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# Exploring Our City for 66 Years

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The Know Your Chicago Committee takes great pleasure in welcoming you to our 66th season of civic engagement with the Chicago community. Founded in 1948 by Mary Ward Wolkonsky, Know Your Chicago strives to foster understanding and appreciation of the complexity, diversity, and richness inherent in this great American city.

The season will begin with a day-long Symposium at Ida Noyes Hall, at the University of Chicago. Our speakers address important issues related to the season's tours and topics.

Over the years, programs have explored a wide range of issues including culture, the arts, technology, education, housing, urban renewal, and social change. Unique access to the inner workings of Chicago institutions and organizations has been a hallmark of Know Your Chicago since its inception. The Symposium and the tours are researched, planned, and implemented by the Know Your Chicago committee members, who reflect a broad spectrum of organizations, communities, and interests.

Be sure to visit our newly launched website at [knowyourchicago.org](https://knowyourchicago.org) where you can register for tours, keep up-to-date on the latest KYC news, peruse historical documents all the way back to the inaugural 1949 season, and view frequently asked questions.

Welcome to our 66th season!

# Know Your Chicago 2014 Symposium

Join us for a day of lectures and presentations on some of the most pressing social and political concerns in the city and beyond. The Know Your Chicago Symposium is the official beginning to the annual tour series, bringing together five prestigious speakers. The speakers will address important issues related to the season's tours—ranging from new parks to the history and future of public housing, offering insights on the role and struggle of transgender individuals and trans-friendly resources, recontextualizing vodou and examining the Haitian community, and exploring the bustling film scene in Chicago. Regardless of whether you participate in the tours, we're sure you'll find the day's presentations interesting and thought-provoking.

## SYMPOSIUM

<b>When</b>	Wednesday, September 10
<b>Time</b>	9 am-3:15 pm
<b>Where</b>	Ida Noyes Hall
<b>Cost</b>	\$85 (Lunch included)

NOTE: Symposium registration is required for Tour registration until September 10, or until the Symposium sells out, whichever happens first. At the Symposium, information about tours that have not sold out will be available.

## SYMPOSIUM GUIDE

### Welcome

Pam Sheffield, **Chair, Know Your Chicago**  
Mark R. Nemec, **Dean, The University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies**

### City in a Garden: Chicago's Extraordinary Parks (Tour 1)

Julia S. Bachrach, **Historian, Chicago Park District**

### Public Housing: Persisting Conundrums (Tour 2)

Alexander Polikoff, **Senior Staff Counsel, BPI**

### Cinema in Chicago (Tour 3)

Rich Moskal, **Director of the Chicago Film Office**

### Renegotiating Relationships: Trans Folk in America (Tour 4)

Christina Kahrl, **Editor, ESPN.com**

### From DuSable to Senator Raoul: Haitians in Chicago (Tour 5)

Senator Kwame Raoul, **Illinois State Senator, and Partner at Quarles and Brady LLP**



# Parks and More Than Recreation

In the 1830s, Chicago's emerging government adopted the motto "Urbs in horto" or "City in a Garden." While certainly places for recreation, Chicago parks are much more, enhancing quality of life and serving as safe, inviting oases. Today, Chicago has 607 parks offering a wide range of opportunities for people to enjoy every day. On this tour, gain an inside view of how several unique Chicago parks provide more than recreation.

**Get a sneak peek of The 606**, a park and trail system reflecting Chicago's reputation of innovation and creativity. The unused, elevated rail line which once separated four neighborhoods will string them together via trails, art installations, and landscape design—yet another way to explore and appreciate Chicago. Hear from experts about the philosophy and purpose of Chicago's green spaces and park facilities.

**Explore WMS Boathouse** at Clark Park, designed by Studio Gang. On the river near Addison, the boathouse is a premier training facility and one of four to be built along the banks of the city's second shoreline. Learn about Chicago Rowing Foundation, an independent organization offering programs and activities with a comprehensive approach to participants' physical, mental and social well-being—with impressive results.

**Enjoy** lunch overlooking the lake.

**Visit** Northerly Island, a 91-acre peninsula dedicated to nature that juts into Lake Michigan at the heart of the Museum Campus. Stroll the paths, explore the play areas, and enjoy a spectacular view of the Chicago skyline.

