

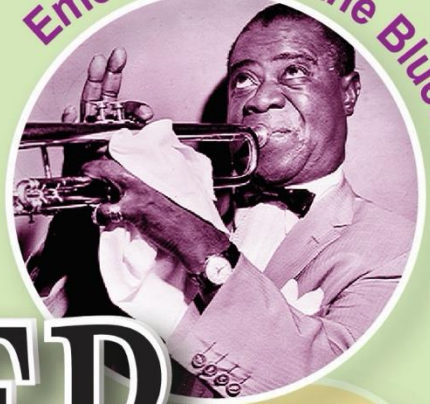
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2025

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Roadside Attractions



Sears: a History



January 17 — March 7

Chicagoland's Indigenous Peoples



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ICLRU 2025 Winter Lecture Series

**PLEASE NOTE: All lectures will be on the
Schaumburg Campus in Alumni Hall (Room 155)
Friday's - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
There will also be an option to view them on Zoom.**

ICLRU Members:

**Please register for a lecture only if you
plan to attend it.**

**If you register and find you cannot attend, please
notify the ICLRU Office as soon as possible.**

Please register by December 20, 2024.

Please register online if possible.

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Date of Lecture: Jan 17, 2025

Name of Lecturer: Leslie Goddard

Title: Roadside Attractions - The History of the Road



Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., is an award-winning historian, author, actress and lecturer who has been presenting topics in American history and women's history for twenty years. Born in Illinois, Leslie is known nationally for her work bringing women's history alive. Her repertoire of famous women includes television personality and cook Julia Child, first ladies Eleanor Roosevelt and Jackie Kennedy and more. Her acclaimed portrayal of art collector and Chicago socialite Bertha Honore Palmer won the Philip A. Danielson Award from Westerners International.

Have you ever slept in a wigwam? Or taken a selfie with Paul Bunyan? Ever stepped inside an alligator's mouth? Since Americans took to the highways for long-distance travel in the 1920s, entrepreneurs have been dreaming up unusual structures to attract passing motorists. Although the heyday passed with the arrival of interstate highways, thousands of quirky roadside attractions remain. Join pop culture historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., to explore these unique structures and what they tell us about the history of road travel

Date of Lecture: January 24, 2025

Name of Lecturer: John LeGear

Title: Movie Music Romance II



John LeGear is a retired marketing communications specialist who dedicated 40 years to building and promoting national not-for-profit organizations in the fields of education, healthcare, and athletics. Schooled in Journalism and broadcast communications with a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale. John is a regular presenter at libraries throughout northern Illinois.

Whether you appreciate the genuine creative genius of Hollywood's most popular performers, composers and lyricists, or simply can't get enough of the most sensational songs and dances from the past 100 years, please join us as narrator and film buff John LeGear presents Movie Music Romance II.

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Date of Lecture: Jan 31, 2025
Name of Lecturer: Josee Starr
Title: Indigenous Peoples' History of Chicagoland



Josee is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes) of North Dakota, and also represents the Omaha Nation of Nebraska and Wiikwemkoong First Nation from Ontario, Canada. She grew up in the greater Chicago American Indian Community, learning her culture and traditional values. She has worked as an independent artist, and her background is in Cultural Education. She has been with the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian since December 2019.

Indigenous people have always lived in this area since time immemorial and were vital to the formation of Chicagoland as we know it. Join Josee Starr (Arikara, Omaha, Odawa) to learn about the Indigenous tribes, leaders, and cultures that influenced not only Chicago's founding, but also make up the thriving Native American community today.



Date of Lecture: Feb 7, 2025
Name of Lecturer: Fruteland Jackson
Title: The Emergence and Evolvement of Blues Music in American Culture

A musician, author, storyteller, and oral historian, Jackson plays traditional acoustic blues and other traditional styles. He is a five-time Blues Music Award Nominee and recipient of the Blues Foundation's "Keeping the Blues Alive" award. Since 1992 he has presented the award-winning All About the Blues Series - Blues in the School Programs. Fruteland works to bring more music education to our schools. He is foremost an entertainer, a man who knows how to tell a compelling story and mesmerize an audience with his tangy tales to make them laugh. He knows who he is. He toured with Honeyboy Edwards, Robert Lockwood Jr., and Homesick James. He is an artist.

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Date of Lecture: Feb 14, 2025
Name of Lecturers: Jez Layman
Title: The Happiest People in the World



Jez Layman is a librarian, public speaker, and job coach who loves teaching and empowering others to embrace their creativity and strengths. She has spoken to over 70 libraries, colleges, and community centers about crafts, astrology, life skills, and job hunting.

Every year, the World Happiness Report is dominated by the same countries: Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden, and Norway. What is it about these Scandinavian countries that makes living there so pleasant? Learn to improve your own life by embracing the practices of hygge and lykke (Danish coziness and happiness); lagom (Swedish balance); sisu (Finnish determination); Niksen (Dutch disassociation); Petta reddast (Icelandic optimism); and friluftsliv (Norwegian outdoor life).



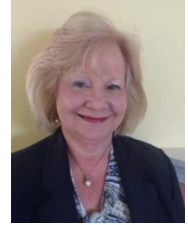
Date of Lecture: Feb 21, 2025
Name of Lecturer: Laurie Petersen
Title: Chicago's Ever-Changing Lakefront

Laurie Petersen, editor of the latest edition of the AIA Guide to Chicago, will show us dozens of examples of exciting developments all over the city, from stunning new skyscrapers to restored gems in the neighborhoods.

Much of Chicago's shoreline was drastically altered over the past century. Learn about colorful characters like Captain Streeter, entertainment venues like the Edgewater Beach Hotel, and the many lives of Navy Pier. Laurie's richly illustrated lecture will include all the latest developments.

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Date of Lecture: Feb 28, 2025
Name of Lecturer: Barbara Barrett
Title: History of Sears Roebuck and Company



Barbara J. Barrett, MPA, CAE, is an Educational Entertainment Speaker who makes automotive, architectural, manufacturing, music, and world history come alive in a fascinating and entertaining way. She has presented programs for C-SPAN, American History TV, the Studebaker National Museum, the Gilmore Car Museum, community colleges, church groups, private clubs, public libraries & senior living communities. She holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the University of Illinois and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.

Long before there was Amazon, there was Sears, Roebuck and Company – where you could purchase any product or service available on the face of the earth at fabulously low prices. Just how did this retail icon influence architecture, commerce, merchandise, lifestyle, and popular culture? Come and explore the rich and fascinating history of the World’s Largest Store (WLS) from its humble beginning in 1886 to the present.



Date of Lecture: March 7, 2025
Name of Lecturer: Anne Shimojima
Title: Stories from Japan

Anne Shimojima has been telling stories from her Asian heritage around the world for forty years. She has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival and has been Teller-in-Residence at the International Storytelling Center. Her CD, Sakura Tales: Stories from Japan won a Storytelling Resource Honor Award in 2019. In 2022 she received the Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays, conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan for her work in introducing Japanese culture to the United States.

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REGISTRATION PAGE

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