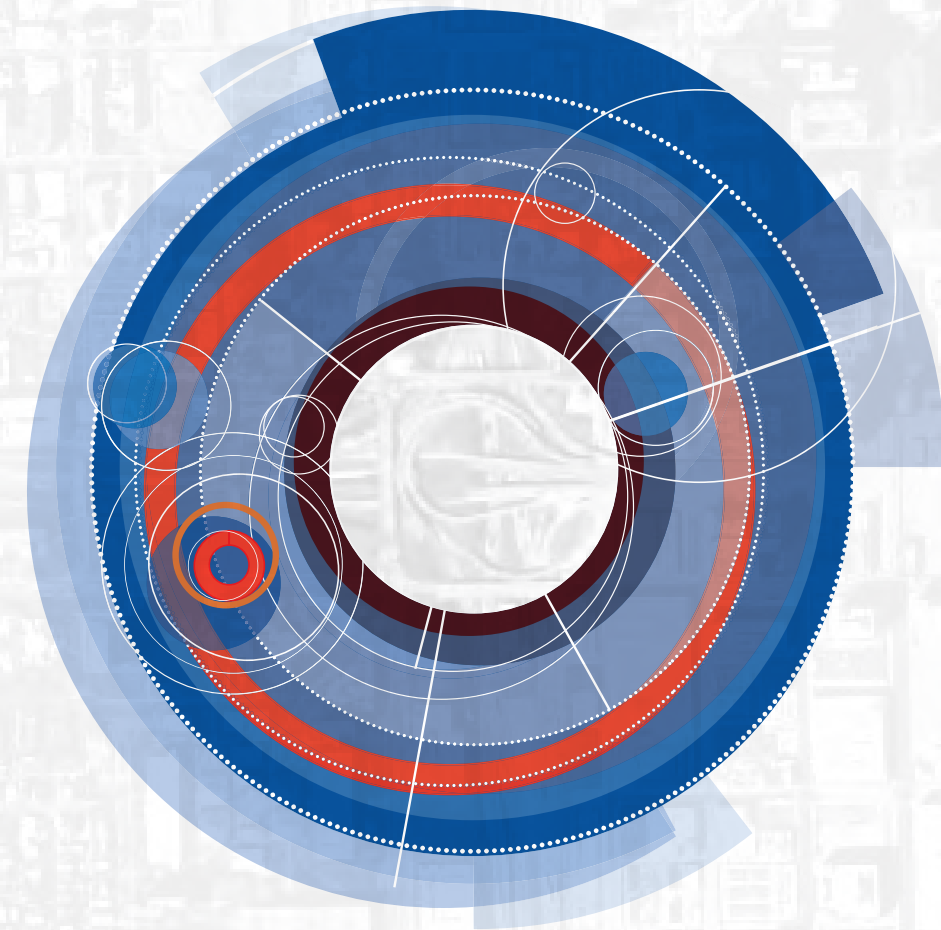
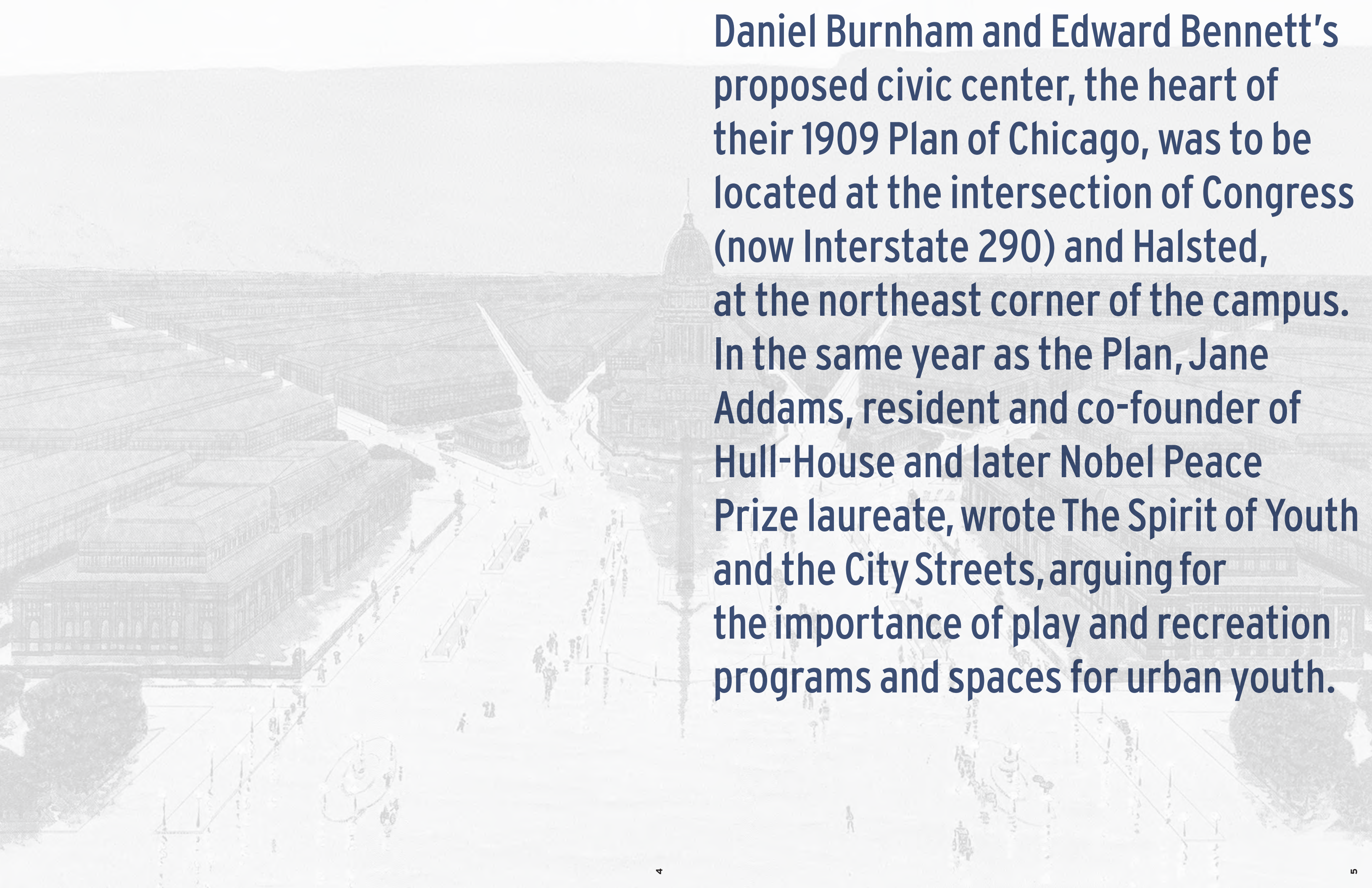


The University of Illinois at Chicago
and North Lawndale are honored to
present The Barack Obama Foundation
with our proposal to host the
Barack Obama Presidential Library

**The University of Illinois at Chicago
occupies the coincidental centerpoint
for both the city beautiful and
social settlement movements in the
United States.**





Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett's proposed civic center, the heart of their 1909 Plan of Chicago, was to be located at the intersection of Congress (now Interstate 290) and Halsted, at the northeast corner of the campus. In the same year as the Plan, Jane Addams, resident and co-founder of Hull-House and later Nobel Peace Prize laureate, wrote *The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets*, arguing for the importance of play and recreation programs and spaces for urban youth.

The location of the UIC campus is central to the story of progressive politics in America, from rational planning to social reform, and establishes an important genealogy for the contemporary extension of that narrative and those practices by the potential location of the Barack Obama Presidential Library within this rich historical context.

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Barack Obama contested the status quo and put the 'we' back in politics. He reinvigorated the word democracy by combining it with participation, demanding that, as fellow citizens, we take responsibility for the political process that distinguishes and sustains our nation, and be the change we want to see. **This is our shared destiny of transformation.**

A waterdrop lands on the surface of a pond. This is not its destination but rather the origination of something greater: energy emanating outward in shallow waves of ever larger concentric circles. The pond stirs and is altered by virtue of a single drop. In the arc of American history, the US Constitution has continued to sustain and alter us. A landmark document of the Western world, and the oldest written national constitution in use, the carefully chosen words scripted by a delegation of fifty-five men in 1789 continue to provide the framework for how we think about ourselves, and about the actions we undertake to perpetuate and protect that which we hold so dear, our indivisible nation. The Constitution is a product of political compromise, originating out of long, often rancorous debates. Barack Obama reminded us that debate is intrinsic to the political process; without it, democracy is merely a contrivance. Compromise is not a reconciliation of opposites but rather an 'affectionate interpretation' of opposing interests. Identification with the widest possible interests is the hallmark of greatness. The Barack Obama Presidential Library is as much a repository of ideas as it is a forum for public engagement, exchange, and debate. A place where live and remote assemblies, gatherings, rallies, seminars, symposia, colloquia, and caucuses are organized, increasing our capacity to understand and contribute to the world, and to reshape it, and ourselves, in the process. A center for building a greater democracy from the ground up.

Daniel Burnham insisted that no little plans be made. Hearts and minds are stirred to action by big plans born of audacity. Plans that proclaim, Imagine! The 1909 Burnham Plan for the city of Chicago continues to influence how we navigate, use, live in and experience our urban environment. We continue to make big plans. **This is our shared destiny of transformation.**

Chicago never shies away from doing what others consider impossible. The bigger, more momentous the plan, the better. Before Daniel Burnham and his assistant Edward Bennett had even conceived of their Plan, Chicago had lifted itself ten feet out of the mud (1850); tunneled two miles under Lake Michigan for fresh water (1864); rebuilt a third of itself after the Great Fire (1871); transformed a swamp into the biggest world's fair (1893); and reversed the flow of the Chicago River (1900). The city is capable of conceiving and executing big plans. Burnham, a Chicago native, was in many ways a prototypical Chicagoan whose byname could very well have been Audacious. But he was also a social-minded man. Cognizant of the influx of immigrants and the different traditions and habits they brought with them to the city, he recognized the need for a well-ordered and convenient urban plan. Chicago, city of neighborhoods, is his legacy. Burnham's plan sought to address issues of beauty and health, stating: "The city which brings about the best conditions of life becomes the most prosperous. A proud city, after all, has a dignity to be maintained." So it is with the human spirit: dignity begets pride and pride is a force to be reckoned with. Pride gave birth to a nation. Pride inspired a big city plan. Civic pride, community pride, infuses our proposal to develop and host the Barack Obama Presidential Library.

Jane Addams refused to see Hull-House as an institution, arguing for a 'sustained flexibility' to adapt as the environment demanded. UIC upholds this selfsame ideal. 'Sustained flexibility' will guide the thinking that formulates the programming of the Barack Obama Presidential Library. **This is our shared destiny of transformation.**

UIC is a model of community engagement. Public service and giving back are core ethical values that inform most, if not all, of what we do. Coming of age in the 1960s, UIC has exhibited an activist mind-set from its founding. An attitude of social responsibility, rooted in the belief that education is a form of civic engagement and that leadership is transactional, permeates the campus. Context is critical to the acquisition of new knowledge. Community engagement ensures that lessons learned, research undertaken, and discoveries made are shared, extended, amplified, integrated. By virtue of UIC's long-standing partnership with North Lawndale, our agenda for civic engagement has advanced exponentially. The economic and social impact resulting from an enlarged partnership with the Barack Obama Presidential Library will be truly unprecedented. A dynamic network of community partners, built upon a bedrock of mutual respect and trust, is already in place, having been forged and fostered by UIC over a period of fifty-plus years. Innovation is a natural extension of UIC's multimodal research capabilities and will play a significant role in the development of the Library and in the execution of its programs, physical and virtual. We are convinced that, in partnership with UIC and North Lawndale, the Barack Obama Presidential Library will attract international attention and will serve to rewrite the model for presidential libraries moving forward.

Knowledge + Engagement + Innovation = A shared destiny of transformation.

Knowledge / Education

In the spirit of transformation, mixing, and recombination, the Barack Obama Presidential Library invites the exciting possibility of crossing existing disciplines and Colleges within UIC, opening new centers and areas of research, such as Social Entrepreneurship, between Social Work and Business; Political Imagination, between Liberal Arts & Sciences and Architecture, Design, and the Arts; Health Engineering, between Medicine and Engineering; and Ecological Urbanism, between Urban Planning & Public Affairs, Architecture, Design, and the Arts, and Liberal Arts & Sciences. UIC fulfills the role of a university without interior or exterior walls, prompting educational exchange and engaged research on a global level.

Engagement / Community

The UIC-North Lawndale partnership deepens and expands the role of the Barack Obama Presidential Library as an empowering place where a broadened understanding of the political process is stimulated through, for instance, live and remote debates, designed to explore historical and contemporary questions of cultural politics, social justice, and the ethics of citizenship from a variety of disciplines, including history, sociology, literature, music, political science, education, and criminology, and are staged in public libraries, high schools and community centers.

Innovation / Economy

Thinking about the Barack Obama Presidential Library within the context of contemporary urban life and the increasing hybrid nature of the social construct, and in collaboration with one of the country's top public research universities, the potential for innovation is unlimited. The ensuing economic development will serve as a catalyst for a 'third coast' technology corridor, bridging east and west. Accessible innovation labs will support public projects unconstrained by covenants of non-disclosure and foster start-ups in social entrepreneurship that impact the public good. UIC is already an economic engine for the city of Chicago. As host of the Barack Obama Presidential Library, in partnership with North Lawndale, UIC's contribution to development and economic growth will be that much greater.

When Barack Obama entered the race for president in April 2007, he was, in the words of his biographer, David Remnick, “not a great man yet by any means, but he was the promise of greatness.”

The promise of greatness is an embodiment of the American dream, a dream infused with possibility. A transcendent dream. Presumptuous and audacious.

UIC is as much a part of Chicago's gestalt as a resilient, forward-thinking, gutsy metropolis, as Chicago is part of UIC's essence as a progressive, multi-racial, multi-ethnic public university accessible to all who aspire to achieve. UIC and the city look to each other for leadership, opportunities, and growth.

Every advancement, however large or small, begins with an idea. Ideas change the world. The university is a place of becoming. Ideas abound.

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JESSE JACKSON SR. HUDDLES WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND BERNARD LEE AT A MEETING HELD AT STONE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH IN NORTH LAWDALE ON AUGUST 26, 1966, THE DAY DR. KING AND MAYOR DALEY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT IN DR. KING'S CIVIL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN IN CHICAGO. PHOTO: SUN-TIMES



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History is central to preserving the legacy of this nation. The United States National Archives and Records Administration reminds us of our traditions and most deeply held beliefs. Our historical documents also remind us of the tensions of a striving nation imbued with perils and possibilities; a nation of contradictions and complexities, of racial, ethnic, economic, political, and religious strife. This strife has been a hallmark of the United States since its founding. However, it is divergent beliefs and social unrest over fundamental issues that have most amply defined the character and solidified the values that unite this nation, and continue to inform our thinking as we strive for ever greater degrees of freedom, tolerance, equity, and justice. The spirit of this nation is captured by thirty-five carefully chosen words in one of its most important historical documents, The Declaration of Independence >>

These simple yet profound words ignited a revolutionary spirit that spread throughout several movements in the course of our shared history. Some, like the Civil Rights Movement, Feminism, and the War on Poverty, are not vestiges of some distant past but ongoing movements that take on different forms as society demands. History provides a way to measure the magnitude of our challenges and serves as a litmus test for what can and cannot be compromised.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Knowledge of the past, the great reckoning that is history, allows for the possibility of a more enlightened, more free, more just, dignified and peaceful future for every American, of every age.

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THE INAUGURATION OF BARACK OBAMA AS 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON JANUARY 20, 2009, SET A RECORD FOR ATTENDANCE FOR ANY EVENT IN WASHINGTON, DC. PHOTO: WHITEHOUSE.GOV

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In 1961, the year Barack Obama was born, young black and white students were organizing for change, appealing to the conscience of their fellow citizens to redress grievances stemming from racial segregation and discrimination. The Freedom Fighters, as they came to be known, gave themselves to a greater cause. Langston Hughes wrote, "Those who contribute most to the joy of living and the stretching of the social elastic are not stymied by foolish questions, but keep right on raising from the well of the past buckets of water in which to catch stars."

In 1961, a 105-acre site at Harrison and Halsted Streets, then a federal urban renewal project, located at the center of Jane Addams' Hull-House settlement, was made available for the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois. The University accepted the offer, spearheaded by Mayor Richard J Daley, with great enthusiasm, citing the "important plus factors of availability, accessibility and... the opportunity to contribute to civic development in Chicago." Plus factors, still present, now amplified.

Barack Obama + UIC + North Lawndale = A shared destiny of transformation.



In 1776 the Declaration of Independence is issued.

In 1789 the US Constitution is signed.

In 1791 the Bill of Rights is added to the Constitution.

In 1862 the **Morrill Act**, also known as the Land-Grant College Act, gives states 30,000 acres of public land for each senator and representative. The land is then sold, creating an endowment fund for public state universities and colleges.

In 1865 Abraham Lincoln signs the **Emancipation Proclamation** outlawing slavery in the US.

In 1890, a **second Morrill Act** is enacted specifically to support the Negro Land-Grant institutions.

1868 University of Illinois, chartered as Illinois Industrial University, opens in Urbana-Champaign as one of 37 original land-grant institutions created within 10 years of signage of **Morrill Act by Abraham Lincoln.**

1870 Millard and Decker, a real estate firm, subdivides area between Western and Pulaski and names it **Lawndale.**

1873 McCormick Reaper Co, later known as International Harvester, opens plant in Lawndale, **beginning a 100-year history of industry.**

1889 Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr establish the social settlement **Hull-House.**

1890 Large numbers of **Bohemians and Czechs** begin migrating to Lawndale.

1896 Chicago College of Pharmacy acquired by University of Illinois, becoming its **first academic unit in the city.**

1901 Columbian Dental College becomes part of University of Illinois. Later renamed **College of Dentistry.**

1906 **Sears Roebuck** and Co opens world headquarters in Lawndale, at Homan and Arthington. **Julius Rosenwald** becomes president 2 years later.

1909 Daniel Burnham, Edward Bennett, and the Commercial Club of Chicago publish 'The Plan of Chicago.'

1912 **Julius Rosenwald** befriends **Booker T Washington** and joins Board of Directors of Tuskegee Institute. Washington encourages Rosenwald to address the poor state of African American education in the US.

1913 College of Physicians and Surgeons is incorporated into University of Illinois, later renamed **College of Medicine.**

1917 Golda Meir moves to Lawndale from Milwaukee at the invitation of local Zionist leaders.

Balaban and Katz open one of their first theaters at Roosevelt and Central Park, the **Central Park Theater.**

1920 **Lawndale's population** begins to shift, becoming heavily Jewish, with residents moving from Maxwell Street area.

1921 **Benny Goodman**, at the age of 12, makes his professional debut at Central Park Theater in Lawndale.

1928-1948 **The Julius Rosenwald Fund** issues a series of grants in support of African American artists, writers, and researchers.

1932 Julius Rosenwald dies. He had donated over \$70 million, building over 5,000 schools in the rural South, **in support of African American education.** They became known as 'Rosenwald Schools.'

1936 A young state legislator, **Richard J Daley**, introduces resolution calling for a **publicly supported university campus in Chicago.**

1946 University of Illinois opens its **two-year program on Chicago's Navy Pier**, in response to the GI Bill supporting educational opportunities to returning WWII veterans.

Associate Deans appointed to Chicago Undergraduate Division (CUD) for Engineering; Commerce and Business Administration; Liberal Arts and Sciences.

1940s-1960s **Lawndale population** shifts again, becoming **predominantly African-American**, many part of the Great Migration from the South.

1951 Richard J Daley's resolution calling for a publicly supported university campus in Chicago becomes **Illinois House Bill 108**, mandating the creation of a permanent four-year campus.

UIC School of Nursing established. Becomes College of Nursing in 1959.