## TOUR 1

<b>When</b>	Tuesday, September 23 or Wednesday, September 24  Rain or shine
<b>Where</b>	Buses depart from Clinton and Madison at 8:30 am and return at 3:15 pm.
<b>Walking grade</b>	Moderate ◆◆
<b>Cost</b>	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)



# Sweet Home Chicago: Problems and Promises of Public Housing

Public Housing is one of the most controversial issues in American Cities; nowhere has this played out more dramatically than in Chicago. From high expectations and community pride to neglect and despair, public housing seemed doomed to failure. But today it is being re-envisioned with public-private partnerships, innovative design and inclusive, sustainable strategies. At stake are generations of families and Chicago's reputation as "the city that works." Join us as we learn about the surprising history, broad purpose and fascinating future of public housing in Chicago.

**Participate** in an urban journey along South State Street to see recent developments, including the Legends South/Savoy Square, where housing experts will explore the effectiveness of Chicago's Plan for Transformation/Plan Forward. Examine the results of this policy along the lakefront where 21st century low- and mid-rise residences defy recognition as public/affordable housing.

**Observe** the National Public Housing Museum, the former Jane Addams Homes, in Chicago's Little Italy Neighborhood.

**Enjoy** lunch at a popular bistro while leaders of this new museum discuss its evolution, progress and meaning to the community.

**Explore** the Julia Lathrop Homes, named for the first director of the US Children's Bureau and built by leading prairie school architects in 1938. At Lathrop's Mary Crane Boys and Girls Club, the redevelopment team will present its exciting architectural designs and concepts, including the restoration of residential units and the great lawn designed by Jens Jensen and plans for expanded Chicago River access for the larger community.

## TOUR 2

<b>When</b>	Tuesday, September 30 or Wednesday, October 1 Rain or shine
<b>Where</b>	Buses depart from Clinton and Madison at 8:30 am and return at 3:15 pm.
<b>Walking grade</b>	Moderate ◆◆
<b>Cost</b>	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)

*Pictured: Raymond Hilliard Homes*



# Reel Chicago

Windy City, Third Coast, City of Strong Shoulders—and now, Chicago boasts a new, well-deserved title: Hollywood by the Lake! Given the filming frenzy about town and the economic boon the television and film industry brings to Chicago, it's only fitting.

**Spend the morning getting a rare look at DePaul University's Theatre School**, where actors, set designers, make-up artists, and more learn their crafts. The building, designed by Cesar Pelli to be a performance space and conservatory of all theatre arts, is worth discovering. What's alive inside is remarkable. Discover why the \$72 million anchor to the campus' west end is earning its reputation as the place student actors and behind-the-scenes professionals from around the globe refine their talents and launch their trades. Hear from industry experts why Chicago is the backdrop of many of your favorite shows and movies.

**Move on to Cinespace** at 16th and Western, the 50-acre site of what was Ryerson Steel and is now the largest soundstage outside of Hollywood. You'll enjoy lunch where the stars dine. Tour where films, TV shows, and commercials evolve from concept to screen on 18 stages and the largest soundstage outside of LA. In the process, Chicago's West Side continues to come alive as tens of millions of dollars are spent in the city and thousands of people go to work. It's a performance worth experiencing.

Lights, camera, action, Chicago!

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## TOUR 3

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**When** Thursday, October 9  
or Friday, October 10  
Rain or shine

**Where** Buses depart from  
Clinton and Madison  
at 8:30 am and return  
at 3:15 pm.

**Walking grade** Moderate  
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**Cost** \$85  
(Bus transportation  
and lunch included)

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# Transitioning: Challenging Our Understanding of Gender

Transgender: it is a subject too many of us know too little about. Yet, the term represents individuals who are everywhere among us, often hiding in plain sight, while struggling with identity and the myriad issues related to being transgender.

Join us as we explore this important subject with the help of those who are transgender, and professionals specializing in the medical, legal, social and educational issues affecting the transgender community.

Begin with an introduction to what it means to be transgender, what defines transgender individuals and how gender identification and expression differ from sexual orientation.

**Discover** the history of the transgender community in the United States and in Chicago, including the language used within and outside the community.

**Attend** a moving performance of “Transform,” the autobiographical play written and performed around the nation by Rebecca Kling, documenting her personal journey through the process of transition.

**Learn** about the Gender and Sex Development Program at Lurie Children’s Hospital and Chicago House’s Trans Life Center, providers of the nation’s most comprehensive services for the transgender community.

**Hear** from doctors, psychiatrists and psychologists, as well as legal and educational experts, who will identify and address issues involved in transitioning and living as the gender one was meant to be.

The day promises to be as emotionally touching as it is enlightening and a unique opportunity to gain an inside perspective on a little known subject.

