Welcome to the 2016 Know Your Chicago Symposium!

Founded in 1948 by Mary Ward Wolkonsky, Know Your Chicago strives to foster understanding of and appreciation for the diverse forces and institutions shaping this great city, and to encourage civic participation.

As the official beginning to the 68th annual tour season, the Symposium brings together distinguished speakers who address important issues related to the five tour topics. This year’s tours focus on Navy Pier’s Transformation at 100; the Integration of Eastern and Western Medicine; the internationally acclaimed Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Public Library Foundation; Heroin and its Allied Public Health Issues; and Police Training in the 21st Century.

We trust you will find today’s speakers interesting and thought-provoking, and we look forward to learning with you this season.

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Modern Medicine: The Merger of East and West

David W. Miller, M.D., L.Ac is one of the only physicians in the U.S. dually board certified in Pediatrics and Chinese medicine. He sees patients of all ages for holistic and integrative care at his Chicago practice, East-West Integrated Medicine, LLC. Dr. Miller has designed curricula in integrative physiology, and is an active participant and leader in numerous state and national medical associations. Currently, he is Chair of the American Society of Acupuncturists, and Legislative Director for the Chinese medical community in Illinois. He teaches extensively and speaks to both professional and public audiences about integrative medicine. Miller received his B.S. in Theoretical Mathematics from Vassar College, his M.D. from Brown University School of Medicine, and completed his internship and residency in Pediatrics at the University of Chicago. Additionally, he completed his Master of Science in Traditional Oriental Medicine at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in Chicago, where he designed the Integrative Pediatrics curriculum.

A Brilliant Partnership

Brian Bannon, Commissioner and CEO of the Chicago Public Library (CPL), is responsible for the 80 libraries serving Chicago’s 2.6 million residents. With more than 11 million visitors in 2013, CPL is the most visited civic institution in Chicago, and is among the largest public library systems in the United States. Prior to his appointment at CPL in 2013, Commissioner Bannon held executive positions with the San Francisco Public Library, the Seattle Public Library, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Bannon is a leader in transforming historic institutions into bright centers for innovation; other U.S and international cities are adopting his model. Among his priorities are expanded engagement in information access, public technology, the digital divide, and “spaces for learning.” Bannon received his B.A. from Pacific Lutheran University and his Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington.

Robert A. Wislow has been a member of the Chicago Public Library Foundation Board for 20 years and its Chairman since 2011. Mr. Wislow is Chairman of CBRE, a commercial real estate firm, and was co-founder of US Equities Realty, now merged with CBRE. His significant oversight role in major Chicago developments includes: Harold Washington Library; University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital and Center for Care and Discovery; John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital; Millennium Park’s Pritzker Pavilion, Cloud Gate, Crown Fountain, and P.B. Bridge; and Columbia College’s Media Production Center. A deeply committed civic leader, Wislow has served on numerous boards including Rush Medical College; Chicago Symphony Orchestra; After School Matters; Museum of Contemporary Photography; and Marwen Foundation for the Arts. He has received major awards from the Urban Land Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

Meet the 2016 Symposium Speakers

Policing in Chicago: Past, Present, and Future

Lori E. Lightfoot is a partner at Mayer Brown LLP’s Chicago Office, where she regularly advises clients on a range of complex civil and criminal law issues. Currently, she is Chair of the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force and President of the Chicago Police Board. Previously, she served as Chief Administrator at the Office of Professional Standards of the Chicago Police Department; as Chief of Staff and General Counsel at the Office of Emergency Management and Communications; and as Interim First Deputy Procurement Officer at the City of Chicago’s Department of Procurement Services. Ms. Lightfoot began her career as a Michigan Supreme Court law clerk, and also served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois in the criminal division. She received her B.A., with honors, from the University of Michigan, and her J.D. from the University of Chicago.

The Power of Addiction: From Despair to Redemption

William Cope Moyers brings personal experience to his work as Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Relations for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, a force of healing and hope for individuals, families, and communities affected by addiction to alcohol and other drugs. Moyers’ memoir, Broken: My Story of Addiction and Redemption, a New York Times best-seller, highlights the dueling powers of addiction and recovery. His most recent book, Now What? An Insider’s Guide to Addiction and Recovery, navigates the maze of addiction: how to find help, what it means to recover, and the importance of sharing stories with the public and the next generation. Mr. Moyers Miller received contributor to Good Morning America. A former journalist for CNN, his work has appeared in the New York Times, USA Today and Newsweek, on topics including the national opioid epidemic, smashing the stigma of addiction, and current policy discussions.
Mary Ward Wolkonsky (1907–2002) was an extraordinary woman who made a significant and lasting contribution to the educational and philanthropic world of Chicago. Throughout her long life, she offered her talents in a multitude of ways, focusing particularly on issues and organizations that advanced the role of women.

Mrs. Wolkonsky loved Chicago. In 1948, she founded Know Your Chicago, not only as a way to share her excitement about our city, but also to educate women for civic participation. Over its long history, Know Your Chicago has enabled thousands to experience the unique, the serious, the humorous, the beautiful and, often, the little-known aspects of this wonderful city.

Born in Michigan, Mrs. Wolkonsky moved to Chicago in 1939 and quickly became involved in the life of the city. Her remarkable intelligence, charm, and leadership abilities made her an asset to many of the area’s leading institutions including the University of Chicago. This affiliation was a source of particular pride to her. She founded the Women’s Board of the University, served as its chairman for eight years, and was named a University trustee in 1975.

Music was one of Mrs. Wolkonsky’s great interests. She was an excellent pianist, both classical and jazz; knew the lyrics of an amazing number of cabaret songs; and, even in her 90s, was always ready to put on her dancing shoes. She followed the careers of many of the great jazz ensembles of Chicago, often visiting the clubs where they played. This love of music led to her long involvement with the University of Chicago’s music program where she served as chairman of the Visiting Committee to the Department of Music and founded the Jazz Archive.

Mrs. Wolkonsky also founded Bright New City, a series of lectures and seminars on the physical and cultural aspects of Chicago. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Lyric Opera and was instrumental in creating its Women’s Board. She served on the boards of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, the Chicago Symphony, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Field Museum, the Chicago Art Institute, and Planned Parenthood. Her numerous awards and honors are a testament to her vision and character.

The University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies has provided diverse educational programs for adults since the University’s founding in 1890. The partnership with Know Your Chicago is an example of its dedication to continuing education programs and civic awareness.
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