1958 During his first term as Mayor, Richard J Daley unveils his design for redeveloping downtown Chicago. His proposal calls for new building complexes, expanded public access to Lake Michigan, and **the provision of land for a four-year UIC Chicago campus.**



1966 **The first year of school for Barack Obama**, in Ms. Sakai's kindergarten class at Noelani Elementary School, Honolulu, and at UIC's Circle Campus. **The first class to graduate at UIC** was of such importance to the city of Chicago that the class photo was given a two-page spread the Sun-Times.

1961 **Barack Obama** is born at the Kapiolani Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.



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UIC Cornerstone is laid.

Colleges of Architecture and Art, Business Administration, Engineering, and Liberal Arts and Sciences are established along with Divisions of Education and Physical Education.

1964 **UIC Graduate College** is established.

On April 4th **Martin Luther King is assassinated.**

For six days, riots erupt all across Lawndale and the west side in response to King's assassination. Major commercial streets, such as Roosevelt Road, are devastated.

1965 UIC welcomes its first students. **Classes begin.**

1963-1968 Walter Netsch, internationally acclaimed architect at the Chicago firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, leads the team that **creates Circle Campus.** His blueprint resembles a drop of water, the center of which is Circle Forum.

1966 **Dr. Martin Luther King** moves to Lawndale as part of his northern civil rights campaign. He resides with his family at 1515 South Hamlin.

1968 **UIC Hospital** opens replacing Research and Education Hospital.

1982 **Medical Center** becomes part of UIC. Honors College established.

1983 Western Electric, one of the last remaining industrial manufacturers in Lawndale, closes.

1986 The Gamaliel Foundation, which began in Lawndale, is restructured as a **community organizing leadership institute**, and hires Barack Obama as an organizer, bringing him to Chicago for the first time.

1987 UIC designated Carnegie Research One institution.

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YOUNG PRESIDENT

1979 Barack Obama begins his first year at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

At the end of his sophomore year, he transfers to Columbia University in New York. **Obama reads many books about race and social injustice.**

1982 Obama, now 21, decides to pursue a career as a **community organizer** to confront the issues of race and poverty.

After graduation, he takes a job with a Chicago-based group called **Developing Communities Project.** Obama begins working to improve the conditions of a public housing project.

1988 Obama begins his studies at **Harvard Law School.**

1990 Obama becomes the **first African American president of the Harvard Law Review.**

1991 Obama graduates from Harvard with a Juris Doctor Magna Cum Laude.

1992 Obama begins working at the firm of Davis, Miner, Barnhill & Gallard as a junior lawyer, hoping to work on **civil rights cases.**

He becomes the director of Illinois Project Vote, an organization focused on registering minority voters. He registers approximately 100,000 new voters, primarily in the African American community.

1996 Obama runs for the Illinois Senate. He wins the Democratic nomination and is elected to the seat. He is reelected in 1998 and 2002, and over the course of two terms successfully passes 20 pieces of legislation.

2004 State Senator Barack Obama **campaigns for US Senator in North Lawndale.** That year, at age 43, he is elected to the US Senate. He is the nation's fifth African American Senator.

2007 Obama announces his candidacy for President of the United States.

2008 **Obama wins the US Presidential Election** and becomes the first African American President of the United States.



2016 **Obama Presidential Library** is established in partnership with UIC and North Lawndale.

2010 UIC Lincoln Hall wins gold-level certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

2011 **The Dr King Legacy Apartments** open on the former site of 1515 South Hamlin, where King resided during his year in North Lawndale.

2012 President Obama campaigns at **UIC Forum.**

2013 **Electronic Visualization Lab** debuts **CAVE2**, a large-scale virtual reality environment.

2009 **Electronic Visualization Lab** through its OptiPortal image technology helps provide security planning and logistics for Barack Obama's presidential inauguration.

2005 UIC surgeons successfully perform **first robotic complex liver surgery in United States.**

2000 **Virtual Reality in Medicine Laboratory** connects doctors, artists, and computer scientists to create three-dimensional tools for medical visualizations.

2009 **Former Sears PowerHouse re-opens** as a charter high school in North Lawndale.

1992 **UIC library** is named in honor of Mayor Richard J Daley, a driving force behind construction of east side campus.

1993 Great Cities Commitment program begins.

1999 University Library preserves and restores **Jane Addams Hull-House Collection.**

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Barack Obama embodies the possibility of change that a galvanized public makes real. Knowing that actions speak louder than words, he first undertook his public mission as a community organizer with Gamaliel in the Chicago neighborhood of North Lawndale. The grassroots network organizes and empowers ordinary people to participate effectively in the political, social, environmental, and economic decisions affecting their lives. **History is made by those with the conviction, courage, and temerity to actuate change from the ground up.**

UIC is one of the nation's most diverse campuses. Founded on the principles of civic engagement, social justice and public service, UIC is dedicated to reinvigorating surrounding neighborhoods, especially the economically challenged, through educational outreach, public health programs, and community building initiatives. UIC and North Lawndale share a commitment to advocating for and empowering the less fortunate among us, transforming communities from the ground up.

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Education is a right, not a privilege.

The influence of land-grant universities on American higher education has been formidable. These institutions, including UIC, are among the most distinguished public research institutions in the country. They maintains a policy of openness, accessibility, and public service, thereby making it possible for aspiring students, regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, to obtain a first-rate education at an affordable cost.

UIC is a land-grant institution. Its colleges link academic research with neighborhoods and communities around the region in an effort to resolve issues that impede social and economic progress and undermine individual well-being. Research on health, economic development, housing, race and public policy, metropolitan growth, gentrification, neighborhoods, education, and other subjects vital to the public interest, is conducted by a variety of UIC research centers with support from philanthropic foundations like the MacArthur Foundation and Chicago Community Trust; federal agencies like NSF and NIH; and with university funding.

The missions of these centers—including the Great Cities Institute, the Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, the Institute for Government and Public Affairs, among others—reflect the land-grant mission of public service to which UIC is deeply committed.

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BARACK OBAMA GREETING SUPPORTERS AT THE UIC FORUM DURING A CAMPAIGN RALLY, JANUARY 11, 2012. PHOTO: SUN-TIMES



You are a role model for these students, Mr. and Mrs. Obama. You have proven that it does not matter where you are from, hard work, dedication and a passion for others is all you need to make an impact on the world. You have shown this city that the sky is the limit. This library will be our reminder of that.

Hafsa Siddiqui
Student, UIC College of Education

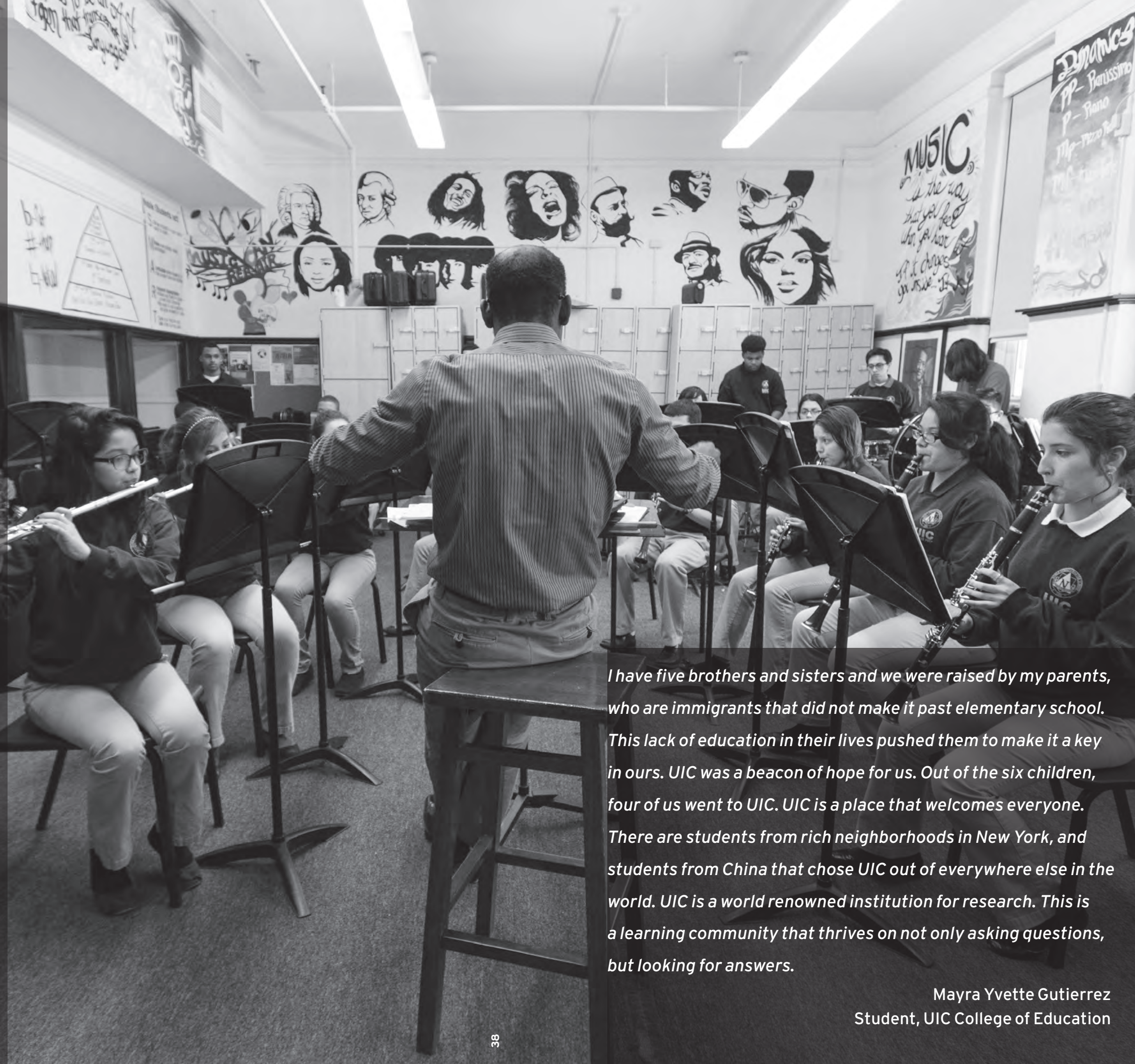
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Public education is a fundamental human right and one of the cornerstones of democracy. It is also an obligation. Barack Obama consistently expresses a belief in the power of education. **It is through education that one learns to take democracy seriously; to think for oneself; to ask questions and to question answers.** An educated citizenry is equipped with the means to move forward the democratic ideals of self-determination and egalitarianism. Education is a bulwark of democracy. The strength of our communities depends on it.

A distinctive genius is manifest in the American model of public education where students are encouraged to define themselves not through their jobs or station in life, but rather as human beings free to explore the full range of possibilities inherent in the human condition. Public libraries are vital extensions of this model. The Barack Obama Presidential Library in the proximity of a major public university and a community organized for change manifests these self-same aspirations, fulfilling the promise of more abundant personal lives and a freer, stronger social order.

Public education is a human right. It is through education that we can take democracy to the next level. Barack Obama's belief in the power of education is a testament to the strength of public education. It is through education that we can take democracy to the next level. Barack Obama's belief in the power of education is a testament to the strength of public education.

UIC COLLEGE PREP PREPARES STUDENTS FROM UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES TO EARN THEIR COLLEGE DEGREES AND USE THEIR CAREERS TO MAKE A POSITIVE MULTIGENERATIONAL CHANGE. NOBLE EFFORTS CHANGE LIVES. PHOTO: JOSHUA CLARK



I have five brothers and sisters and we were raised by my parents, who are immigrants that did not make it past elementary school. This lack of education in their lives pushed them to make it a key in ours. UIC was a beacon of hope for us. Out of the six children, four of us went to UIC. UIC is a place that welcomes everyone. There are students from rich neighborhoods in New York, and students from China that chose UIC out of everywhere else in the world. UIC is a world renowned institution for research. This is a learning community that thrives on not only asking questions, but looking for answers.

Mayra Yvette Gutierrez
Student, UIC College of Education

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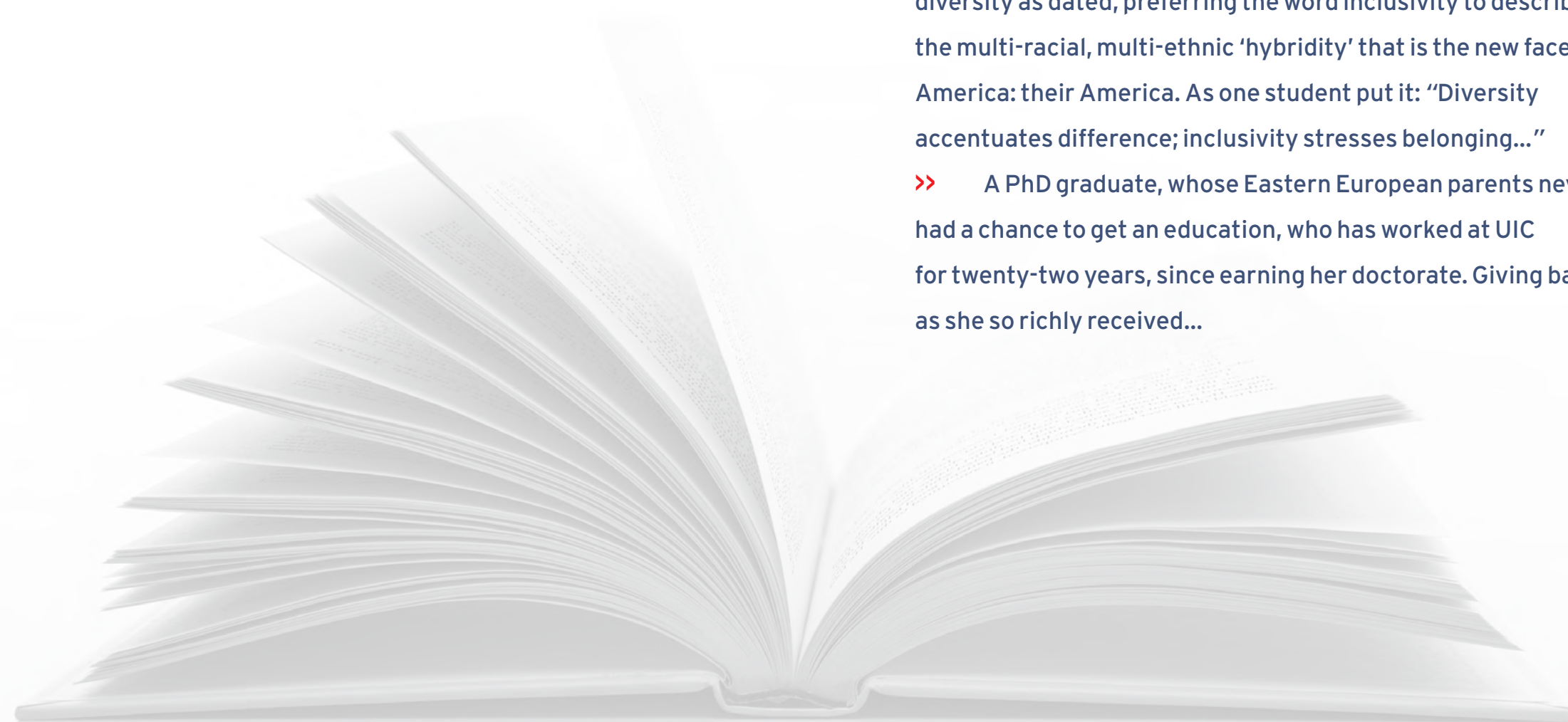
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The story of UIC is a story of stories—stories emerging from experiences uniquely held.

Barack Obama knows that
with the right words, everything
can change.

UIC abounds with stories of students who come to campus with the dream of graduating with honors, and do; of faculty who can teach anywhere in the world but choose UIC; of scholars and researchers who embrace the view from the street; of staff who lead by example. The wellspring of excellence at UIC is the community of individuals who thrive in the here and now, as did those who came before, and those who follow will too.

- >> UIC alumni who build businesses, start professional practices, raise families, and flourish in Chicago and beyond.
- >> One in ten Chicagoans with a college degree is a UIC graduate...
- >> A mother and a grandmother who graduate from UIC on the same day...
- >> The solidarity among students who experience the term diversity as dated, preferring the word inclusivity to describe the multi-racial, multi-ethnic 'hybridity' that is the new face of America: their America. As one student put it: "Diversity accentuates difference; inclusivity stresses belonging..."
- >> A PhD graduate, whose Eastern European parents never had a chance to get an education, who has worked at UIC for twenty-two years, since earning her doctorate. Giving back, as she so richly received...



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For more than four centuries African American males in the United States have turned to writing to make sense of their present condition and to shape the possibilities of their future.

I think that the mixture of the marvelous and the terrible is a basic condition of human life and that the persistence of human ideals represents the marvelous pulling itself up out of the chaos of the universe.

Ralph Ellison

Stories build capacity for future generations. Since the 1800s, many African American males have embraced literary and cultural strivings as a form of self-improvement. Writing became an act of self-assertion, a duty, and a way to establish equal standing and a right to a literary public space. An historical analysis yields that their writings were built on four platforms—defining self, nurturing resilience, engaging others, and building capacity—as they captured the complex milieu of life in America.

In his own story, *The Audacity of Hope*, Barack Obama wrote, “I can’t help but view the American experience through the lens of a black man of mixed heritage, forever mindful of how generations of people who looked like me were subjugated and stigmatized, and the subtle and not so subtle ways that race and class continue to shape our lives.” Recognizing the macabre reality for many Americans who suffer because of their economic realities, Obama also wrote, “I reject a politics that is based solely on racial identity, gender identity, sexual orientations, or victimhood generally.” His words extend the lineage of writers whose words have served as fertile ground for the development of consciousness and challenged small upticks in progress. Stories continue to function as the United States’ bellwether. They allow us to create a foundation for future generations that will write their own stories to sustain us.

The Barack Obama Presidential Library is a testimony to the possibility of personal achievement and a platform for civic engagement, appealing to curious and hungry minds with self-defining, capacity-building, marvelous stories to tell.

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UIC student Lulú Martínez is part of a powerful youth movement leading the fight for immigration reform.

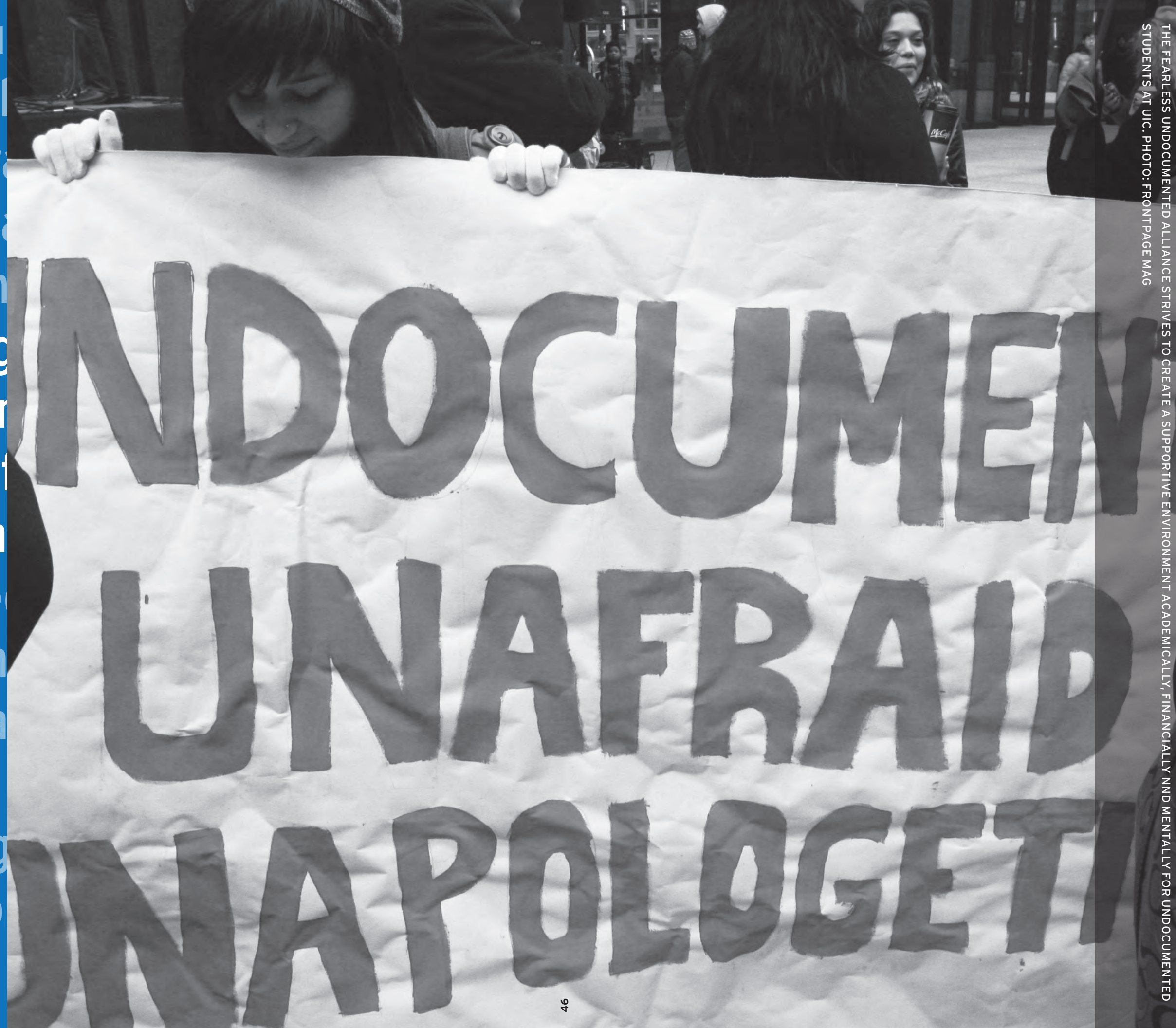
In collaboration with the Barack Obama Presidential Library, the UIC-North Lawndale partnership will prioritize advocacy related to immigrants and immigration reform. As of today immigrant youth, defined as children under age eighteen who are either foreign born or US-born to immigrant parents, account for a quarter of the nation's 75 million children. This group will shape many aspects of American society moving forward and will provide virtually all the growth in the US labor force of the next forty years.