## TOUR 4

<b>When</b>	Monday, October 13 or Thursday, October 16 Rain or shine
<b>Where</b>	Buses depart from Clinton and Madison at 8:30 am and return at 3:15 pm.
<b>Walking grade</b>	Easy ◆
<b>Cost</b>	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)

*Photo Courtesy of Peter McCullough*



# Haiti: History, Culture, and Vodou/Voodoo

Chicago's first permanent settler, Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, was born in Haiti. More recently, Haitians have brought their religion, art and history to our Midwestern shores. The Haitian culture is rich and fascinating, but myths persist today, especially those depicted on film and in other media. The religious practice of Vodoo, more correctly called Vodou, has played an intriguing role in Haitian history but is misunderstood by non-Haitians.

**Visit** the small but active Haitian American Museum of Chicago (HAMOC), established to highlight Haitian culture. Founding director Elsie Hernandez will show us significant art works and explain her vision for the center. A respected historian will recount Haiti's complex and often tragic history.

**Tour** St. Mary's in Evanston, a well-established Catholic church, that for eighty years has actively welcomed Haitian-Americans into their congregation. Hear from a Haitian Catholic priest about their religious beliefs and practices.

**Enjoy** traditional dishes at Chicago's only authentic Haitian restaurant.

**Experience** a private guided tour of The Field Museum's exhibition, *Vodou: Sacred Powers of Haiti* that will have just opened. Curatorial staff of The Field Museum will describe the exhibition, and University of Chicago Scholar in Residence Leslie Balan-Gaubert will enlighten us on the intriguing history of the collection.

By day's end, we will have dispelled some of the myths, learned much about Haitian traditions and enhanced our understanding of this wonderful culture.

## TOUR 5

<b>When</b>	Monday, October 27 or Wednesday, October 29 Rain or shine
<b>Where</b>	Buses depart from Clinton and Madison at 8:30 am and return at 3:15 pm.
<b>Walking grade</b>	Moderate ◆◆
<b>Cost</b>	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)

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# Know Your Chicago 2014 Season

<b>SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>Know Your Chicago 2014 Symposium</b>	Wednesday, September 10	\$85 (Lunch Included)
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<b>TOUR 2</b>	<b>Sweet Home Chicago: Problems and Promises of Public Housing</b>	Tuesday, September 30 or Wednesday, October 1  Rain or shine	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)
<b>TOUR 3</b>	<b>Reel Chicago</b>	Thursday, October 9 or Friday, October 10  Rain or shine	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)
<b>TOUR 4</b>	<b>Transitioning: Challenging Our Understanding of Gender</b>	Monday, October 13 or Thursday, October 16  Rain or shine	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)
<b>TOUR 5</b>	<b>Haiti: History, Culture, and Vodou/Voodoo</b>	Monday, October 27 or Wednesday, October 29  Rain or shine	\$85 (Bus transportation and lunch included)



# General Info

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## REGISTRATION FEES

\$85 symposium\*  
\$85 each tour\*

\*Fees include lunch and bus transportation

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## WALKING GRADE KEY

- Easy** ◆ little walking and standing
- Moderate** ◆◆ some walking and standing
- Extensive** ◆◆◆ prolonged walking and standing

## WAYS TO REGISTER FOR SYMPOSIUM AND TOURS

**Easy online registration:** Register at [knowyourchicago.org](http://knowyourchicago.org). Online registrations will be processed immediately and you will know instantly which tours you will be able to attend.

**Register with a friend:** One of your friends may register you online or you may register one (or more) of your friends online.

**Register by phone:** Call 773.702.1727. You cannot register for more than one person by phone. We encourage online registration; if not possible, you may call.

Symposium registration is required for Tour registration until September 10, or until the Symposium sells out, whichever happens first.

## TRANSPORTATION

Buses are provided for both the Symposium and Tours. Participants board buses on the west side of Clinton Street, immediately south of Madison, diagonally across from the Ogilvie Transportation Center.

For the Symposium, participants are urged to ride the bus since valet parking at the University is limited. For the tours, participants are required to board the bus downtown and remain with that bus throughout the day. At the end of the tour, participants are free to return home on their own rather than returning to the Clinton Street drop-off site. Buses depart promptly at the time specified; tours operate on tight schedules and bus departure cannot be delayed.

## DISABILITIES

Tours may involve a considerable amount of walking, standing, and/or stairs. Please consult the walking guide accompanying each tour description for an indication of the difficulty of each tour. Walking shoes are always recommended.

◆ The University of Chicago considers participants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, national or ethnic origin, or other factors irrelevant to participation.

◆◆ Those with a disability who believe they may need assistance should call 773.702.1727 before registering.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants registered for Know Your Chicago who have a disability and believe that they may need assistance should contact Vanessa Georg, Associate Dean of Students at 773.834.0159 or [vgeorg@uchicago.edu](mailto:vgeorg@uchicago.edu) in advance of the event.