



MILES OF POSSIBILITY ROUTE 66 CONFERENCE
FULL SCHEDULE Thursday-Sunday, October 25-28, 2018

(* indicates Blackburn College campus, Carlinville)

(** indicates “Essentials of Route 66 Tourism” conference session. Ticket holders of “Essentials of Route 66 Tourism” one-day package attend these classes on Friday in Bothwell Auditorium. Ticket holders of “Weekend Conference Package” may mix and match, choosing any conference sessions.)

Thursday, October 25

noon-5 pm	Check-in/registration/information table open	Bothwell Lobby*
noon-5 pm	Carlinville Crawl – downtown merchants and restaurants open (meals on your own)	Downtown Carlinville
1-4 pm	Historic Carlinville bus tour with guide Deborah Young , President of Carlinville Tourism (optional)	leaves from Bothwell Lobby*
4:30-9 pm	Open house/tours at Illinois Coal Museum, with host Dave Tucker	Gillespie
4:30-9 pm	Gillespie restaurants open for dinner on your own	Gillespie
5, 6, 7 pm	Three showings of “Remembering the Coliseum” documentary with filmmaker Jim Marcacci in Illinois Coal Museum Lecture Hall	Gillespie

Friday, October 26

7 am – 5 pm	Check-in/registration/information table open	Bothwell Lobby*
8-9 am	Welcome Breakfast	Bothwell Lobby*
9-9:10 am	Welcome to Carlinville - Deanna Demuzio , Mayor of Carlinville	Bothwell Auditorium*
9:10–9:20 am	Welcome to Blackburn - Jennifer Braaten , Ph.D., Interim President of Blackburn College	Bothwell Auditorium*
9:20-9:45 am	Keynote Address Brett Stawar , President and CEO at Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau	Bothwell Auditorium*
10 am-5 pm	Vendors open	Mahan Atrium*

10-10:45 am	Panel Discussion - "How Do You Save A Legend?" - Moderator Bill Kelly **	Bothwell Auditorium*
10-10:45 am	"Ghost Roads of Illinois: Route 66 and More" - David Clark	Olin Lecture Hall*
11-11:45 am	Panel Discussion - "The State of Our State Route 66 Associations: Purposes, Priorities, and Problems" - Moderator Bill Thomas **	Bothwell Auditorium*
11-11:45 am	"Writing Women into Route 66 History" - Cheryl Eichar Jett	Olin Lecture Hall*
11:45-1:15	Lunch on your own	College cafeteria* or downtown
1:15-2 pm	Panel Discussion - "The Route 66 Hospitality Package" - Moderator Debyjo Ericksen **	Bothwell Auditorium*
1:15-2 pm	"Miners, Mobsters, and the Mother Road: Macoupin County on Route 66" - Andrea Duncan	Olin Lecture Hall*
2:15-3 pm	Panel Discussion - "Route 66 Mayors" - Moderator Larry Bloemker **	Bothwell Auditorium*
2:15-3 pm	"History of Illinois" - Tom Emery	Olin Lecture Hall*
3:15-4 pm	"Social Media and Route 66: People, Places, Events, and Things" - Nick Gerlich, Ph.D. **	Bothwell Auditorium*
3:15-4 pm	"The Road Ahead Partnership Update" - Bill Thomas	Olin Lecture Hall*
4:15-5 pm	Panel Discussion - "CVBs as Tourism Partners" - Moderator Bill Kelly **	Bothwell Auditorium*
4:15-5 pm	"Remembering the Exhibit – Route 66: Main Street through St. Louis" – Sharon Smith	Olin Lecture Hall*
6 pm	Banquet (ticket included for banquet plus concert/dance included with Weekend Conference Package)	Woodson Hall*
7-10 pm	Concert/Dance - Robert Perry Band with the Original Mojos	Woodson Hall*

Saturday, October 27

7 am – 3 pm	Check-in/registration/information table open	Bothwell Lobby*
8-9 am	Welcome Back Breakfast	Bothwell Lobby*
9 am-3 pm	Vendors open	Mahan Atrium*
9-9:45 am	Panel Discussion - "Bicycling Route 66" - Moderator Nick Gerlich, Ph.D.	Olin Lecture Hall*
9-9:45 am	"Paranormal Evidence in Lincoln/Logan County" - Geoff Ladd	Alumni Lecture Hall*
10-10:45 am	"Chasing the Light Down Route 66" - David Schwartz	Olin Lecture Hall*
10-10:45 am	"International Route 66" - Jerry McClanahan	Alumni Lecture Hall*
11-11:45 am	"The Main Street of America" - Jim Hinckley	Olin Lecture Hall*
11-11:45 am	"The Business of Saving Route 66" - Roamin' Rich Dinkela	Alumni Lecture Hall*
11:45-1:15	Lunch on your own	College cafeteria* or downtown
1:15-2 pm	"Route 66 Then and Now" - Joe Sonderman	Olin Lecture Hall*
1:15-2 pm	"Exploring Route 66 With Kids and Annie Mouse" - Anne Maro Slanina, Ph.D.	Alumni Lecture Hall*

2:15-3 pm	“Owning Identity: American Indian Tribes and Route 66 for the Cultural Traveler” - Lisa Hicks Snell	Olin Lecture Hall*
2:15-3 pm	Joint session - “Carlinville Historical Sites” - Deborah Young AND “Carlinville on the Eve of the Civil War” - Dan Hauter	Alumni Lecture Hall*
3:15-4 pm	Premiere of “Aprons Away: Women's Work on the Mother Road,” a one-act play written and directed by Cheryl Eichar Jett (ticket included with Weekend Conference Package)	Bothwell Auditorium*
4-4:15 pm	Announcements/Closing Ceremony	Bothwell Auditorium*
5:30 pm	Halloween costume party/buffet/cash bar/DJ	former Crabby's Supper Club
6:15 pm	Rotary Halloween Parade begins	Downtown Carlinville

Sunday, October 28

9 am-noon	Haunts of 66 bus tour, by InSites To Go with guide David Clark, the Windy City Road
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