Lulú Martínez is an undocumented student and immigration reform activist. Named one of Chicago Magazine's 2013 Chicagoan's of the Year, Ms Martínez is co-founder of the Immigrant Youth Justice League and the Fearless Undocumented Alliance. As one of the "Dream 9," a group of undocumented students who protested US deportation policies by attempting to cross the border from Mexico to Arizona, Ms Martínez was taken into federal custody and spent two weeks in Eloy detention center, including one week in solitary confinement.

For Lulú Martínez, civic engagement carries the risk of deportation from what is actually her 'home' country. Only three years old when her family crossed the border illegally from Mexico into the United States, Ms Martínez came out publicly as undocumented when a friend's minor traffic violation left that friend facing deportation to Mexico. "At that point," she says, [I realized that] "undocumented folks have to come out, because we are supporting our peers, and it could be any one of us in a difficult situation like that." Ms Martínez started organizing protests on her friend's behalf and realized that undocumented youth had a voice and the potential to sway public opinion. Lulú Martínez continues to organize on behalf of undocumented people facing deportation. She has applied for asylum in the United States, the only home she has ever known.

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THE FEARLESS UNDOCUMENTED ALLIANCE STRIVES TO CREATE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT ACADEMICALLY, FINANCIALLY AND MENTALLY FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AT UIC. PHOTO: FRONTPAGE MAG

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“Courage,” wrote Maya Angelou, “is the most important of all virtues because without courage, you can’t practice any other virtue consistently.” It is with courage that young people pursue a university education. Some who enter UIC are children of new immigrants; some are undocumented. Many are the first in their families to go to college. All hunger for an education that makes a difference so that they too can make a difference. **An important resource driving change at UIC is diversity: the manifold voices and perspectives and beliefs that inform the collective discourse.**

The clarion call, ‘Yes, we can,’ has sounded throughout the history of our great nation. Yes, we can save the Union. Yes, women can be granted suffrage. Yes, we can pass the Civil Rights Act. Yes, we can land a man on the moon. Yes, we can enact a statute protecting the rights of people with disabilities. Yes, we can elect Barack Obama to the presidency. Yes, we can do it twice. Yes, we can have universal health care legislation. Yes, we can reduce greenhouse emissions 30% by 2030. Yes, we can. Yes.

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My experience at UIC... makes me believe that our campus is truly the best location for the future Obama Presidential Library and Museum. While attending UW-Madison, I attended a political campaign rally where President Obama drove the theme of 'Yes We Can.' When I enrolled this spring, I found UIC to be a true embodiment of this theme. ...UIC provides an opportunity to a diverse population, the true example of a melting pot of America, to better themselves through education.

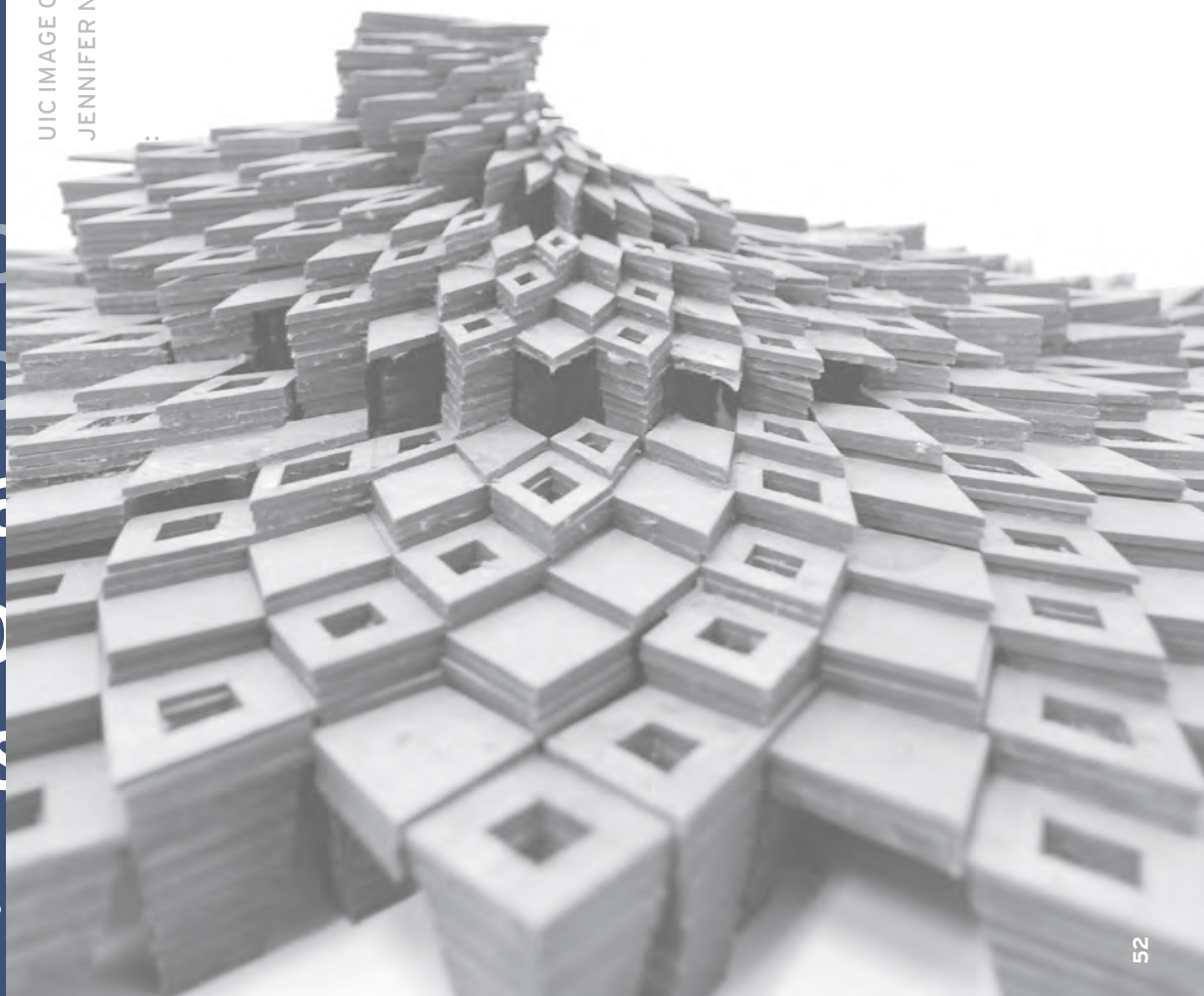
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UIC is one of the top 200 research-funded institutions in the world, with \$388 million in annual research expenditures.

UIC IMAGE OF RESEARCH
JENNIFER NGUYEN, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE



UIC faculty and researchers are on the cutting edge, from biomedicine to literature, from engineering to urban arts, from political science to design, working hard to offer solutions in all matters of public concern, from lifesaving HIV treatments to energy-saving technology for homes to designing the operating room of the future. Federal investment in basic research at UIC pays dividends every day through the creation of new ways of doing things, new products, new companies, and new jobs.

The university consists of 15 academic colleges offering a broad range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees, including bachelor's degrees in 82 academic areas, master's degrees in 93 disciplines, and 66 doctoral specializations. The campus prides itself on the many inter-college programs, including the Center for Clinical and Translational Research, the Center for Structural Biology, the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, and the Council on Teacher Education. UIC is home to the largest and most diverse medical school in the country and is the major public medical center of the State of Illinois. A student-faculty ratio of 19-1 supports the discourse and exchange that transforms students into advocates.

Of UIC's 28,000 students there is no ethnic majority.

The depth and breadth of UIC is evident in the listings of colleges, departments, programs, institutes, labs, and centers on the following pages.

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Alumni

UIC has more than 200,000 alumni living throughout the world

One in ten Chicagoans with a college degree is a UIC graduate, as are one-third of all dentists and pharmacists, one-sixth of all physicians, one-tenth of all advanced practice nurses, and one in 20 of all nurses in Illinois

Students

Undergraduate: 16,660 (59%)

Graduate: 8,186 (29%)

Professional: 2,743 (10%)

Continuing Studies/Contract: 2%

Full-time: 83%

Part-time: 17%

Male: 46%

Female: 54%

Enrollment in Fall 2013: 28,038

Average age

Undergraduate: 27

Graduate: 33

Demographics (Undergraduate)

African-American: 7.8%

Asian: 22.4%

Hispanic/Latino: 24.7%

International: 2.1%

White: 37.8%

Other: 5.2%

Where students come from

Illinois: 84.2%

Out of State: 7.3%

Foreign Countries: 8.5%

(103 countries)

Student Life

350+ student clubs, groups and organizations

Member NCAA Div. I, Horizon League

Intercollegiate Athletic Teams

Men's Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country & Track and Field, Gymnastics, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis

Women's Sports: Basketball, Cross Country & Track and Field, Golf, Gymnastics, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Volleyball

Faculty and Staff

Full-time faculty and staff: 10,100

Part-time faculty and staff: 2,074

More than three-fourths of tenured faculty teach freshman courses

Rankings

The Times Higher Education rankings of the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old places UIC as third among young campuses in the U.S. and number 13 world-wide

UIC is the largest university in the Chicago area with 15 colleges and the state's major public medical center

The UIC College of Medicine is the largest medical school in the nation

UIC is ranked among the top 10 most diverse universities in the nation; it is a federally-designated Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution and stands poised to attain Hispanic Serving Institution status

UIC has been named one of the nation's 25 best campuses for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gender students in a list produced by Campus Pride and Huffington Post

The College of Business Administration's undergraduate program is the highest ranked in the Chicago area by U.S. News & World Report for the past two years

UIC's College of Nursing is currently ranked second nationally in NIH funding

Academics

UIC offers bachelor's degrees in 82 academic areas, master's degrees in 93 disciplines and 66 doctoral specializations.

Top undergraduate majors: students

Biological Sciences: 1,800

Psychology: 1,467

Accounting: 709

Kinesiology: 551

Mechanical Engineering: 510

Top graduate programs: students

Nursing: 826

Health Informatics: 426

Computer Science: 252

Electrical & Computer Engineering: 249

Business Administration: 239

Effects on Community

The campus is the 15th largest employer in the Chicago area

UIC has a budget of \$2.08 billion for fiscal year 2014

Research expenditures at UIC topped \$388 million in FY 2013

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College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts

School of Architecture

School of Art and Art History

School of Design

UIC Innovation Center

School of Theatre and Music

Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

Gallery 400

College of Business Administration

Accounting

Finance

Information and Decision Sciences

Managerial Studies

Center for Creative and Collaborative Information Technology

Center for Education & Research in Financial Reporting Quality

Center for Health Information and Management Systems

Center for Human Resource Management

Center for Quantitative Finance and Risk Management

Center for Research and Information Management

Center for Supply Chain Management and Logistics

Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies

International Center for Futures and Derivatives

UIC Innovation Center

College of Education

Curriculum and Instruction

Educational Policy Studies

Educational Psychology

Special Education

Center for Literacy

Center for Mathematics Education of Latinos

Center for Urban Education Leadership

Child and Family Development Center

Collaborative for Equity and Justice in Education

Monarch Center

Faculty Assistance Center for Technology

Research on Urban Education Policy Initiative

Studies in Moral Development and Education

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The MESA Lab
The UIC Reading Clinic
UIC Educational Assessment Clinic

College of Engineering

Bioengineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil and Materials Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Acoustics & Vibrations Laboratory
Advanced Materials Research Laboratory
Advances in Information Systems Laboratory
Andrew Electromagnetics Laboratory
Artificial Intelligence Laboratory
The Audible Human Project
Advanced Materials and Nanobiotechnology Lab
Advanced Materials Research Laboratory
Biological Microsystems Lab
Biomechanics Research
Biomolecular Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy and
Imaging Laboratory
BITS Networked Systems Laboratory
Brain Physics for Product and Process Design
Catalysis Lab-UIC Chemical Engineering
Integrated Networks of Nanoscale Sensors for
Biomedical Laboratory Applications
Research and Instruction in Technologies for
Electronic Security
Computational Intelligence Laboratory
Computational Multiphase Transport Laboratory
Computational Population Biology Laboratory
Computational Systems Cell Biology & Biomolecular
Dynamics Laboratory
Database and Information System Laboratory
Databases and Mobile Computing Laboratory
Design Automation and Reconfiguration Technology Lab
Diagnostic Imaging System Group
Discrete Event Systems Laboratory
Dynamic Simulation Laboratory

Electronic Visualization Laboratory
The Engineering Magnetic Resonance Laboratory
Environmental and Water Resources
Flow and Combustion Simulation Laboratory
Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental
High Pressure Shock Tube Group
Industrial Virtual Reality Institute
Intelligent Systems Modeling & Development Lab
Laboratory for Biomolecular Imaging
Computational Functional Genomics
Computational Proteomics
Energy and Switching Electronics Systems
Microfluidics and Nanotechnology
Neural Systems Biology
Live-cell Imaging and Laser Microsurgery Lab
Machine Vision Lab
Manufacturing Research Center
Materials Engineering
Mechatronics
The Meyer Group
Microfluidics Center
Micro/Nanoscale Fluid Transport Laboratory
Microsystems and Devices Laboratory
Mobile Information Systems Center
Molecular and Systems Computational Bioengineering
Molecular Simulations Laboratory
Multimedia Communications Laboratory
Multimedia Systems Laboratory
Multimedia Systems Lab/Scalable Parallel Algorithms
Multiscale Mechanics and Nanotechnology Laboratory
MURI Adaptive Waveform Design for Full Spectral
Dominance
MURI Microwave Pulse Interactions Center
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Nanomaterials and Energy Systems Laboratory
Nanophotonics Research Laboratory
Nanotechnology Core Facility
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Research Resource Center
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Robotics Lab
Signal/Image Research Lab
Structural Engineering
Sustainable Manufacturing Systems Research
Systems Engineering and Human Performance
Modeling
Thermodynamics Research Laboratory
Transportation Engineering
UIC Innovation Center
Virtual Reality Undergraduate Projects Laboratory
Wireless Communications Lab

Graduate College

Honors College

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

African American Studies

Anthropology

Asian American Studies

Asian Studies

Biological Sciences

Catholic Studies

Chemistry

Classics Mediterranean Studies

Communication

Criminology, Law and Justice

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Economics

English

French and Francophone Studies

Gender and Women's Studies

Geography

Germanic Studies

Hispanic and Italian Studies

History

International Studies

Jewish Studies

Latin American and Latino Studies

Linguistics

Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Moving Image Arts

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Religious Studies

Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures

Sociology

Bilingualism Research Laboratory

Cognition Of Second Language Acquisition Laboratory

Experimental Particle Physics Research Group

High Energy Heavy Ion Physics Research Group

Institute for the Humanities

Institute for Mathematics and Science Education

Laboratory of Integrative Neuroscience

Language and Culture Learning Center, Sandi Port Errant

Language In Context Research Group

Learning Sciences Research Institute

Microimaging and Bioinformatics Laboratory

Microphysics Laboratory

Nano-Magnetism Research Group

Nanoscale Physics Group

Nanotechnology Core Facility (NCF)

Social and Emotional Research Learning Group

Ultrafast Physics Group

College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Public Administration

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Urban and Public Affairs

Urban Economic Development

Great Cities Institute

Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

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Much as it set the agenda of the Obama White House and the President's earlier political career, social justice guides the mission of UIC, in health care, education, economic opportunity, and other pressing issues, such as:

Violence Reduction and Prevention

In 1995, a deeply compassionate and learned man named Dr Gary Slutkin, Professor of Epidemiology at the UIC School of Public Health, asserted that violence is a health problem and can be treated like one. In 2000, he founded Cease Fire, now known as Cure Violence, to help reverse the spread of violence by using methods and strategies associated with disease control: detection and interruption, identifying individuals involved in transmission, and changing social norms of the communities where it occurs. Cure Violence is in the top ten of the world's top 100 NGOs, and its techniques have so far been adopted by twenty cities in eight countries.

Additionally, in the Interdisciplinary Center for Research on Violence at UIC, researchers seek to curb violence at its roots among children in brutality-prone homes and schools. In the Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, faculty members work to increase society's understanding of the root causes of racial and ethnic inequality and provide policymakers with research-based solutions.

Equal Rights

UIC has repeatedly been named a top campus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender, and queer/questioning students by Campus Pride and the Huffington Post. Research and cultural centers on campus support LGBTQ individuals, persons with disabilities, women, African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans.

Design for Democracy

In November of 2000, when the now infamous 'butterfly ballot' confused crucial Florida voters during a hotly contested presidential race, the importance of well-designed ballots caught the nation's attention. Recognizing that our entire voting process—from registering to vote to following instructions at the polling place—can be as confusing as the Florida ballot, a group of UIC design students and faculty set out to harness the power of design to increase voter confidence, promote government transparency, and create an informed electorate. Their work is now the basis of federal guidelines distributed by the US Election Assistance Commission.

Support to Veterans

UIC has its roots in the GI Bill, having opened its doors in 1946 as a two-year college on Chicago's Navy Pier, to serve returning WWII veterans. Today, UIC's Office of Student Veteran Affairs helps veterans make the transition to college and civilian life.

