – READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)

I, _____ (print name) hereby acknowledge that my voluntary participation in and attendance at the _____ hereinafter “Conference,” commencing on _____, in _____ (city, state, country), is neither sponsored by nor required by the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, or the Department of _____ in the School/College of _____ at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as part of my enrollment as a student at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

I understand and acknowledge that my voluntary travel to and participation in the Conference involves an inherent risk of and exposure to property damage and bodily or personal injury to myself or to others. Dangers related to such activities may include but are not limited to: hypothermia, broken bones, strains, sprains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, drowning, concussion, heart attack, heat exhaustion, injuries associated with travel and criminal acts, and death. I acknowledge and agree that I am aware that there are risks, hazards, and dangers inherent in such activities and in the travel to and from such activities; that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and its members individually, and its officers, agents, and employees, hereinafter “Releasees,” do not warrant or guarantee in any respect the competency or mental or physical condition of any third party affiliated with the Conference; that Releasees make no warranty as to the condition, safety, or suitability of any equipment, vehicle, property, or premises for any purpose if not owned by the Releasees; and that I am solely responsible, through insurance or otherwise, for any hospital or other costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my participation in the Conference. I hereby assume any and all such risk. For the sole consideration of Releasees providing financial and/or any other assistance for my participation in the Conference, I hereby waive liability, release, hold harmless, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge Releasees from any and all liability, claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether caused by the negligence or carelessness of the Releasees or otherwise resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in and travel to and from the Conference. I understand that acceptance of this signed *Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, & Covenant Not To Sue Agreement* by Releasees shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign immunity by Releasees; that it shall be effective during the entire period of my participation in the Conference; that it binds me and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns; that it shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Illinois; and that if any of its terms or provisions are held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

I have read, understand, and have freely and voluntarily signed this *Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, & Covenant Not To Sue Agreement*. I warrant that I am over the age of 18 years.

This the _____ day of _____ .

Signature

Date

Signature of witness (Must be 18 years or older and **NOT** an employee of SIUE)