

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

2024 SIUE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM BREAK-OUT SESSION DETAILS

MORNING	
9:25 A.M. – 10:25 A.M. and 10:35 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.	
Maple/Dogwood	Construction Projects on an Active Campus – Panel Discussion (<i>Business Acumen</i>)
Panelists:	<p><i>Stephanie Jeffries, PARIC Corporation</i> <i>Vincent Nutt, BJC Healthcare</i> <i>Ryan King, The Lawrence Group Architects</i> <i>Austin Strieker, McClure Engineering</i> <i>Chris Keim, PARIC Corporation</i></p> <p>The majority of construction projects occur on an active campus or in an occupied building. This panel will explore the complexities of navigating construction projects around staff, customers, students and patients. We will touch on pedestrian traffic, vehicle traffic, deliveries and logistics while maintaining budget, schedule and safety. We will further touch on projects that occur in an occupied building reviewing impacts and best practices of building system management, wayfinding, infection prevention, dust barriers and emergency procedures (fire, tornado, etc.). The panel is comprised of BJC Healthcare, they complete over \$100M in construction per year, along with Lawrence Group Architects, McClure Engineering and PARIC Corporation who specialize in designing and building complex projects on active campuses. The audience will have an opportunity to ask the panel their own questions.</p>
Hickory/Hackberry	Shifting Gears – Implementing Generative AI Solutions for Business (<i>Ways of Working</i>)
Presenter:	<p><i>Dean Farmer, Edward Jones</i></p> <p>When implementing GenAI solutions for business, there are considerations and implications that were not present, or not as critical, in traditional solutions development (from a non-technical perspective). This presentation will cover some of the key shifts that need to occur to address the considerations and implications specific to GenAI solutions.</p>
Oak/Redbud	Positive Workplace - Positive Results (<i>Power Skills</i>)
Presenter:	<p><i>John Laverdure, Washington University</i></p> <p>John Laverdure , one of our Project Management Advisory Board members, will share with you his experience with the application of positive workforce techniques to the execution of complex project management in normal and escalation mode. Learn how simple application of people centric knowledge can set up your team for project execution success.</p>
Mississippi/Illinois	Less is More -> A Vendor Management Journey (<i>Business Acumen</i>)
Presenters:	<p><i>Erika Kohoutek and Tracy Sell, Ameren</i></p> <p>An exploration of Ameren's Vendor Management journey from inception to scaling to right sizing. We will discuss core capabilities, best practices and competencies. This journey has allowed Ameren to enhance governance, alleviate duplication and enable alignment with corporate strategy and technology roadmaps.</p>

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AFTERNOON 12:50 P.M. – 1:50 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	
Maple/Dogwood	Project Managers vs. Product Owners: The Ultimate Showdown Between Gantt Charts and Kanban Boards (<i>Ways of Working</i>)
<p>Presenters: <i>Kelsey Assel, SIUE and Kathryn Berwig, Cigna</i></p> <p>The Product Owner and Project Manager roles are equally challenging and require similar skills. Even so, individuals in these roles can strive for different, often opposing, goals. By understanding what drives Product Owners and Project Managers, we can bridge the gap created by their conflicting goals, provide insight into their responsibilities, and allow for a shared understanding of the value they each bring. Organizations benefit greatly from investing in the project and product management spaces, which ultimately support the strategic vision and delivery of work.</p>	
Hickory/Hackberry	Emotional Intelligence (<i>Power Skills</i>)
<p>Presenters: <i>Vanessa McClain and Brooke Wallis, Edward Jones</i></p> <p>We will learn how our brain processes our emotions, interactively talk about triggers and controlling them, and how we as professionals can leverage emotional intelligence in our everyday lives to impact those around us positively! We'll delve into the impact of leveraging emotional intelligence, and provide you with strategies to apply to improve the effectiveness of your team.</p>	
Oak/Redbud	Grow High-Performing Teams Through Continuous Improvement (<i>Business Acumen</i>)
<p>Presenter: <i>James Nippert, Sketch Development Services, LLC</i></p> <p>Few teams ever start out great. They have skill imbalances, power dynamics, lack resources or time, and different personalities. Growing outstanding teams takes time, but more importantly, regular continuous improvement activities. One of the most useful and powerful of these activities is the Retrospective. It doesn't matter what industry you're in or what your team makeup looks like; if you've got a group of humans working together towards a shared outcome - you should be running retrospectives with them. Taking teams from Bad to Good, or Good to Great, can happen, but it will not happen accidentally. In this session, you will learn the tools and skills necessary to craft the right retro for your team and avoid any of the pitfalls that damage the team's improvement.</p>	
Mississippi/Illinois	How to be a More Effective Project Manager Using AI (<i>Ways of Working</i>)
<p>Presenter: <i>Kurt Rolland, Covenant Technology Partners</i></p> <p>Learn how to apply AI tools, techniques and approaches to routine project management tasks. Improve the speed and quality of your PM deliverables and leverage historical best practices.</p>	

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NAME	TITLE	COMPANY
Stephanie Jeffries	Vice President-Institutional Projects	PARIC Corporation
Vincent Nutt	Director of Project Management	BJC Healthcare
Ryan King	Principal	The Lawrence Group Architects
Austin Strieker	Principal and Electrical Engineer	McClure Engineering
Chris Keim	Director	PARIC Corporation
Dean Farmer	AI Director	Edward Jones
John Laverdure, PMP	Sunrise Support Program-Program Manager	Washington University
Erika Kohoutek , PMP, CSM	Manager, Digital Vendor Management	Ameren
Tracy Sell, PE, PMP	Manager, Software Asset Management (SAM)	Ameren
Kelsey Assel, MBA, PMP, SAFe 5 POPM	Lecturer	SIUE
Kathryn Bewig	Senior Product Owner	Cigna
Vanessa McClain	Director, Firm Planning and Strategic Execution	Edward Jones
Brooke Wallis, SA, POPM, RTE, Prosci Change Practitioner	Sr. Project Leader, Strategic Enablement, Firm PMO	Edward Jones
James Nippert	Delivery Strategist	Sketch Development Services, LLC
Kurt Rolland	Principal	Covenant Technology Partners