Hearts and Minds: The Interrogations Project

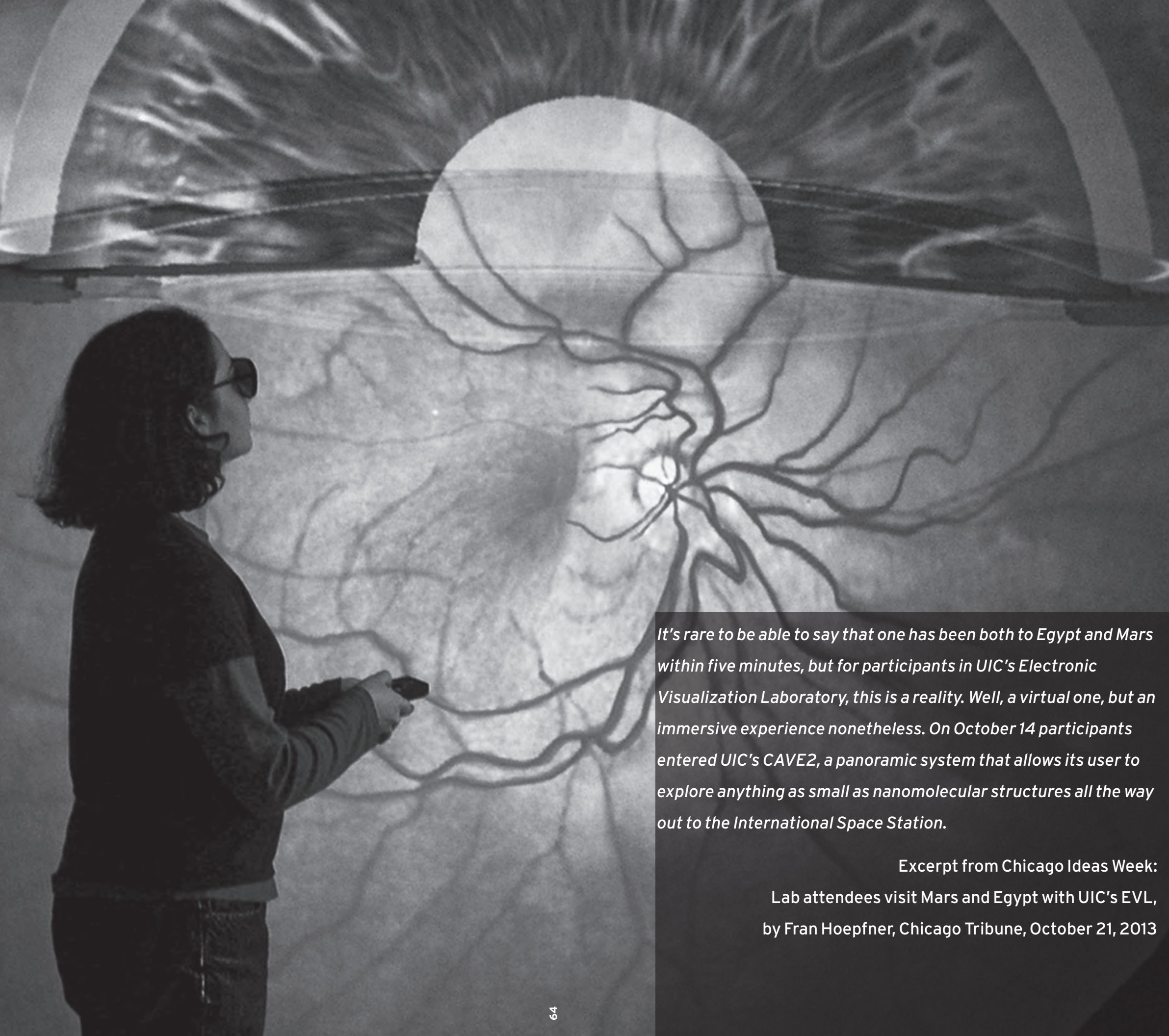
Hearts and Minds is a 3D narrative experience developed by artist and visualization researcher Daria Tsoupikova, Associate Professor in UIC's School of Design, in collaboration with filmmaker Roderick Coover and writer Scott Rettberg. Made for the affective sensory environment of UIC's Electronic Visualization Laboratory (EVL) CAVE2, the narrative gives voice to stories of violence and the post-traumatic stress experienced by ordinary American soldiers who became torturers in the course of serving their country. During the American-led counterinsurgency and counter-terrorism campaigns in Iraq in the years after September 11, 2001, the torture and abuse of detainees was a commonplace tactic. Hearts and Minds: the Interrogations Project is based on interviews of American soldiers conducted by Dr. John Tsukyama. Viewers travel through the domestic spaces and surreal interior landscapes of soldiers who have come home transformed by these experiences, triggering their testimonies by interacting with objects laden with loss.

Growing Water: Future Plan of Chicago

In 2106, water will be the world's most valuable resource: the new oil. UIC School of Architecture Associate Professor Sarah Dunn addresses this critical issue in the Growing Water Project. The project envisions Chicago evolving into a model city for 'growing water' by creating a series of Eco-Boulevards spread throughout the city that will function as a giant 'living machine' to treat 100% of Chicago's waste- and storm-water naturally using micro-organisms, small invertebrates, fish and plants. Treated water will be harvested and/or returned to the Great Lakes Basin. Ultimately, the Eco-Boulevards will create a closed water loop within Chicago.

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It's rare to be able to say that one has been both to Egypt and Mars within five minutes, but for participants in UIC's Electronic Visualization Laboratory, this is a reality. Well, a virtual one, but an immersive experience nonetheless. On October 14 participants entered UIC's CAVE2, a panoramic system that allows its user to explore anything as small as nanomolecular structures all the way out to the International Space Station.

Excerpt from Chicago Ideas Week:
Lab attendees visit Mars and Egypt with UIC's EVL,
by Fran Hoepfner, Chicago Tribune, October 21, 2013

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The UIC College of Medicine, together with its six other health sciences colleges, is committed to reducing health disparities and improving health equity through clinical care, research, education, and community outreach. Its hospital and clinics are major providers of care to underserved urban and rural communities. **UIC views the Affordable Care Act as an impetus for increased social justice and is poised to realize the expansive dream of health care reform.**

Fairness is the moral center of democracy. It bespeaks the 'we' that is our union. Our nation's greatest strengths and fiercest struggles have centered around fairness and upholding the inalienable rights of every citizen. Barack Obama's commitment to providing millions of Americans with access to our nation's unparalleled health care system by enabling them to buy quality, affordable health care for themselves and their families, and the subsequent passage of the Affordable Care Act, is a great moral victory.

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BARACK OBAMA SIGNED THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010, SAYING "...EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE SOME BASIC SECURITY WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR HEALTH CARE." PHOTO: WHITEHOUSE.GOV

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UIC has a long-standing tradition of medical and health science research and scholarly excellence. It was recognized as a Carnegie Research One Institution in 1987.

By supporting research and development, the Illinois Medical District fosters economic expansion. Its social service organizations assure the health and well-being of those with special needs. It created the state's largest emergency response and disaster preparedness program and fosters collaboration between federal, state, county and local governments.

UIC is a principal educator of physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and nurses, and its hospital and clinics are a major provider of health care to under-served communities. Examples include the Urban Health Program, which brings the health science colleges together to service individuals with inadequate healthcare; UIC's College of Medicine, which has two clinics, one of which assists communities via the federally qualified Mile Square Health Center; the School of Public Health's Office of Community and Health Practices, which reaches out to neighboring communities; Dentistry's fifteen clinical partnerships in Cook County and northern Illinois (as well as sites in Tanzania and China); and the Nursing program, second in the nation in NIH funding, with its manifold partnerships at home and abroad.

The University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System is comprised of a 495-bed hospital, an outpatient facility, specialty clinics and 7 health science colleges including the College of Medicine. UI Health continues to advance medicine at the highest levels, from nationally recognized programs in liver and kidney transplant as well as the treatment of brain aneurysms, to national centers for autism, sickle cell disease and pancreatic islet cell transplantation for the treatment of diabetes, to the management of high-risk pregnancies and the new Children's Hospital University of Illinois.

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College of Applied Health Sciences
Biomedical and Health Information Sciences
Disability and Human Development
Kinesiology and Nutrition
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy

- Brain Plasticity Laboratory
- Center on Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities Research
- Center on Epidemiology and Demography of Disability
- Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities
- Chicago Center for Disability Research
- The Child & Family Development Center
- Clinical Gait and Movement Analysis Laboratory
- Exercise Psychology Laboratory
- Great Lakes ADA Center
- Institute on Disability and Human Development
- Integrative Physiology Laboratory
- Knecht Movement Science Laboratory
- Laboratory of Human Nutrition and Obesity
- Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse
- Motor Control and Movement Disorders Group
- Musculoskeletal Biomechanics Laboratory
- Neurolocomotion Laboratory
- Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Developmental Disabilities and Health
- Vascular Biology Laboratory
- Vascular Health Lab

College of Dentistry
Endodontics
Oral Biology
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences
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Pediatric Dentistry
Periodontics
Restorative Dentistry

- Brodie Laboratory
- Center for Molecular Biology and Oral Disease
- Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration
- Implant and Innovations Center
- Oral Medicine & Pharmacognosy Laboratory

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College of Medicine at Peoria
College of Medicine at Rockford
College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign
College of Medicine at Chicago

- Anatomy and Cell Biology
- Anesthesiology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
- Cancer Center
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Medical Education
- Medicine

 - Cardiology
 - Clinical Research Center
 - Digestive Diseases and Nutrition
 - Endocrinology and Metabolism
 - General Internal Medicine
 - Geriatrics
 - Hematology and Oncology
 - Hepatology
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Nephrology
 - Respiratory and Critical Care
 - Rheumatology

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Neurosurgery
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Andrology Laboratory - Male Infertility
Center for Magnetic Resonance Research
Center for Cardiovascular Research
Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences
Center for Structural Biology
National Center of Excellence in Women's Health
Clinical Research Center
Cancer Center
Institute for Minority Health Research

College of Nursing
Biobehavioral Health Science
Health Systems Science
Women, Children and Family Health Science

Center for End of Life Transition Research
Center for Narcolepsy, Sleep, and Health Research
Institute for Health Care Innovation
Midwest Nursing History Research Center

College of Pharmacy
Biopharmaceutical Sciences
Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy
Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes and Policy
Pharmacy Practice

Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
Center for Pharmacoepidemiology
and Pharmaco-economic Research
Institute for Tuberculosis Research
Pharmacogenomics Laboratory
UIC/NIH Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements
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Recent Research Highlights

Scientific innovation contributes to national competitiveness, improves living standards, and furthers social welfare. UIC researchers are internationally recognized leaders in alternative, complementary and traditional medicine; biotechnology and biodefense; cancer biology and therapeutics; drug discovery, development and delivery; genomics and pharmacogenomics; infectious diseases; natural products; neuroscience; and patient safety.

Gender's Role in Development of Heart Disease

UIC researchers are studying gender differences in how the heart uses and stores fat—its main energy source—and how changes in fat metabolism play a role in heart disease. When stressed, the heart changes how it uses fuel for energy. The changes, which are different in men and women, occur long before any symptoms and may be key to early diagnosis and treatment, said E. Douglas Lewandowski, director of the UIC Center for Cardiovascular Research, and principal investigator for a new \$2 million, 4-year grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Early BPA exposure increases men's cancer risk

New evidence has been found linking early exposure to BPA (bisphenol A), an additive commonly found in plastic water bottles and soup cans, to increased risk of prostate cancer. "This is the first direct evidence that exposure to BPA during development, at the levels we see in our day-to-day environment, increases the risk for prostate cancer in human prostate tissue," said Gail Prins, UIC professor of physiology and director of the andrology laboratory in urology in the College of Medicine.

Largest-ever study of Latinos' health reveals issues, risk factors

Results from the largest health study of Hispanics/Latinos in the US to date reveal a unique set of health risk factors and provide insight into the prevalence of certain diseases like diabetes and hypertension for this diverse population. The multi-city epidemiological study collected information on the health issues, risk factors, and lifestyle habits that impact this population, including the 4,136 participants from Chicago. Dr. Martha Daviglus, director of UIC's Institute for Minority Health Research, is the principal investigator for the Chicago portion of the study.

Grant improves wellness, preventive care for developmentally disabled

UIC has received a five-year, \$4.4 million federal grant to find ways to improve wellness and preventive care for adults with developmental disabilities. The grant, from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, will fund a unique combination of research, training and education, and health promotion projects at UIC's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Developmental Disabilities and Health. "A lack of focus on wellness and preventive health has placed people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at greater risk for poor health," says Tamar Heller, UIC professor of disability and human development, the principal investigator on the grant. "There are a multitude of factors that can be described as a cascade of health disparities."

New stroke research combines brain stimulation, gait training

A UIC researcher will test whether brain stimulation combined with gait training can improve patients' ability to walk after a stroke, under a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "After a stroke, almost 60 percent of people are not able to walk independently—and there are currently six million stroke survivors in the US," says Sangeetha Madhavan, assistant professor of physical therapy and director of UIC's Brain Plasticity Lab. While scientists most commonly approach rehabilitation by training muscles and re-teaching walking, Madhavan's approach includes dynamically stimulating the brain to make it more responsive to the therapy the patient will receive. She will use a technique called transcranial direct current stimulation, or tDCS, which passes a very low level of current through the motor area in the brain that controls the legs.

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Natalie King, is one of the youngest students to completed her PhD in Neuroscience at UIC. After graduating from Oakwood University in Alabama, she was recruited to the UIC College of Medicine's Bridge to the Doctorate Program for under-represented minorities in neuroscience. Her research included the complex study of autism. She is currently working with the Liautaud Institute at UIC, developing leadership programs that center on emotional and social competency. "We're teaching executives how to be leaders," King says. "Emotional intelligence is something you have to practice."



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Democracy is a living organism that thrives on active participation.

At UIC, neutrality is not an option. Hull-House is the preeminent model of civic engagement and it is no coincidence that our university, with its ethic of public service and democratic responsibility, is centered around it. UIC's commitment to university-community collaborations, harnessing expertise from both sides, expands and deepens the discourse that invigorates our democracy and perpetuates Jane Addams's legacy of organizing for social justice.

Barack Obama reinvigorated the word hope. He paired it with audacity, reminding us that pluck and courage are embedded in the American spirit. That our Constitution, the most democratic deed in the history of humankind, is imbued with possibility. That our Bill of Rights is an epic conversation. That We the People are the beneficiaries and custodians of the values and ideals that unite our nation. That unity is community. He dared us to dream, to hope, to believe in one another, and we did.

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JANE ADDAMS, FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AND MARY MCDOWELL, THE 'ANGEL OF THE STOCKYARDS,'
C. 1930. PHOTO: JANE ADDAMS HULL-HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION, UIC LIBRARY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.

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Activism engenders peace.

Two preeminent Chicago community organizers share an exceptional distinction. Jane Addams and Barack Obama are both Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. Jane Addams was honored with the Prize in 1931 for her unwavering commitment to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom movement, which she founded in 1919. Barack Obama was awarded the Prize in 2009 for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy.

Building upon the rich legacy of Hull-House and Jane Addams's spirited, intelligent commitment to social justice, UIC has from the beginning sought to engage the public in discussions concerning the well-being of the people of Chicago, and of the world-at-large. Its aim is to actively contribute to the creation of a more inclusive and just democracy by calling attention to the needs and concerns of diverse publics. UIC's Jane Addams Hull-House Museum has close working relationships and joint programs with many external community partners:

- Academy for Global Citizenship
- Access Living
- Advocates for Urban Agriculture
- After School Matters
- Albany Park Theatre Project
- A Long Walk Home
- Alternatives, Inc.
- American Friends Service Committee
- AREA Chicago
- Art Resources in Teaching
- Black Metropolis Resource Consortium
- Black People Against Police Torture
- Bodies of Work Festival
- Cambodian Association of Illinois and Killing Fields Memorial
- Center for Urban Transformation
- Centro Sin Fronteras
- Chicago Abortion Fund
- Chicago Childcare Collective
- Chicago Coalition of Household Workers
- Chicago Cultural Alliance
- Chicago Danztheatre Ensemble
- Chicago Food Depository
- Chicago Freedom School
- Chicago Honey Co-op
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Women's Health Collective
- Children and Family Justice Center at Northwestern
- Chinese Mutual Aid
- Circles and Cyphers
- Citizens Alert
- City Farm
- Coalition of Black Trade Unionists >>

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- Community Justice for Youth Institute
- Cook County Juvenile Detention Center
- Critical Resistance
- Dill Pickle Food Co-op
- Dose Market
- Fight for Fifteen
- Free Spirit Media
- Fresh Moves
- Growing Home
- Growing Power
- Heartland Alliance
- Illinois Action for Children
- Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
- Illinois Humanities Council
- Immigrant Youth Justice League
- Kuumba Lynx
- Latino Union
- Law and Civics Reading and Writing
- Institute for Urban Males
- Literary Guild Complex
- Marwen
- Maxwell Street Foundation
- National Boricua Human Rights Network
- Neighborhood Housing Services
- Neighborhood Writing Alliance
- Occupy Chicago
- Peterson Garden Project

- Planned Parenthood
- Precious Blood Ministries
- Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project
- Project NIA
- Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, Chicago
- RadioArte
- Second City
- Sex Workers Outreach Project
- South Side Seed Exchange
- Stockyard Institute
- Street-Level Youth Media
- Sweet Water Foundation
- Tamms Year Ten
- Teachers for Social Justice
- The Freedom Archives
- The People's Law Office
- The Plant
- Trinity United Church of Christ
- Truth 'n Trauma, Chicago State University
- UMedia
- United Electrical
- Veterans for Peace
- Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign
- Vocalo, WBEZ Media
- Voices of Witness
- We Farm America
- Young Chicago Authors
- Zero Percent
- Zinn Education Project

The story of public housing—from the idealism of the 1930s to more recent challenges—is the story of family, community, and society. From Chicago to Amsterdam to Singapore, public housing has been one of the important public policies of the 20th and now 21st century. The National Public Housing Museum has been one of Hull-House Museum's cultural partners, in addition to:

- Art Institute of Chicago
- Center for the Study of Race, University of Chicago
- Humanities Festival
- Chicago Cultural Alliance
- Chicago Public Library
- Columbia College Chicago, Dance Center
- Columbia College Chicago, Critical Encounters
- Columbia College Chicago, Anchor Graphics
- DuSable Museum
- The Dorchester Project
- Garfield Park Conservatory
- Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
- National Museum of Mexican Art
- Newberry Library
- Puerto Rican Arts Alliance
- ThreeWalls Gallery
- University Village Association
- Washington Park Arts Incubator
- West Loop Community Organization
- West Central Association

THE ANIMAL COURT AT THE JANE ADDAMS HOMES, CHICAGO, EDGAR MILLER, 1938.

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What can cities and regions do to be great?



*You admire this tower of granite,
weathering the burst of
so many ages. Yet a little waving
hand built this huge wall,
and that which builds is better
than that which is built.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

UIC's Great Cities Institute seeks to provide credible, economically viable answers to pressing questions through collective dialogue, participatory research, and strategic partnerships.

The Institute brings scholars, policymakers, community leaders and their constituencies together to voice concerns, share ideas, undertake research, devise plans, and ultimately formulate solutions to the challenges arising out of fast-paced, often profound changes to urban areas. The Institute supports urban research that leverages UIC's intellectual capital and government resources to ensure the sustainability and growth of the world's great cities.

The Barack Obama Presidential Library will complement and enlarge the mission of UIC's Great Cities Institute, and vice versa. Cities are built and sustained and enriched by people willing to ask difficult questions, diligent in pursuit of answers.

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The principles of democracy flourish under a fully engaged citizenry, leaders themselves, serving leaders.

Together with the Obama Presidential Library, UIC's Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement will inspire the collective conscience and contribute to constant building of a democracy in which individuals have a basic understanding about how government works, and have access to information about important policy issues that affect their lives; a democracy with a healthy two-way flow of information between all citizens or local leaders and the officials leading and running the government; a democracy that takes full advantage of technology and tools available to create a more effective and responsive government, as well as supports an inclusive public discourse on policy issues.

UIC's Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE) focuses on the conversation that drives democracy and the many voices that motivate the conversation. IPCE serves as a catalyst by creating opportunities for scholars, citizens, students, and government officials to join together in the democratic process by engaging in public discourse, research, and educational programs on policy issues and social trends. IPCE programs and activities include the following:

Research

IPCE conducts and supports research on civic engagement practice and theory, with particular emphasis on the use of technology to enhance and inform citizen engagement, government decision making and service delivery.

Public Discourse

IPCE supports civic engagement events including public forums, town hall events, and speaking engagements that facilitate public discourse on policy issues and the policy implications of university research.

Civic Engagement Days

IPCE conducts workshops on the legislative process and the framing of policy issues. High school students participate in sessions that include mock policymaking and debate.

Dialogue and Deliberation

IPCE has broad capacity in engagement methods that strengthen social connections that help to resolve conflict between groups and contribute to more effective, legitimate, and durable policy decisions. In 2003, IPCE earned a Centers for Public Life designation from the Kettering Foundation

Urban Public Policy Fellows

Targeting historically underrepresented undergraduates, this fellowship program offers paid internships with civic and policy organizations, nonprofit groups, and government offices.

CivicSourceWeb Portal

This online resource provides information on government leaders and services, community and local events, and opportunities to connect with policy organizations and other citizens.

