



Journey to the Sun Talk Series

“Celebrating the One Year Anniversary of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse”

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Guyon Auditorium

Morris Library, SIU Carbondale

Southern Illinois University became the Eclipse Crossroads of America when it found itself in the path of totality for two total solar eclipses happening within seven years, the first in 2017 and the second in 2024. A team of amazing faculty, staff, students, and volunteers worked tirelessly to create a series of events on the SIU campus for each eclipse so that visitors from all around the world could enjoy this unique experience. For each eclipse, an estimated 30,000 people visited our campus, taking advantage of this amazing “once (or twice) in a lifetime” opportunity.

April 8, 2025, marks the one-year anniversary of the 2024 total solar eclipse. Five of the faculty and staff who held leadership roles in the planning of this momentous event will talk about the work that led up the Crossroads Eclipse Festival as well as some lessons learned by hosting two such large events. They will discuss some of the planning required to accommodate tens of thousands of people, organize a plethora of events including a stadium show and a research expo, run both live telescope feeds and a livestreaming broadcast, work with national media outlets, and so much more.

**Join us for a chance to reminisce on the
amazing events of last year’s total solar eclipse.**



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“Understanding Sun Exposure
Risks in Military Personnel:
A Public Health Perspective”



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