Confluence Ecologies is a kaleidoscopic cultural program addressing the human + non-human forms of life that abound in the meeting of the great rivers - the Ohio and Mississippi. Confluence Ecologies is a field station of Mississippi: An Anthropocene River, a continental-scale project bringing together Midwestern artists and scholars in collaboration with Germany's House of World Cultures and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. Exhibitions, performances, bus tours, and panels engage with the watershed and its inhabitants in a time when humanity has become a geological force capable of inscribing present modes of existence into deep time.

Exhibitions | Artists of Deep Time Chicago take on a range of themes in two exhibitions.

**SEASONAL PULSE**
September 18 - October 16
RECEPTION, OCTOBER 4, 4-7pm
Carbondale Community Arts (CCA)

**CONFLUENCE ECOLOGIES**
October 11- November 30
RECEPTION, OCT 11, 4-8pm
PERFORMANCE AND TALK, 6-8pm
Southern Illinois University Museum

Birds of the Mississippi flyway - reinhabitation - canebrakes - flood patterns - river-basin cartography. With special guest Little River Research and Design.

Coal mining legacies - nuclear trails - substance dependency in the Anthropocene, invasive species - a science fiction diasporic tale: Works that explore our moment as inhabitants of what Buckminster Fuller terms “Spaceship Earth”: our vast yet fragile vessel.

Events | October 11 – 13

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 11**
RECEPTION | 4-8pm
SIUC Museum

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 12**
WALK ABOUT IT | 9am – 1pm
8:45 meet bus @ CCA 304 W Walnut

PANEL DISCUSSION | 2-4:30pm
Carbondale Community Arts (CCA)

DINNER | 6pm
Eat The River: Asian Carp Convivial meal
Touch of Nature, Freeman Hall
Reservations: https://tinyurl.com/cebus

Envision the 350 million year old fossil forest that created the Southern Illinois coal seam. A walk with paleoecologist Scott Elrick. Bus to location for walk; box lunch included for bus passengers.

Politics and Economics of Care - Join a conversation about creating a caring economy in the river confluence region.

Enjoy an Asian Carp Convivial dinner with the North American Climate and Forest Convergence

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 13**
RIVER MODEL DEMONSTRATION | 10am
Carbondale Community Arts

CONFLUENCE BUS TOUR | 11am
Carbondale Community Arts
Reservations:https://tinyurl.com/cebus

Witness how a mighty river at scale model carves out a new channel for itself, with Little River Research and Design.

On a full-day bus tour of the Confluence region, experience first-hand a living landscape born from the convergence of four major ecozones and two continental waterways.

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