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IPCE coordinates dozens of civic engagement projects each year. It is currently working with the American Association of Colleges and Universities to develop new programs to teach civic engagement across all disciplines at universities and community colleges in Chicago and to provide best practices in civic engagement for use across the country:

- African Scientific Research Institute
- After School Matters
- AIDS Care
- Alivio Medical Center
- American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
- Blackstar Project
- Café Media
- Carole Robertson Center for Learning
- Center of Excellence in Eliminating Health Disparities
- Central SER
- Chicago Art Department
- Chicago Commons
- Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights
- Chicago Legal Clinic Little Village
- Environmental Justice Organization
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- City of Blue Island

- City of Chicago Department of Public Health
- Clearbrook
- Community Outreach Intervention Project
- Cook County Environmental Control
- Cooperation for Supportive Housing
- Edge Alliance
- Enlace Chicago
- Erie Neighborhood House
- Family Focus Lawndale
- Fathers Who Care
- Frida Kahlo Community Organization
- Gamaliel of Metro Chicago
- Gigi's Playhouse
- Girls in the Game
- Greater Humboldt Park Wellness Center
- Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement
- I AM ABLE Center for Family Development
- Illinois Action for Children
- Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
- Illinois Council Against Hand Gun Violence
- Inner City Muslim Action Network
- Institute for Health Research & Policy
- Instituto del Progreso Latino
- Ladder UP
- Latin American Recruitment Education Services Program
- Latin United Community Housing Association

- Latino Education Alliance
- Latino Policy Forum
- LePenseur
- Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
- Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention
- Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago
- Metropolitan Tenants Organization
- Mexican American Legal Defense Education Fund (MALDEF)
- Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center
- North Lawndale Alliance
- CPS Nutrition Support Services
- Office of Congressman Danny Davis
- People for Community Recovery
- Pilsen Neighbors Community Council
- Project Vida
- Safer Foundation
- Sinai Community Institute
- The American Heart Association
- The Black Star Project
- The Network of Lawndale
- The Young People's Project
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Center for Clinical & Translational Science
- Medical Center
- Office of Sustainability
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The UIC Social Justice Initiative (SJI) seeks to build upon a critically important part of our mission as a diverse public research university in a global city. Many of our students are passionate about using their education and energy to give back to struggling communities, and in essence, “change and improve the world.” SJI respects that idealism and wants to help young people add to it a set of critical thinking and research skills that will make them more effective social change agents and socially conscious professionals.

It is UIC’s unique mission that has attracted like-minded scholars and students to our campus from around the world. From those working to reduce health disparities, to those seeking to combat street violence, state violence and mass incarceration, to those working to revitalize public schools, UIC researchers have wrestled with the meaning and practice of social justice over the course of long and accomplished careers. In the arts and humanities scholars have created and analyzed work that provokes, inspires, complicates and enlivens our thinking about what ‘justice’ is whether there is a universal standard of justice, and what justice looks like from different social positions.

Where the great city stands...

Where equanimity is illustrated in affairs,

Where speculations on the soul are encouraged...,

There the great city stands.

Walt Whitman

UIC's Social Justice Initiative is committed to building a holistic social justice community, honest about our flaws and inequalities, yet striving to build something better for ourselves and others. The Barack Obama Presidential Library is a natural extension of this critical initiative.

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The historic opportunity to host the Barack Obama Presidential Library simultaneously introduces the chance to reimagine what a site is and what a presidential library can become. Our first task was to consolidate the RFQ's ambitious list of 79 guiding principles to reveal a core of programmatic points that could be used to inspire and evaluate all aspects of our proposal. **The process, realization, and legacy of the Library will be:**

Visionary

proposing an optimistic, coherent, and surprising image of 21st century politics and the city

Dynamic

celebrating the beauty of becoming through its dedication to a continuous program of change, flexibility, and responsiveness

Speculative

sponsoring difference, debate, and inquiry, while activating new forms of knowledge and disciplinary study

Connected


mixing formerly discrete public audiences as part of a network that prioritizes local and global access

Healthy

recognizing the body politic as well as its mind, setting new standards for environmental performance, urban ecology, and public recreation

Catalytic

serving as a stimulus to economic opportunity and urban innovation



From the vantage point of UIC, on the western edge of the Loop, looking east, Chicago's statuesque skyline stands, a magnificent and unforgettable view of a truly great city. The Barack Obama Presidential Library, in proximity to UIC and the city's up-and-coming western corridor, will attract visitors from around the world.

Mayor Emanuel aspires to the goal of 50 million visitors by 2020. The UIC-North Lawndale partnership, selected to host the Barack Obama Presidential Library, will ensure the mayor not only meets but exceeds his ambitious goal.

INFORMATION FROM CHOOSE CHICAGO ANNUAL REPORT

International

The most common remark made by first-time visitors from abroad is:

“I had no idea how beautiful Chicago is.” Most first-time visitors return to the Windy City, for many it becomes a favored destination, and some visitors move here.

- >> 2013: estimated 1.41 million international visitors
- >> 2012: a record 1.369 million; Chicago ranked 9th in the US for overseas visitation market share, more than .5 million from Asia and South America; Asian visitation up 30.4%, twice that of the national Asian growth of 14.7%; Mexican visitation increased 41%, more than four times the national growth rate; Canadian overnight visitation estimated at 500,000
- >> 2011: 1.199 million

Domestic

Chicago in the summertime is a visitor's delight. Most Chicagoans prefer to stay put during the summer, so they too can partake of the city's bounty. Autumn, winter and spring are signature seasons, too. Year-round the city welcomes its visitors with an unmistakable mix of Midwestern bravado and charm.

- >> 2013: estimated 46.35 million domestic visitors; leisure visitation is estimated to exceed 2012 levels by 3-5%
- >> 2012: domestic visitation reached 45 million, an increase of 6.2% above 2011 levels, and just under a record 45.14 million in 2007; leisure visitors reached a record 34.07 million, up 7.1%, surpassing a previous peak of more than 1.2 million in 2006; overnight leisure visitation gained 10.2% over 2011 levels, setting a new record at 17.96 million; overnight business visitation increased 6.7%, to 7.2 million travelers

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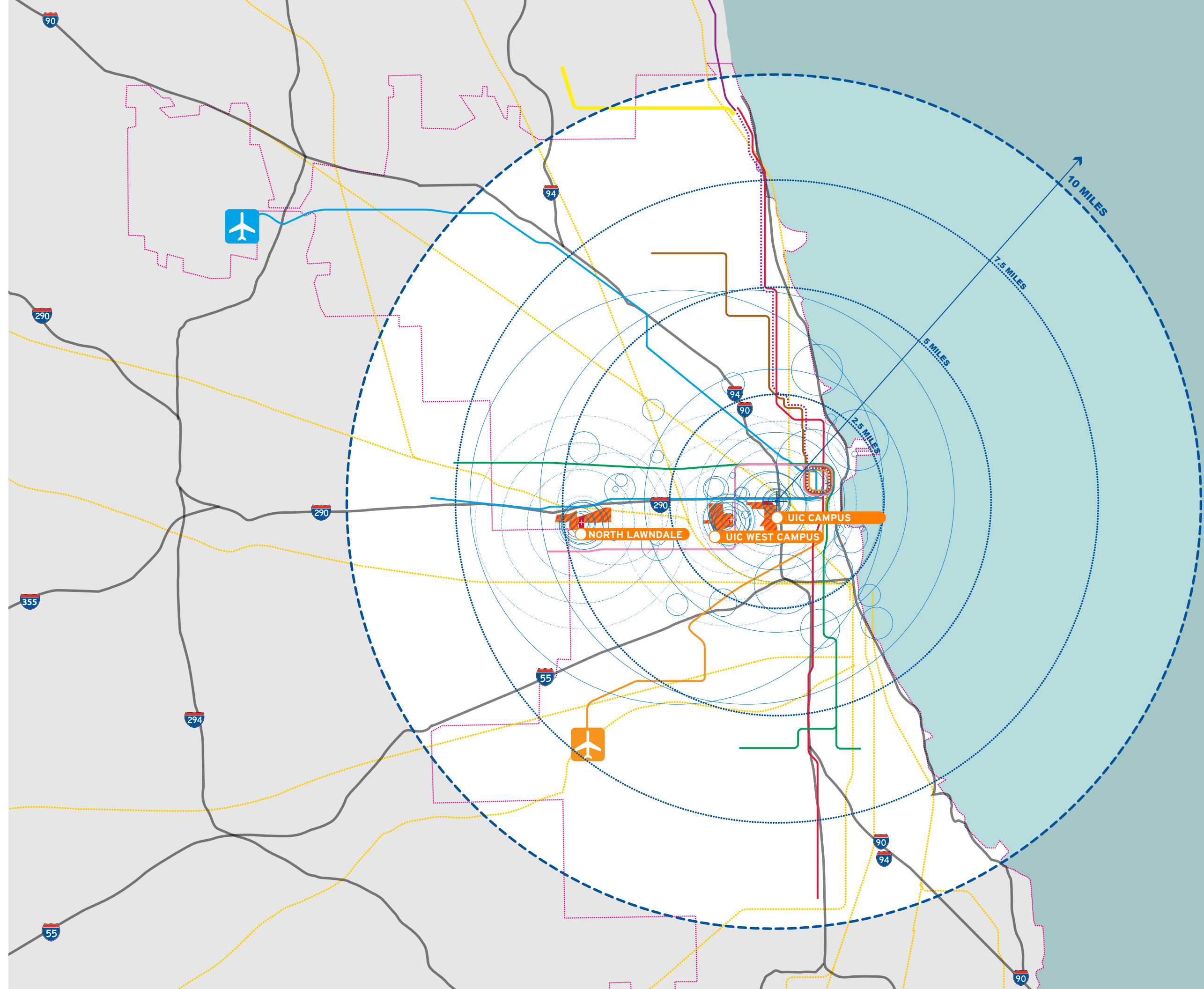
Major attractions accessible by car or public transportation
(distances indicate travel by car)

	Academic	Medical	Community		Academic	Medical	Community
Museums:				Sport venues (non-UIC):			
Adler Planetarium	2.8	3.4	7.7 miles	United Center (Bulls /Blackhawks)	1.9	1.2	4.0 miles
Chicago Children’s Museum	3.2	4.5	8.3 miles	Soldier Field (Bears)	2.7	3.4	7.6 miles
Chicago History Museum	3.5	4.9	8.5 miles	U.S. Cellular Field (White Sox)	3.9	4.3	8.5 miles
Field Museum	2.1	2.7	7.1 miles	Wrigley Field (Cubs)	5.2	6	9.5 miles
Notebaert Nature Museum	4.9	5.3	9.2 miles				
Points of Interest:				Transportation:			
Chinatown	2.3	2.9	6.4 miles	Midway Airport	9.6	8.7	6.2 miles
First Merit Bank Pavilion	2.9	3.6	7.8 miles	Ogilvie Transportation Center	.9	2.3	5.9 miles
Frank Lloyd Wright District	9.5	8.6	7.4 miles	O’Hare Airport	17.4	18.7	15.3 miles
Garfield Park Conservatory	4.3	3.8	2.2 miles	Union Station (Amtrak and Metra)	.8	2.1	5.8 miles
John Hancock Observatory	2.8	4.1	8.0 miles				
Lincoln Park Zoo	4.3	5.0	8.3 miles				
McCormick Place	3.4	4.0	8.4 miles				
Navy Pier	3.1	4.3	7.5 miles				
Magnificent Mile	2.6	3.7	7.1 miles				
Art Institute	1.9	2.9	6.6 miles				
Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium	2.5	3.1	7.4 miles				
Water Tower Place	2.8	4.2	7.3 miles				
Willis Tower Skydeck	1.3	2.3	6.0 miles				
Grant Park	1.7	2.6	6.1 miles				
Museum Campus	2.6	3.2	7.4 miles				
Lakefront	2.1	3.3	6.9 miles				

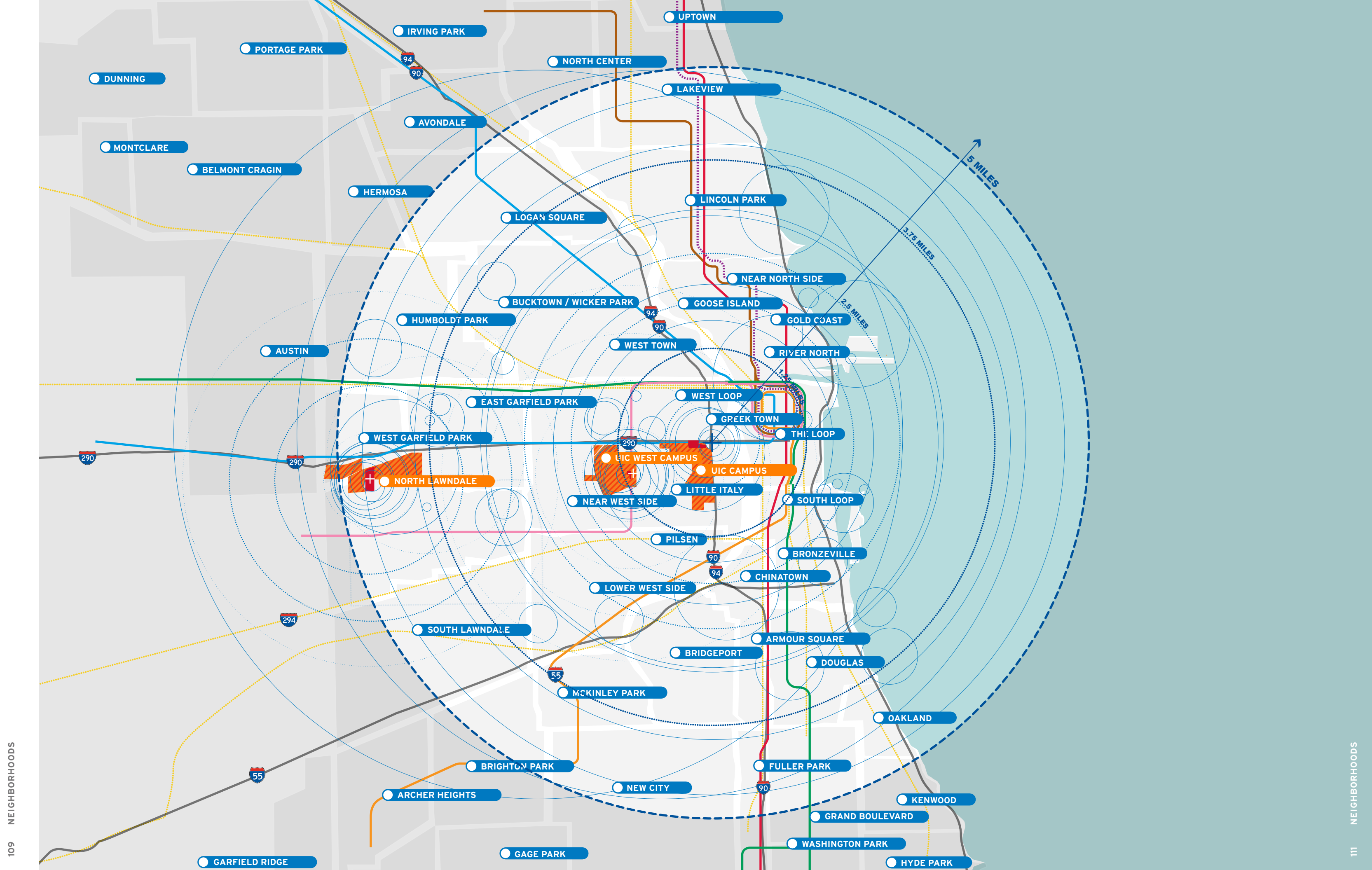
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UIC offers the greatest regional access and connectivity across the Chicagoland area.
10 mile radius



UIC is centered amongst the diverse and vibrant neighborhoods of Chicago.
5 mile radius



The first decade of this century has emerged as an unprecedented period of experimentation and reinvention for the library as an architectural and institutional type. Paradoxically, the proliferation of new media and information formats has stimulated the desire for renewed forms of collective association and physical proximity.

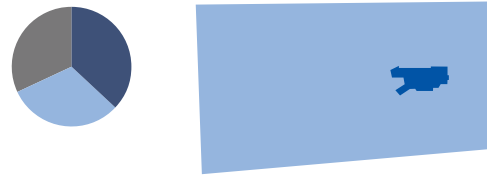
In its most successful versions, the contemporary library stages one of the last credible spaces for public life and exchange that 21st century democracy has installed.

These exciting recent developments, however, have yet to be mined for the parallel trajectory of the presidential library, which remains largely torn between its archival and celebratory obligations.

At their most public, the special sub-category of presidential library too often provides a merely thematic site for the passive spectacle of public life, a destination whose attractiveness wanes soon after the dedication ceremonies are concluded. In contrast, the Library is an institution that incorporates a capacity to transform itself and expand as an engine of urban reinvention.

Many of the early presidential libraries were neatly split between the functions of library and museum. Even as modest new slices of program have been added to more recent libraries, the parts have maintained their segmented and self-sufficient hierarchy. By maintaining a static relationship from edge to center, outside to inside, these libraries are programmatically exhausted by the graphic of the pie chart, closed institutions that are on their sites, but not of them.

