

"Confluences"

The Intersection of
Thought, Arts, Education
and Ideas **April 26, 2025**

FREE TO ATTEND | OPEN TO ALL | 1 DAY CONFERENCE

Cairo High School | 9 AM - 4 PM

4200 Sycamore, Cairo, IL 62914

6pm Reception | Harold S. Jones Fine Arts Center
815 Commercial Ave, Cairo, IL 62914

**FREE TO ATTEND
LUNCH PROVIDED**

CALL TO REGISTER
618-992-2439

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Robert Swenson
- Marcella Woodson
- Gregory Hansen
- Don Patton
- Molly Parker-Stephens
- Juliua Rendlemean
- Richard Kuenneke
- Betsey Brown
- Laura Varner
- Darrel Dexter
- Clover Johnson
- Kesiena Obue
- Nathan Lynn
- John Shoptaw



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Session 1 : “Regional History, Memory, and Heritage Preservation”

- Robert Swenson (Southern Illinois University Carbondale, emeritus): “Three Confluences: The Four Rivers Reach of the Lower Ohio River”
- Marcella Woodson (Marcella Woodson Consulting): “Cairo at the Confluence: Merging Waters of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers”
- Gregory Hansen (Arkansas State University): “Heritage Sites and Heritage Studies at Arkansas State University”
- Don Patton (Cairo Historical Preservation Project): “From Past to Future: Utilizing Preservation to Ignite Community Renewal in Cairo, Illinois”

Session 2 : “Documenting Life in the Confluence Region, Past and Present”

- Molly Parker-Stephens & Julia Rendleman & students (Capitol News Illinois/Southern Illinois University Carbondale): “Reporting on Rural America at the Confluence”
- Richard Kuenneke (DeepRoar Content): “A Gathering of Stories: The Mound City National Cemetery”
- Betsy Brown & Laura Varner (General John A. Logan Museum): “Southern Illinois Civil War Stories: Three Women’s Perspectives”
- Darrel Dexter (regional historian and author): “Famous Visitors to Cairo”

Session 3 : “Arts in and of the Confluence Region”

- Clover Johnson (University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley): “Raices Entrelazadas: El Que No Tiene Dinga, Tiena Mandinga”
- Kesiena Obue (Southern Illinois University Carbondale): “Charles Dickens’ Cairo, Illinois: A Prophetic Confluence of Past, Present, and ‘A Christmas Carol’”
- Nathan Lynn (McCracken County Libraries): “The Mary Wheeler Collection: A Lower Ohio Valley Folksong Archive”
- John Shoptaw (University of California, Berkeley): “Blues Haiku: Music, Poem, and Place”