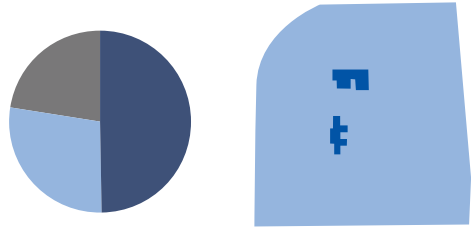
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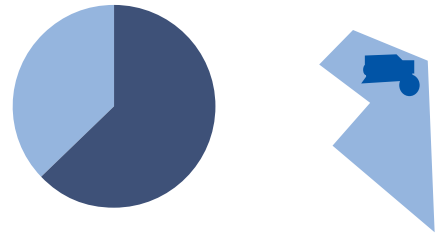
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Roosevelt
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108,750 sf



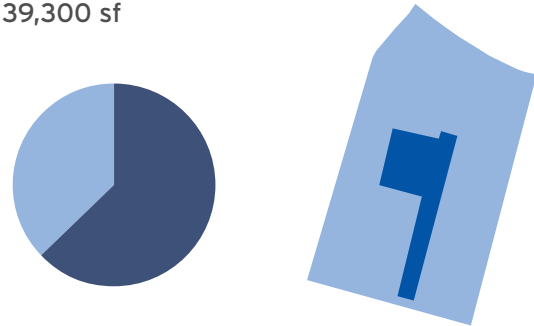
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Truman
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96,600 sf



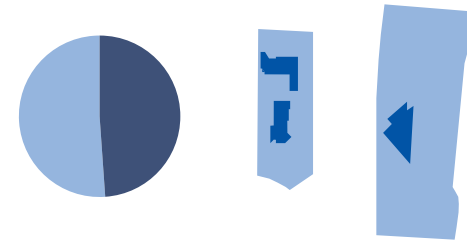
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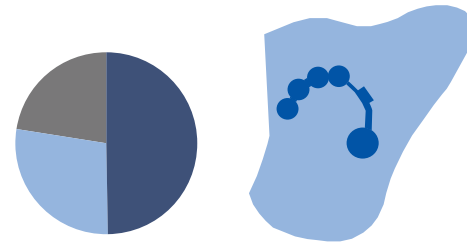
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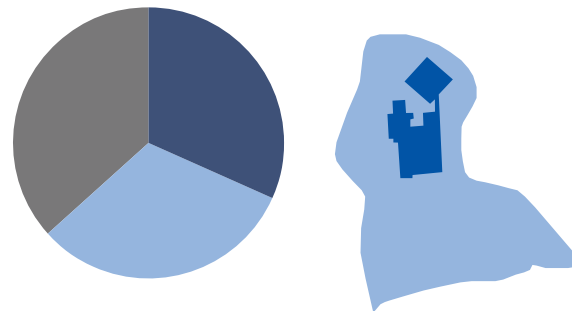
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Carter
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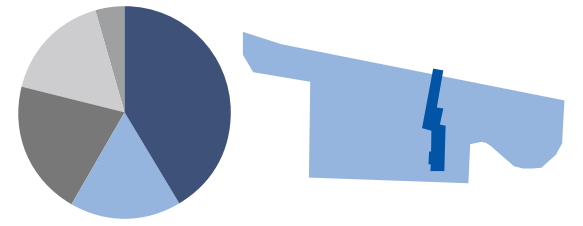
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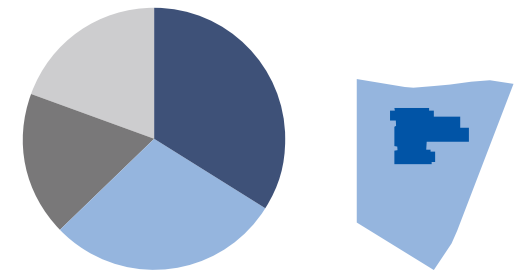
Bush
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Clinton
2004
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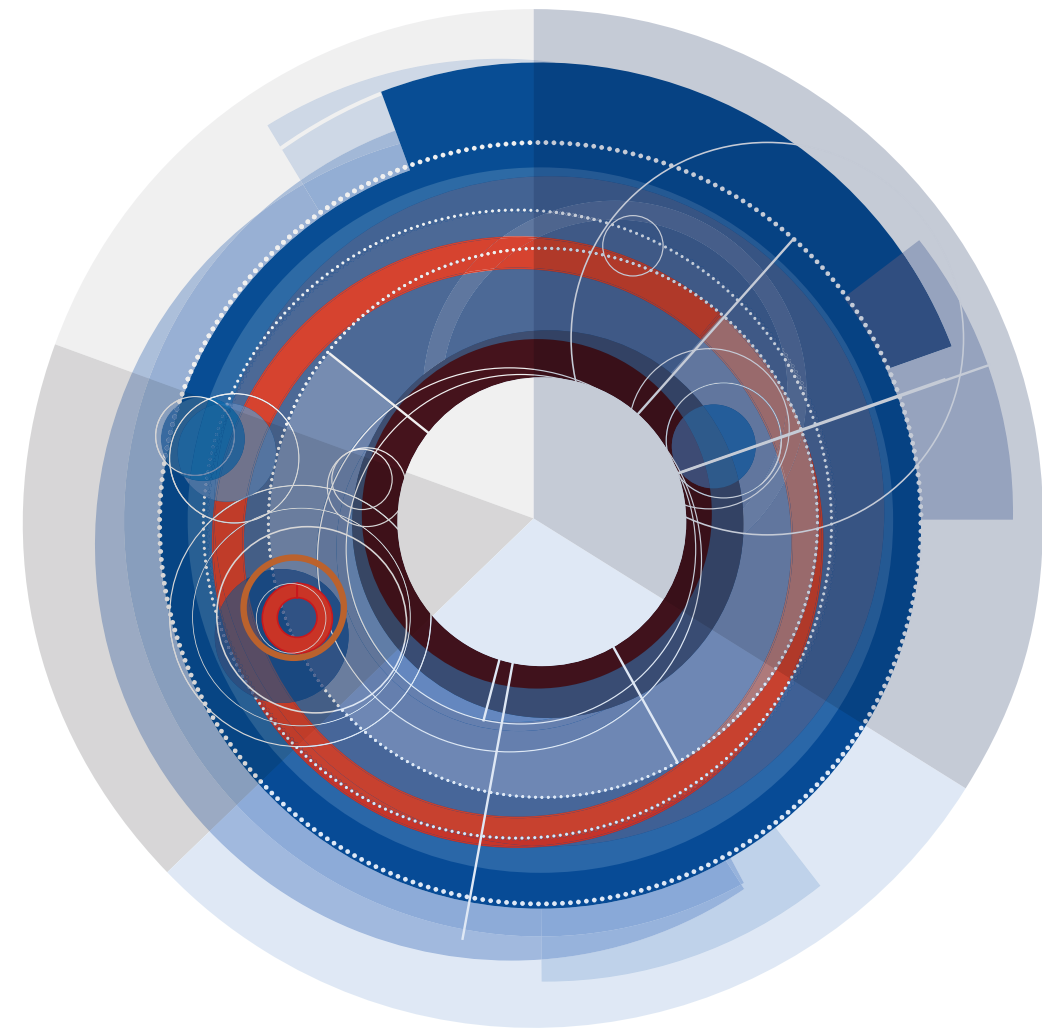


Bush
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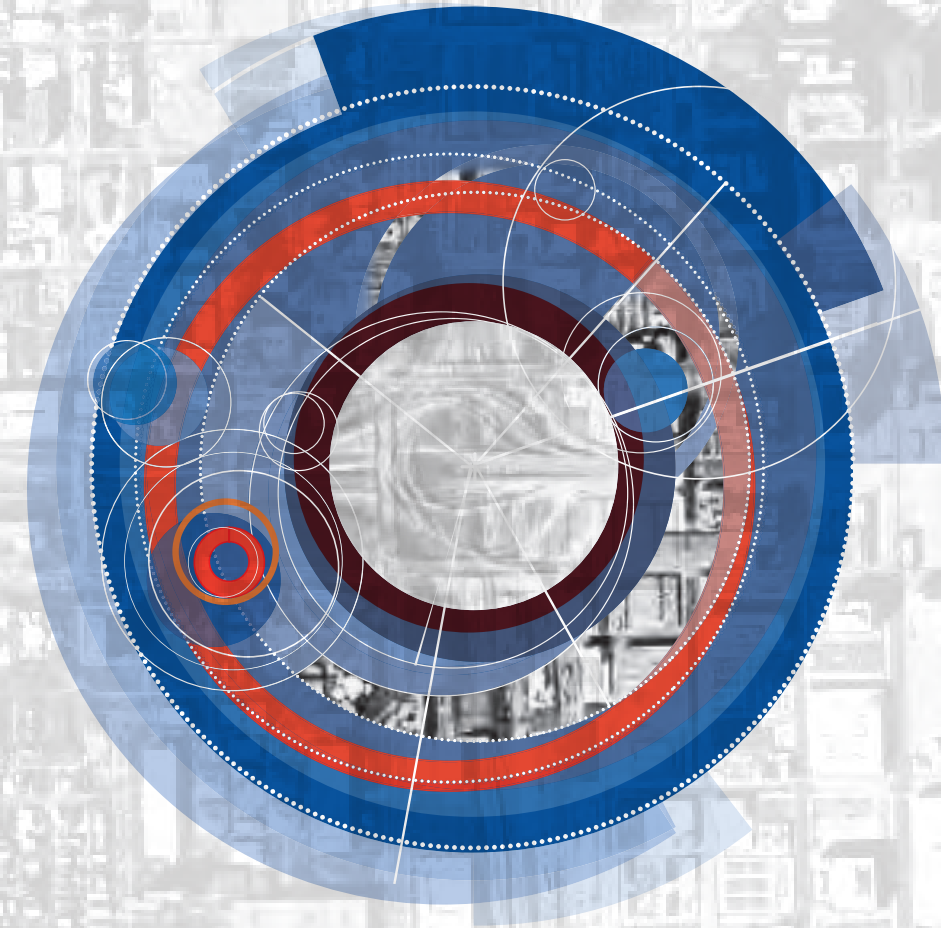
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Alternatively, a conceptual diagram for the Library can initially hollow out its core, introducing greater degrees of communication between exterior and interior, library and site. This is a library understood as a set of flexible rings of diverse character, rings that themselves can be rotated to set up new adjacencies among activities. **The primary question for this Library is not simply where should it go?, but rather what can it do?** The promise is that the Library not passively occupy a site, but that the Library itself will generate its site, unfolding its activities across a wide territory of reclamation and reinvestment.

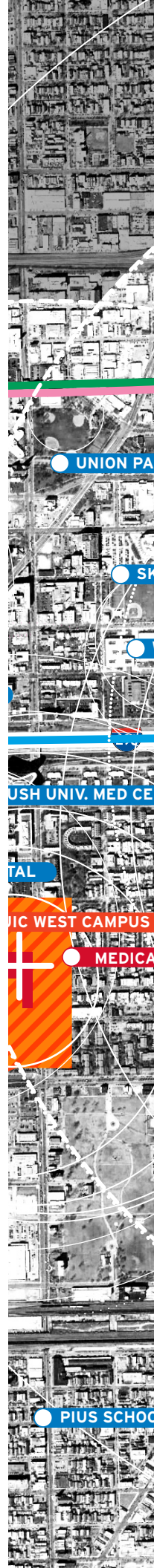


Setting up an exchange between metropolitan environment and library, the Library program diagram can itself be scaled up to suggest a parallel set of activities and programs at the neighborhood and larger urban scales. The energy of the city enters the Library the knowledge and discourse instigated within the Library moves out.

Library = City

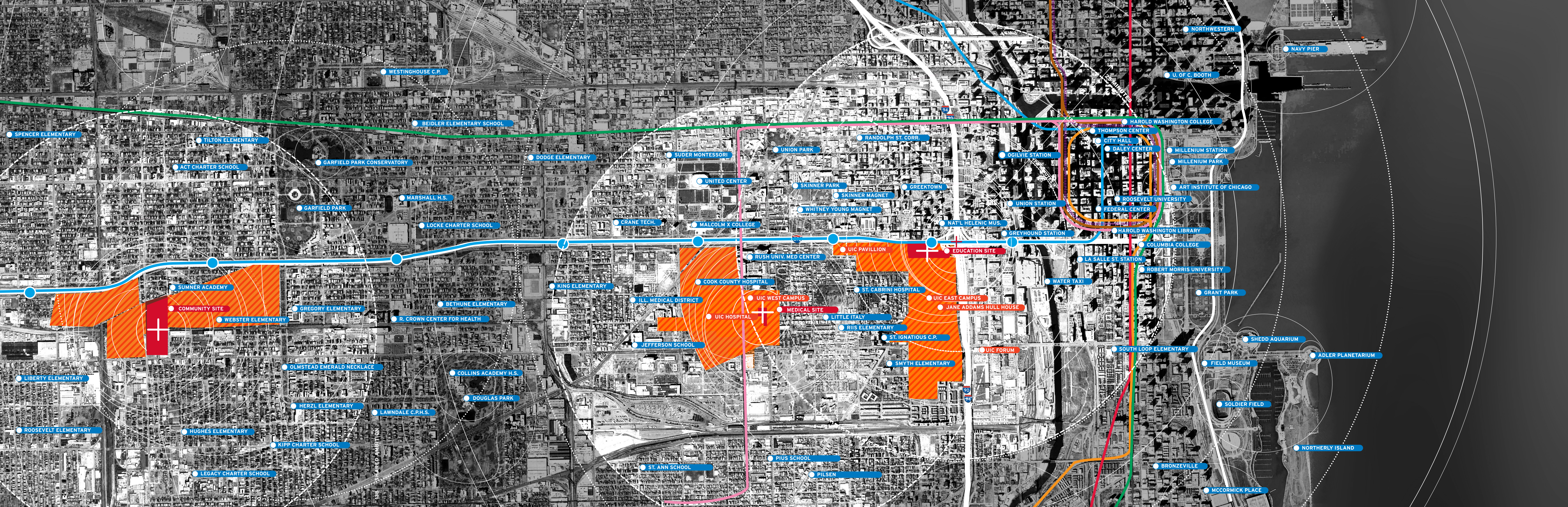


The center ring of this plan occupies the southwest quadrant of what could be considered the conceptual 'center' of Chicago, the presidential cardo-decumanus established by the intersection of the Eisenhower and Kennedy Expressways at the Circle Interchange. This location constitutes the virtual center of Burnham and Bennett's unrealized Plan.



The outermost ring of this plan would embrace the community of North Lawndale at its western limit. The three sites identified in our proposal are located along this historical axis. This axis, from the lakefront to Lawndale, now hosts one of the greatest concentrations of civic and cultural institutions in the city.





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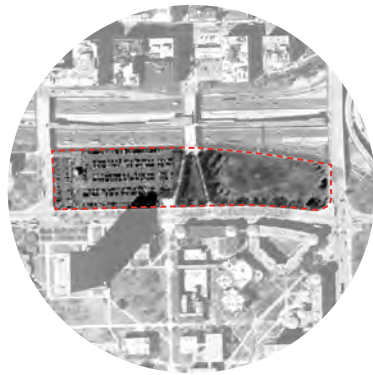
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MCCORMICK PLACE

136 SOUTH ARABIAN BLVD

For the purposes of this RFQ, we present three potential sites corresponding to three emanating rings from the Circle Interchange (and center of the Burnham Plan) to the western edge of the city proper. The sites are respectively identified with the historic, academic campus of UIC; the medical campus of UIC; and a site made available through our community partner, the neighborhood of North Lawndale.



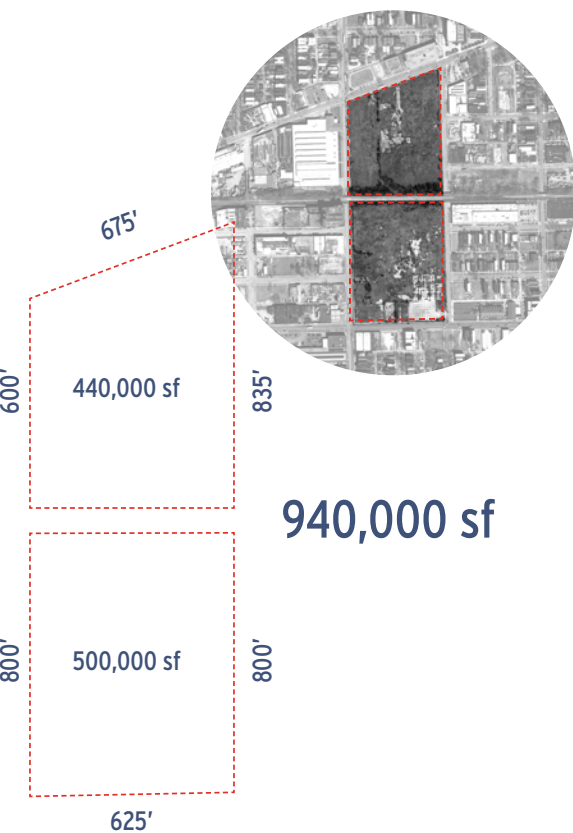
While other sites are available for later discussion, these three signature locations are emblematic of the various stories that the Library will be able to tell about imagination, engagement, and broad access to the resources of well-being and growth that a healthy democracy requires.

In each instance, these are privileged “gateway” sites: to the historic east campus, to the west campus and Illinois Medical District, and at the interface between Chicago, the western suburbs and beyond.

The community site is a large 23-acre site between W. 5th Ave to the North, S. Kildare Ave to the East, W. Roosevelt Ave to the South, and S. Kostner Ave to the West. Close to the western edge of Chicago and just south of the Eisenhower Expressway and the CTA Blue Line, the site has close proximity to many western suburbs including Cicero, Oak Park, Forest Park and Berwyn. The site is divided in half by an abandoned rail viaduct, once used by Sears, that runs from the western to the eastern boundary of North Lawndale.

community site

Cook County Parcel
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Current Land Ownership
 City of Chicago
Topography
 The site is effectively level. Across Chicago elevation change is minimal approximately 30 feet from the lakeshore to the western edge of the city.

Overview of Surrounding Community
 The site is within North Lawndale
 2010 total population: 35,912
 91.43% Black, 5.97% Hispanic, 21% Asian, 1.37 % White, 1.02% Other
 Median Household Income: \$25,797

North Lawndale is adjacent to two other community areas and one township. To the north are East and West Garfield Park which bracket Garfield Park and the Garfield Park Observatory. Madison Street is the primary commercial street, and current efforts by the City are underway to improve the Kedzie Corridor in East Garfield. Like North Lawndale, both have been predominantly African American communities since the late 1950s.

East Garfield Park
 2010 total population: 20,567
 90.9% Black, 4.13% Hispanic, 4% Asian, 3.39% White, 1.17% Other
 Median Household Income: \$24,488

West Garfield Park
 2010 total population: 18, 001
 96.19% Black, 74% White, 1.93 Hispanic, .04 Asian, 1.09 Other
 Median Household Income: \$23,033

To the south is South Lawndale which contains Little Village, the second largest Mexican American community in the city. Its primary commercial corridor is 26th Street. Cicero, a small township is on the west. The Illinois Medical District is to the east.

South Lawndale
 2010 total population: 79,288
 82.56% Hispanic, 14% Asian, 13.08% Black, 3.85% White, 36% Other
 Median Household Income: \$33,593

Cicero
 2010 total population: 82,291
 89.6% Hispanic, 51.9% White, 3.8% Black, 6% Asian, 43.7% Other
 Median Household Income: \$39,557

Located on two lots at the northwest and southwest corners of Taylor Street and Ashland Avenue intersection, the medical site is two and a half acres and is the gateway to the west side of UIC's campus, which is home to UIC's seven health sciences colleges and the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System. Cook County Hospital, Rush University Medical Center and the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center are in close proximity.

medical site

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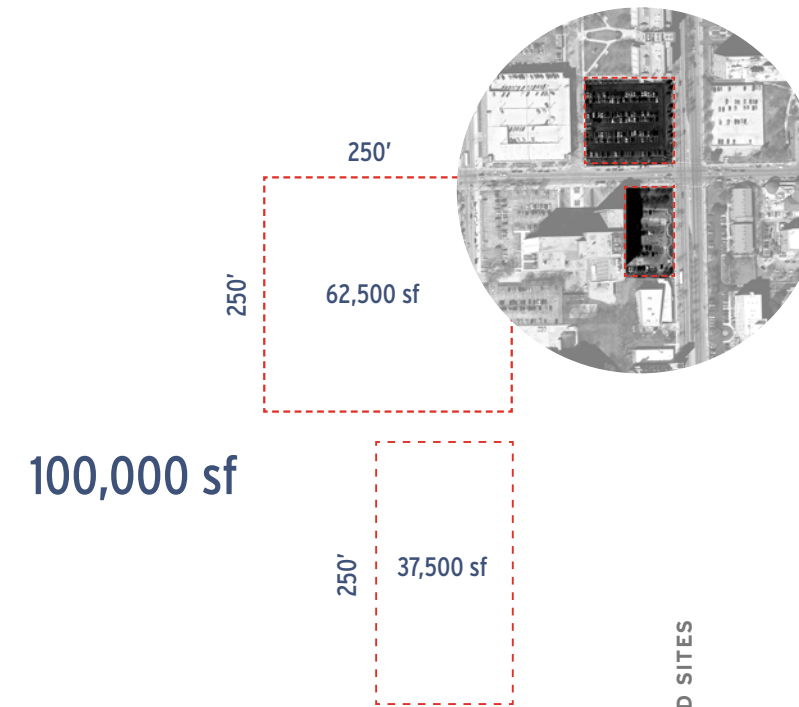
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 University of Illinois at Chicago
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UIC Tract Numbers
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Overview of Surrounding Community
 The site sits within the Near West Side community area:
 2010 total population: 54,881
 41.99% White, 31.53% Black, 9.2% Hispanic, 14.62% Asian, 2.67% Other
 2010 Median Household Income: \$62,770

The site also sits within the Illinois Medical District, the nation's largest urban medical district. This special-use zoning district consists of 560 acres of medical research facilities, labs, a biotechnology business incubator, a raw development area, and more than 40 health care related facilities.

Neighborhoods within the community area that are close to the site include West Loop to the north and Little Italy to the east. Pilsen is to the south, and North Lawndale, the location of the Community site, is to the west.



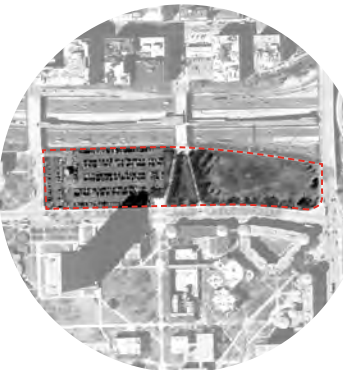
The academic site runs on the north side of Harrison Street, between Morgan and Halsted Streets. Nestled between Chicago's major roadways and set against the impressive view of the city skyline, Harrison Field is a prominent and easily accessible six and a half-acre location within the diverse neighborhoods of Greektown, Little Italy, Pilsen, West Loop, South Loop and Medical Village. The site is situated across from UIC's East Side Harrison Street pedestrian University Gateway, directly southwest of Eisenhower Expressway and Halsted Street, and in close proximity to the Dan Ryan Expressway.

academic site

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UIC Tract Numbers
 5C, 4H & 5B

Current Land Ownership
 University of Illinois at Chicago
Topography
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Overview of Surrounding Community
 Neighborhoods within this community area that are close to the site include Greektown and West Loop to the north, Little Italy to the west, and University Village to the south. Greektown, just north of UIC, is a Greek dining and cultural district, which was once part of a larger neighborhood from the late 1800s to the 1960s. As the location of the annual Greek Independence Day parade and other annual events, Greektown continues to be the center for Greek American residents who now live throughout the metropolitan area. West Loop is one of Chicago's newer neighborhoods. Most of the area was previously a warehouse district, and many of those warehouses have been converted to residential or commercial lofts over the last two decades.

Halsted, Madison, and Randolph Streets are the primary commercial areas. Little Italy is a historically Italian American neighborhood, since the late 1800s, which today includes students and young professionals among its residents in addition to Italian Americans. Pilsen, located south of UIC, is known for its large Mexican American community, dating back to the 1950s. It is primarily a residential community with 18th Street as its main commercial corridor.



Community Site

Adjacent property uses and ownership

The site is surrounded by numerous businesses and industries that include Safeway Construction Company, Bellwood Industrial Co, Charter Steel, Techno Weld, VBS Recycling, Hadley Gear Manufacturing Co, Hadley Gear Manufacturing Co, and United Baptist Church along Roosevelt Road; Raybon's Body Shop and Aries Charter along Grenshaw; Color Communications, US Pallets, National Granite Supply Corp. on Fillmore; Abco Electric on Kildare; Nationwide Furniture Distribution, a storefront church, Cabo Construction, Chicago Fiberglass Works/ Continental Studios Inc., and New Age Services Corp. along Kostner; and Kagan Industries on Killbourn.

Conditions or uses that may affect development

A defunct BNSF Railroad viaduct divides the northern half of the site from the southern half.

Transportation

The community site in North Lawndale is accessible by all means of transportation. I-290, the Eisenhower Expressway, runs directly past the community site into the western suburbs from downtown Chicago. All forms of public transportation provide access, including the CTA Blue Line and CTA buses along Roosevelt Road and Kostner Avenue. There are many bicycle-friendly streets, too, and there is the potential to stimulate the expansion of the bike-share program DIVVY further into the west side of Chicago.

Utilities

The community site is a brownfield site that is connected to existing sewer, water, electrical and gas utilities. In the case of sewer and water, review with the City is needed to determine capacity and if necessary, any need for maintenance, improvement, or enhancement. For electricity and gas, load letters putting forth requirements as needed would have to be provided to ComEd and Peoples Energy, respectively.

Existing Zoning

M2 (Light Industry District) for the north half of the Community site along Kostner Avenue between Roosevelt Road and Fifth Avenue.

The primary purpose of M2 is to accommodate moderate-impact manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing and distribution uses, including storage and work-related activities that occur outside of enclosed buildings.

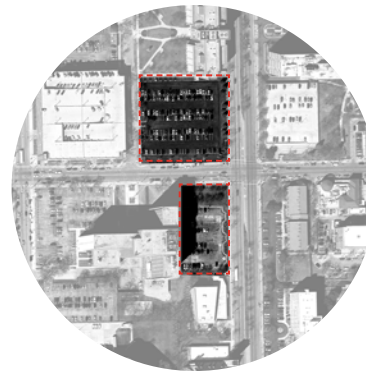
PD (Planned Development) for the south half of the Community site.

New Zoning

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17-8-0504 Hospitals, Colleges, Universities and Campus-Style Institutional Uses. Planned development review and approval is required for development of land to be used for hospitals, colleges, universities and similar campus-style institutional uses on sites with a net site area of 2 acres or more.



Medical Site

Adjacent property uses and ownership

East of the site across Ashland is Medical District Apartments, two multi-story apartment buildings owned by the Habitat Co, and the Circle Park Apartments. North of the site is UIC Molecular Biology Research Center. West of the portion of the site that is on the north side of Taylor St. is a UIC parking garage. West of the portion of the site that is on the south side of Taylor St. is the UIC School of Public Health. South of the site is the UIC Center for Structural Biology.

Conditions or uses that may affect development

Taylor Street separates the northern half of the site from the southern half.

Transportation

The location offers convenient visitor parking and is accessible by numerous CTA buses (7 Harrison, 9 Ashland, 18 Roosevelt, 157 Streeterville/Taylor) and the CTA Pink Line (Polk Street station) that link to Chicago's vital business, financial, artistic and educational institutions as well as to the international O'Hare and Midway airports.

Utilities

Storm water, City water, Natural gas, Redundant high voltage underground electric distribution, Secondary underground electric distribution system, Direct heating (steam and high temperature hot water) and cooling (chilled water), and Fiber optic cable.

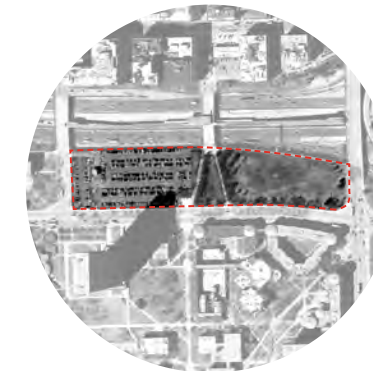
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New Zoning

No zoning changes are needed but the project is subject to Planned Development review and approval.



Academic Site

Adjacent property uses and ownership

South across Harrison Street are UIC residence halls, and UIC classrooms and offices, Jefferson Hall, Henry Hall, and University Hall, moving from east to west. North across the Eisenhower Expressway are an office building, a condominium, UIC's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Hall and Art and Exhibition Hall, and an apartment building that caters to students.

Conditions or uses that may affect development

The center of the site is pedestrian access from UIC to the CTA Blue Line 'L' Station.

Transportation

In addition to street and freeway access, the academic site provides a variety of mass transit options including CTA buses (7 Harrison, 8 Halsted, 60 Blue Island/26th, 126 Van Buren) and CTA Blue Line (UIC/Halsted station) that link to Chicago's vital business, financial, artistic and educational institutions as well as to the international O'Hare and Midway airports.

Utilities

Storm water, City water, Natural gas, Redundant high voltage underground electric distribution, Secondary underground electric distribution system, Direct heating (steam and high temperature hot water) and cooling (chilled water), and Fiber optic cable.

Existing Zoning

C1-5 (Neighborhood Commercial District with a maximum floor area ratio of 5) for the third of the site adjacent to Halsted St (5C)

The primary purpose of the C1, Neighborhood Commercial district is to accommodate a very broad range of small-scale, business, service and commercial uses. M1-3 (Limited Manufacturing/Business Park District with a maximum floor area ratio of 3) for the remaining two-thirds of the site (4H and SB)

Manufacturing districts are intended to accommodate manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale and industrial uses outside the Central Area.

The primary purpose of the M1, Limited Manufacturing/Business Park district, is to accommodate low-impact manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing and distribution activities that occur within enclosed buildings. The district is intended to promote high-quality new development and reuse of older industrial buildings.

New Zoning

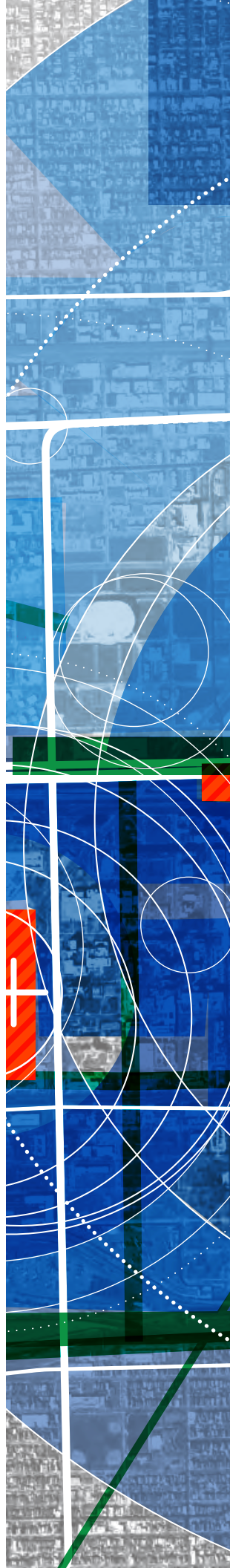
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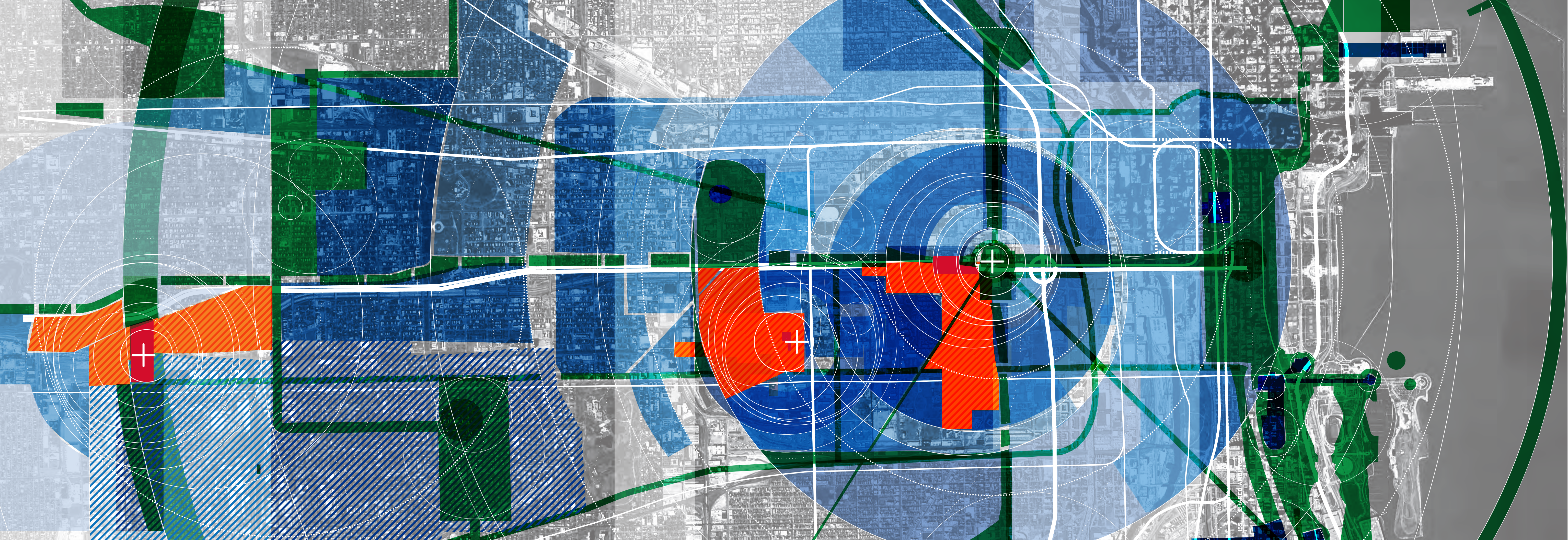
The geographic coincidence of our potential sites with the scope and extent of the 1909 Burnham Plan, suggests that the Library can function as a political and economic catalyst to reanimate large-scale urban thinking in Chicago, and speculate upon strategies that will form the new image of the 21st century city.

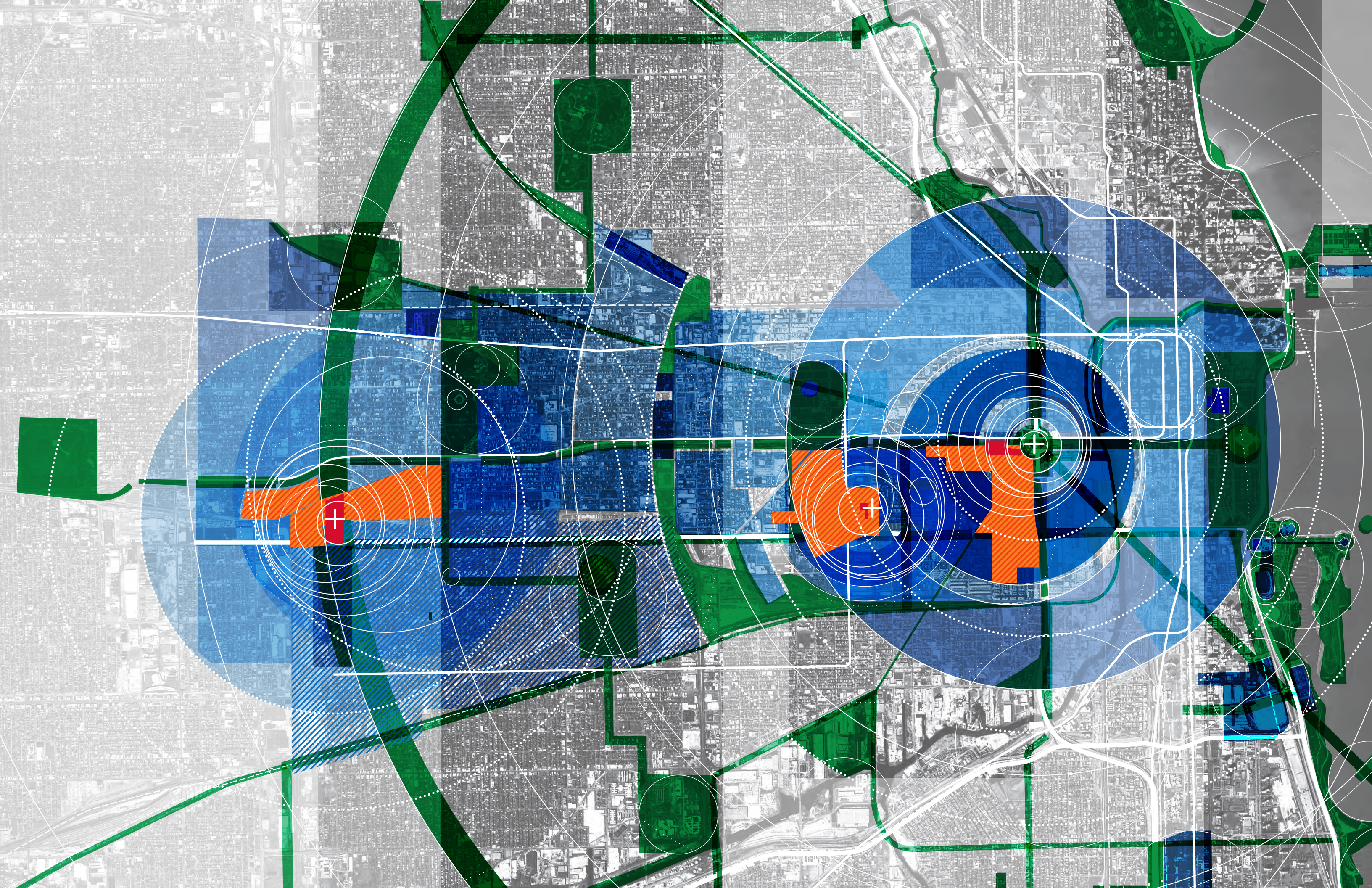
As an amendment to the generally top-down and center-periphery logic of the first Chicago Plan, this new model will be multi-centric and ambidirectional, with transformative interventions popping-up indiscriminately within the larger field of the city, setting up waves of feedback loops. Here, the city is the new frontier, a collective site that must be reopened to progressive development and planning. It is just as likely to move from the outside-in and bottom-up as the other way around.



**More than a Library, our
proposal offers the city an Obama
Plan for 2015.**





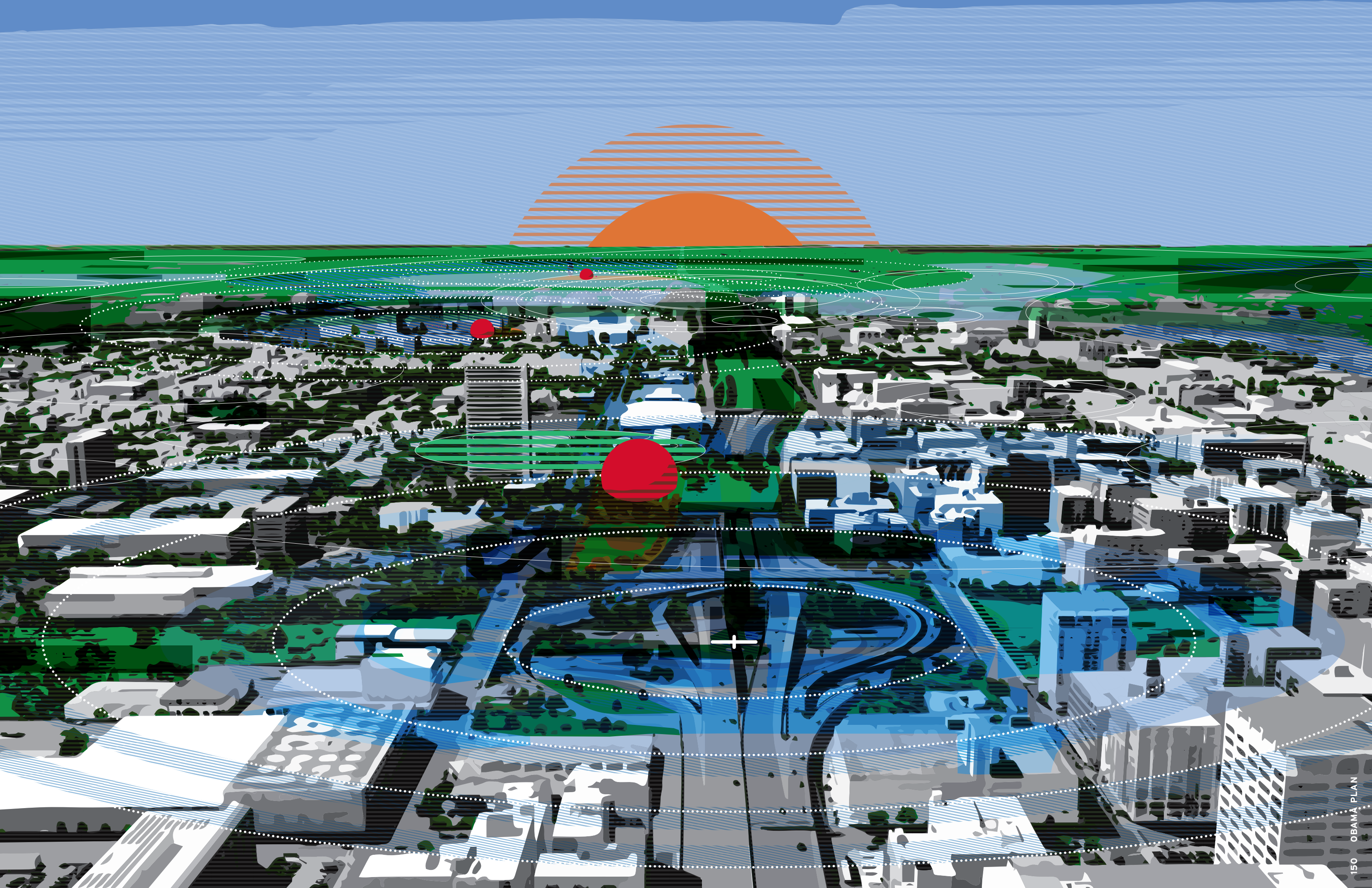


If the historic Chicago Loop represents the late-nineteenth century American city, with its 0-0 point at the intersection of State and Madison, this center has shifted with infrastructural expansion to the intersection of the Kennedy, Dan Ryan and Eisenhower Expressways at the Circle Interchange a century later.

The potential location of the Barack Obama Presidential Library at this new center will enable a new, expanded 0-ring, a civic and cultural zone that greens over the freeway system to reconnect residential, commercial, civic and educational activities with an enhanced landscape of urban farms, recreational areas, and public platforms for discursive interchange.

Stimulating infrastructure toward the formation of community and identity, the Library can initiate a process of re-suturing neighborhoods that had been previously divided by the crude necessities of interstate transportation development.

The Barack Obama Presidential Library will be an anchor for a new greenbelt, a loop for the 21st century, that wraps necessity with vision and desire.



In 1961, Mayor Daley made land available to the University of Illinois for its Chicago campus, land that was ostensibly a gift from the federal government. Now, UIC wants to share a gift of land with The Barack Obama Foundation. We are not alone in our enthusiastic support of this momentous endeavor.



**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.**

DANNY K. DAVIS
7TH DISTRICT - ILLINOIS

May 14, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you consider sites for the Obama Presidential Library and Museum, I urge you to consider the Chicago region's only public research university, the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Both a top research university and an inclusive public institution, UIC uniquely exemplifies your vision by offering rich education opportunities to diverse learners, including many first-generation college students.

At the same time, UIC contributes to landmark advances in health care, technology, education and social policy. Its \$380 million in annual research expenditures, combined with its commitment to public service, have improved Chicago neighborhoods as well as global industries and disciplines.

The cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity of its 27,500 students and 15,000 faculty and staff members, along with the programs of its 15 colleges, comprehensive health sciences center, and dozens of research centers, ensures that the Presidential Library and Museum will find a welcome home and a stimulating intellectual, action-oriented environment.

UIC's location a mile from Chicago's Loop would make the Obama Presidential Library easily accessible to metropolitan Chicago's nearly 10 million residents, as well as to visiting researchers, journalists, tourists, and business travelers from around the nation and the world.

I trust their proposal will receive all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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Martin Nesbitt, Chairman
The Barack Obama Foundation
13th Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005

June 11, 2014

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the University of Illinois at Chicago's proposal to become the future home of the Barack Obama Presidential Library.

As Alderman for the City of Chicago's 11th Ward, I am privileged to represent a vibrant community that includes students, faculty, and workers at the University of Illinois at Chicago. UIC is a major research university located in the heart of one of the world's great cities. Growing numbers of students are attracted to UIC and reflect the global character of Chicago; more than one-third of UIC students speak English as a second language. UIC's student body—approximately sixty-five percent undergraduate and thirty-five percent graduate and professional—is recognized as one of the nation's most diverse. The university considers the diversity of its student population to be among its greatest assets.

UIC, with its wide representation of academic and professional disciplines, offers an unparalleled range of educational opportunities to residents of the 11th Ward and beyond. Building on the legacy of Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams, whose Hull House settlement served the needs of the immigrant population in early twentieth-century Chicago, UIC offers hundreds of local community engagement programs in areas such as healthcare, education reform, and economic development. Moreover, through its Great Cities Commitment, UIC supports joint research and public service activities with universities, foundations, government agencies, businesses, and civic organizations in forty-five countries around the world. On every level, there is simply no institution that better exemplifies President Obama's call for global citizenship than UIC.

With warm regards,

James A. Balcer
Alderman, 11th Ward

June 12, 2014

Mr. Martin Nesbitt
Chairman
Barack Obama Foundation

Dear Mr. Nesbitt and Fellow Trustees of the Barack Obama Foundation:

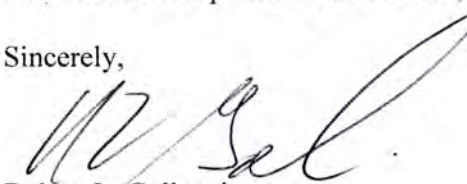
We are writing in support of the effort to locate the Barack Obama Presidential Library in Chicago. A Chicago location will make the library easily accessible to the maximum number of people in the U.S. and easily reached by people from around the world. The library and associated exhibits will tell the story of an historic milestone in American history and will be of enduring interest.

The MacArthur Foundation is committed to the vitality and quality of life of its headquarters city, and believes that the presidential library will make a singular contribution to the constellation of vital civic and cultural institutions that distinguish this city. It also will be an icon of inspiration for young people here and everywhere. A library that is outward-facing, with an intent to engage the community, connect with schools, and provide motivating, interactive experiences of the civic and political ideals and realities of this country, within its global context, would be treasured by local leaders and individual residents alike.

We are especially attracted to the notion that the library would be located in a community that would directly benefit from its social and economic stimulus, such as those proposed by the University of Illinois at Chicago and others. Our goal for the city as a whole is neighborhoods that are strong, vital, and growing, with the full array of amenities that contribute to an enviable quality of life for everyone. A library in Chicago, in such a community, would help make achieving that goal a real possibility.

Thank you for the opportunity for our city to vie for the Barack Obama Presidential Library. I am sure that the competition will be keen, but the benefits of Chicago will be compelling.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Gallucci
President



June 9, 2014

Martin Nesbitt, Chairman
The Barack Obama Foundation
13th Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

On behalf of the National Museum of Mexican Art, the largest Latino arts institution in the nation and the only Latino museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, I write to express my enthusiastic support for bringing the Barack Obama Presidential Library to the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

I have been a proud member of the UIC community for almost forty years. From my graduation in 1975, to my service as a Trustee of the University of Illinois between 2009 and 2011, until the present day, I have been privileged to watch the former "Circle Campus" grow into a university of national and international stature. As the largest university in the Chicago area, UIC has over 28,000 students, fifteen colleges (including the nation's largest medical school), and annual research expenditures exceeding \$388 million. Many of these students are the first person in their family to attend college, with almost fifty percent being eligible for the Pell Grant scholarship program so ably defended by the Obama administration. And it is with special pride that I note that almost one-quarter of undergraduates are of Latino heritage, placing the university on the threshold of attaining Latino Serving Institution status. UIC is already Asian American/Native American/Pacific Islander Serving Institution.

As Chicago's only public research university and comprehensive health sciences center—not to mention one of the world's best "young universities," according to the *Times Higher Education*—UIC is ideally situated to realize the vision and legacy of President Obama. Indeed, there could not be a clearer parallel between UIC's mission to serve an increasingly diverse America and President Obama's ethic of citizenship, belief in expanded opportunity, and determination to build a more peaceful and just society.

Saludos cordiales,

Carlos Tortolero
President & Founder
National Museum of Mexican Art



Christopher Schultz,
UIC student



Heidi De La Cruz,
UIC student



Elise Doody-Jones,
UIC student



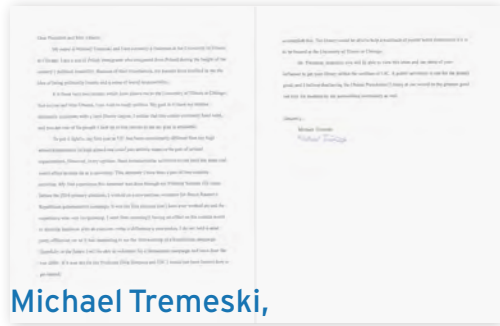
Marvin Villada,
UIC student



Liz Monjaras,
UIC student

As a future educator, I would highly encourage my students to utilize the library as much as possible, as well as my friends, peers and my future children. It would be such an honor to have the library here at UIC as a place inspired by your stories, serving the community, schools and all of the people that live and travel to Chicago.

Savannah Whittington



Michael Tremeski,
UIC student

A public university is one for the greater good, and I believe that having the Obama Presidential Library at one would be the greatest good not only for students but the surrounding community as well.

Michael Tremeski



Jason Kwazniak,
UIC student



Ion Nimerencu,
graduate student,
Department of
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Ivonne Saldaña,
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Eui Jin Ban,
UIC student



Juan Jose Garcia,
UIC student



Brianna Johnson,
UIC student

[UIC] would greatly benefit as the site of your library as it would be a constant reminder of the necessity of both diversity and the desire for social justice in making this country the amazing nation that it is. I'd hope it would be a place dedicated to telling the stories of where you came from and how you got where you are today. I know that as the oldest daughter of a struggling single mom, I personally have already been affected by your story, Mr. President. It's given me hope that, no matter how much adversity I'll face in my life because of where I came from or my gender, I still have the same ability to do what I want with my life as anyone else.

Abby Dompke

Whenever I think about the President I think about how monumental it is that he got elected, and how I participated in voting for him for his second term in 2012. I remember how excited all the students were for the election and how his run made people excited to vote. UIC is located in the heart of Chicago, a city near and dear to Mr. Obama; it would only make sense to have his Presidential Library at this campus, which has the largest most diverse student body in the city of Chicago.

Ivonne Saldaña



Marcus M. Guerra Jr.,
UIC student



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UIC student



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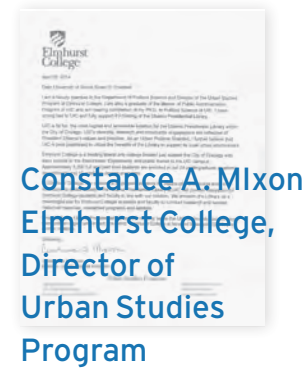


Jackie Sanchez,
UIC student

UIC is not its own college town bubble, but is part of the greater Chicago community, and it fosters its students to become engaged in what is going on in the city.

Veronica C. Picchi

[The Obama Presidential Library] would provide inspiration for inner-city youth that have been told 'no' their entire lives. You are a role model for these students, Mr. and Mrs. Obama. You have proved that id does not matter where you are from, hard work, dedication and a passion for others is all you need to make an impact on the world. You have shown this city that the sky is the limit. This library will be our reminder of that.



Constance A. Mixon
Elmhurst College,
Director of
Urban Studies
Program



Liz Monjaras,
UIC student



Eliza Poznanski,
UIC student



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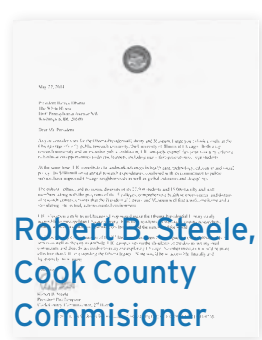
Nikolina Josipovic,
UIC student



Matthew Maniak,
UIC student

I have five brothers and sisters and we were raised by my parents, who are immigrants that did not make it past elementary school. This lack of education in their lives pushed them to make it a key in ours. UIC was a beacon of hope for us Out of the six children, four of us went to UIC. UIC is a place that welcomes everyone. There are students from rich neighborhoods in New York, and students from China that chose UIC out of everywhere else in the world. UIC is a world renowned institution for research. This is a learning community that thrives on not only asking questions, but looking for the answers.

Mayra Yvette Gutierrez



Robert B. Steele,
Cook County
Commisioner-
2nd district

It is not an exaggeration to say that UIC has played a central role in transforming the lives of my entire family. We are exemplars of the urban mission of the school—providing the opportunity for working class students to receive a world class education. UIC prepared all of us to make a useful contributions to our society, and become productive citizens. I can think of no better example of a transformative institution to house the Obama Presidential Library

John F. Ochoa, President and CEO, FGM Architects, UIC alumnus



Mauricio Ramirez,
UIC student



**Aleksandra
Dyszkant,**
UIC student



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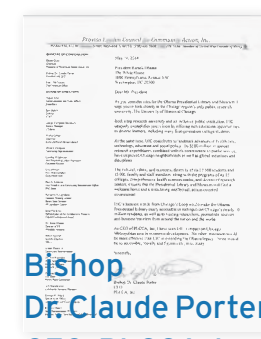
Raymond Tatalovich,
Loyola University,
Professor of
Political Science

The University of Illinois at Chicago stands for something more than just a place to come and et a diploma. It stands for hope, perseverance, and the opportunity for someone from any walk of life to come in, work hard and change their stars for the better.

Jeffrey Hubicki



Kate M. Donley
Norwich University,
Adjunct Faculty



**Bishop
Dr. Claude Porter,**
CEO, PLCCA, Inc.

A library is a symbol of learning, it is the temple that nourishes minds and allows intellectual growth. It opens new doors to knowledge and helps answer important questions about various academic fields.

Ion Nimerencu



Ahmed Nasr,
UIC student



Melissa Zmuda,
Dominican
University,
Department of
Political Science



Riana Uddin,
UIC student



Jeffrey Hubicki,
UIC student



**Savannah
Whittington,**
UIC student

Memorable conversations took place and a surge of energy took hold of the UIC community in anticipation of a formal invitation from The Barack Obama Foundation to submit a response to its RFQ.

Ideas were generated. The invitation arrived. A big plan was made.

The Chancellor's Committees on
The University of Illinois at Chicago proposal to host the Barack Obama
Presidential Library

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Steering Committee Leadership

Mary M Case is University Librarian and Dean of Libraries, overseeing the operations of the Richard J Daley Library and the Library of the Health Sciences in Chicago, and the Library of the Health Sciences locations in Peoria, Rockford, and Urbana, Illinois. She chairs the Chicago Collections Consortium, a group of libraries and museums allied to share collections via a free online portal developed by UIC, providing students, scholars, and citizens with access to diaries, photographs, letters, personal papers of politicians, artists, activists, folk heroes, and prominent citizens who shaped Chicago's history. Mary Case received her AMLS from the University of Michigan, her MA in Speech Communication from Syracuse University, and her BA in English from LeMoyne College. She also completed graduate study in Interpretation at Northwestern University.

Michael W Redding is UIC Executive Associate Chancellor of Public and Government Affairs. He is responsible for community relations, international affairs, public affairs and marketing, and oversees development, alumni affairs, access and equity. He leads UIC's overall strategic direction, integrated marketing, and strategic communications plan, building on the strengths of the university to forge new relationships in the business community and in government, while at the same time building upon UIC's longstanding bonds to Chicago and its Near West Side neighborhood. Michael Redding received his EdD in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania, his MGA in Governmental Administration from University of Pennsylvania, and his BA in Political Science from the University of Delaware.

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Academic Programming Committee Leadership

Michael A Pagano is Dean of the UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. He is currently one of four research partners on the Pew Charitable Trust's 14-year study of states' management of money, people, infrastructure, and information. In 2011, he received the American Political Science Association's Daniel Elazar Distinguished Scholar Award for lifetime contributions to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations. Michael Pagano received his PhD in Government from the University of Texas at Austin, and his BA in Latin American Studies from Pennsylvania State University.

Alfred Tatum is Dean of the UIC College of Education. He is an activist in the literacy of African American males, grades K-12, and has been credited with coining the term "bookprint" to refer to one's memory of personally influential books, noting that most young black males need to acquire a bookprint outside their school-assigned reading. To that end, he directs the UIC Reading Clinic and teaches an intensive summer writing institute for 15 adolescent black males. Alfred Tatum received his PhD and his MEd in Reading, Writing, Literacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his BS in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University.

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Architecture / Site Committee Leadership

Mark Donovan is UIC Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services. He has served the university for thirty years providing oversight for the planning and implementation of three Campus Master Plan programs, in 1998, 2002, and 2010. The 2010 plan, Framework for the Future, is the culmination of nearly two years of critical self-examination, engaged discourse, and insightful exchanges of opinion, and provides a flexible framework to guide the future physical development of the campus as funding and needs prescribe. Mark Donovan received his MA in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology and his BS in Political Science from John Carroll University.

Robert Somol is Director and Professor in the UIC School of Architecture. An internationally recognized design theorist, architect, writer and educator, he is a central figure in efforts to displace architecture's modes of criticality by a renewed engagement with the projective ambitions of the discipline. His collection of essays, Nothing to Declare, is forthcoming. Robert Somol received his PhD in the History of Culture from the University of Chicago, his JD in Law from Harvard Law School, and his AB from Brown University.

Thom Mayne, Consulting Architect, is Distinguished Professor at UCLA Architecture and Urban Design and founder of Morphosis, an interdisciplinary and collective practice involved in experimental design and research. He is a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, a recipient of the AIA Gold Medal in 2013, and a Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2005. His design for The Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas is arguably the greenest building in Texas, earning seals of approval from three green ratings systems: LEED Gold, Green Globes and the Sustainable Sites Initiative. Mayne has held teaching positions at Columbia, Yale, the Harvard Graduate School of Design, the Berlage Institute in Amsterdam, the Bartlett School of Architecture in London, and many other institutions around the world. His commitment to the education of young designers has not wavered. Thom Mayne received his MArch from Harvard University and his BArch from University of Southern California.

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Library / Museum Committee Leadership

Mary Case is the University Librarian and Dean of Libraries [See Steering Committee Leadership, page 158]

Lisa Yun Lee is Director of the UIC School of Art and Art History and a former director of the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, where she continues as a visiting curator. She advocates art and creative expression are essential to democracy and, as professor of art history, prepares undergraduate and graduate students to be leaders in defining what art is and how it is understood in society. Lisa Yun Lee received her PhD in German Studies from Duke University and her BA in Religion from Bryn Mawr College.

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Proposal Committee Leadership

Marcia Lausen is Director and Professor in the UIC School of Design and founder of the Chicago office of Studio/lab. At Studio/lab Lausen and her colleagues integrate practices in identity, information, and environmental graphic design. Her seminal book, *Design for Democracy: Ballot + Election Design*, published by the University of Chicago Press (2007), serves as the basis for federal voting guidelines. Marcia Lausen was named a 2004 Fast Company Master of Design. She received her BFA in Graphic Design from Indiana University and her MFA in Graphic Design from Yale University.

Michael W Redding is UIC Executive Associate Chancellor of Public and Government Affairs [See Steering Committee Leadership, page 158]

Meghan Ferrill, Lead Writer, is an instructor of writing in the UIC School of Design. She is also a writer. For the past year she has worked with UIC leadership and design students on a proposed new identity for the university. She curated an unprecedented series of poetry and typography exhibitions at the Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art in Amsterdam, and has conducted Poetry in Public Space workshops in the Netherlands, China, and Spain. Meghan Ferrill completed graduate studies at Northwestern University, Oxford University, and Temple University in London, and received her BA in English literature at the University of Iowa.

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North Lawndale Library Committee Leadership

Marcus Betts is founder and managing partner of Marcus Chizm Group, a boutique experiential marketing firm in Chicago. A North Lawndale native, he always knew he would return to North Lawndale after graduating from college to serve the community that raised him. An engaged civic leader and motivational speaker, whose pride of place is infectious, he leads by example, making him an inspiration to the youth of North Lawndale and to young business owners, like himself, who are the face of the community's future.

Charles Leeks moved to North Lawndale in 1998. He was quick to recognize the unique character of K-Town and commissioned a study of the area's historic resources, which led, in 2010, to K-Town's placement in the National Register of Historic Places. His efforts to revitalize the community focus in part on non-traditional community assets, emphasizing narratives that feature notable former residents, like Golda Meir and Martin Luther King, Jr; and noteworthy partnerships, like that of Julius Rosenwald and Booker T Washington.

Paul Norrington grew up in North Lawndale. Carrying on his family's tradition of community engagement, he revitalized the 1950s concept of block clubs, which help stabilize the community. He is a board member of Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, established in 1987 to bring holistic revitalization to the lives and environments of residents through economic empowerment, housing improvements, educational enrichments and community advocacy. He is the co-founder and vice-president of the K-Town Historic District Association and the catalyst for the North Lawndale bid to host the Barack Obama Presidential Library, now in partnership with UIC.

Darren Tillis, a native of North Lawndale, is an agent for State Farm Insurance. He is an active community member advocating for North Lawndale youth and educational opportunities. He is currently co-chair of the Charles Hughes Elementary Local School Council; co-chair of the Community Action Council; a liaison to Chicago Public Schools; chair of the North Lawndale Neighborhood Housing Services Advisory Board; advisory board member of Chicago Youth Centers, North Lawndale Campus; board member of North Lawndale Strategic Human Services; and a board member of the North Lawndale CARE initiative.

North Lawndale Library Committee Membership

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Marcus Chizm Group

Valerie Cavin
Community Activist

Marcus de la fleur
Licensed Landscape Architect

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North Lawndale Historical and
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North Lawndale Businessman

John Wolf
Neighborhood Housing Services

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Strategy Summit

On 12 April 2014 a summit was held at the UIC Innovation Center to generate ideas around the University's proposal to host the Barack Obama Presidential Library, many of which are reflected in this proposal.

A shared destiny

The steering committee leading UIC's proposal to host the Barack Obama Presidential Library invites your participation in a strategy summit to be held:

Saturday, April 12 1:00-5:00pm UIC Innovation Center
1240 W. Harrison Street




with reception to follow

University of Illinois at Chicago

Obama Presidential Library Steering Committee Co-Chairs

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Barack Obama
Meet the Press interview with Tim Russert
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