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Our special thanks to University of Chicago past presidents Hanna H. Gray, Hugo F. Sonnenschein, and Don Michael Randel for their contributions.
Robert J. Zimmer became the 13th President of the University of Chicago on July 1, 2006. Prior to his appointment as President, Zimmer was a University of Chicago faculty member and administrator for more than two decades. As a University of Chicago administrator, he served as Chairman of the Mathematics Department, Deputy Provost, and Vice President for Research and for Argonne National Laboratory. He also served as Provost at Brown University from 2002-2006, returning to Chicago in 2006 to become President of the University.

As President of the University, he serves as Chair of the Board of Governors of Argonne National Laboratory and Chair of the Board of Directors of Fermi Research Alliance LLC, the operator of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

President Zimmer is the author of two books and more than 80 mathematical research articles. He held the title of Max Mason Distinguished Service Professor of Mathematics at Chicago before leaving for Brown, where he was the Ford Foundation Professor of Mathematics in addition to being Provost.

President Zimmer earned his A.B., summa cum laude, from Brandeis University in 1968 and a Ph.D. in mathematics from Harvard University in 1975. He joined the Chicago faculty as an L.E. Dickson Instructor of Mathematics in 1977. He was also on the faculty of the U.S. Naval Academy from 1975 to 1977. He has held visiting positions at Harvard University and at institutions in Israel, France, Australia, Switzerland, and Italy.

Terry Mazany is president and CEO of the Chicago Community Trust, one of the nation’s largest community foundations with assets of more than $1.8 billion and grant making exceeding $100 million that annually benefits more than one thousand not-for-profit organizations regionally. In 2004, he was selected as the fifth executive in the Trust’s ninety-year history. In preparation for this appointment, he served as the Trust’s chief operating officer in October 2003 and as director and senior program officer for the Education Initiative beginning in 2001. In this latter role, he led the design and implementation of the Trust’s $50 million, five-year commitment to supporting literacy, teacher and principal quality, and new school creation in Chicago.

Mr. Mazany is serving as chairman of the Community Foundations Leadership Team, board member of the Chicago High School for the Arts, and member of the Independent Sector’s Leadership Award selection committee. He has also served as chairman of Windy City Harvest.

Before joining the Trust, Mr. Mazany established a distinguished career in public school administration, leading improvement efforts in school districts in Michigan and California. He has earned a masters degree in anthropology and a M.B.A. with an emphasis on organizational change from the University of Arizona.

Lori Andrews, J.D., is a Distinguished Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Director of the Institute for Science, Law, and Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology. An advisor on biomedical law to Congress, foreign governments, and various federal agencies, she also chaired a federal commission advising the Human Genome Project. After writing ten nonfiction books, including a co-authored legal casebook, Genetics Ethics, Law and Policy, she launched a forensic mystery series with a female geneticist as the protagonist. Professor Andrews’s novels, Sequence (2006), The Silent Assassin (2007), and Immunity (September 2008), have garnered praise and been translated throughout Europe and Asia. A frequent guest on Nightline, 60 Minutes, CBS Morning News, and Oprah, Professor Andrews is called in by groups ranging from the French Parliament and the Emirate of Dubai to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Her path-breaking pro bono litigation caused the National Law Journal to list her as one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America. The American Bar Association Journal calls her “a 2008 Newsmaker of the Year—a lawyer with a literary bent who has the scientific chops to rival any CSI investigator.”

Daniel W. Shannon is Dean of the Graham School of General Studies at the University of Chicago. During his more than thirty years in higher education he has been Dean of Continuing Education and Professor of Governmental Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Dean of Extended Education and Professor of Public Administration at the California State University, Dominguez Hills, and Executive Assistant Dean of Continuing Education at the University of Washington.

Prior to his university career, he worked in commercial broadcasting and film. He was program manager, on-air talent, and the developer of the classical music format for KING-FM, Seattle. He was program director of KING-AM, the Seattle’s NBC affiliate.

Dean Shannon is past president of the University Continuing Education Association and past editor of the Continuing Higher Education Review. He is also a recipient of the Association’s Julius M. Knolte Award for Extraordinary Leadership to the Field of Continuing Higher Education.

Dean Shannon received his B.A. degree in Slavic Studies, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from the University of Washington. In 1993, he was a Visiting Kellogg Fellow at Oxford University.
Vincent L. Michael, Ph.D., is the John H. Bryan Chair in historic preservation at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he has been director of the historic preservation program since 1996. He is a trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, chair emeritus of the National Council for Preservation Education, and president of the Site Council for the Gaylord Building, a National Trust property and National Historic Landmark. He is both secretary and issues committee chair of Landmarks Illinois and has served on the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council and the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission. A preservationist since 1983, Vincent worked on the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor for five years and for the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois for eight years.

Mr. Michael authored two videos on Chicago architecture, wrote for Michelin Travel Publications and has contributed to Design Issues, Future Anterior, Preservation Forum, Traditional Building, The Encyclopedia of Chicago and other publications. He received a Trustee’s Award from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts for his doctorate and has written a book on Prairie School architect Francis Barry Byrne. Mr. Michael earned bachelor and master degrees from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Edward M. Burke, the “Dean of the Chicago City Council,” has served as Alderman of Chicago’s 14th Ward for nearly four decades. A recognized expert on city budget matters, Alderman Burke is the chairman of the City Council Committee on Finance. A master parliamentarian, Alderman Burke entered politics by following in the footsteps of his father, Joseph P., and became a Democratic Committeeman of the 14th Ward in 1968 and Alderman in 1969. Alderman Burke was a Chicago Police Officer, serving from 1965 to 1968.

As chairman of the City Council’s powerful Committee on Finance, Alderman Burke holds the city’s purse strings and is responsible for all legislative matters pertaining to the city’s finances, including municipal bonds, taxes, and revenue matters. Alderman Burke became chairman for the second time in 1989. He previously served from 1983 to 1987. He also serves as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission.

Throughout his career in public life, Alderman Burke has been an avid student of Chicago history and is the co-author of two books, Inside the Wigwam: Chicago Presidential Conventions, 1860-1996; and End of Watch.

A lifelong resident of the Southwest Side, Alderman Burke graduated from Quigley Preparatory Seminary in 1961 and earned his Bachelor’s Degree from DePaul University in 1965. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1968 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar that same year.

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The Know Your Chicago Committee presents the 2008 program celebrating 60 years of service to the Chicago community. Founded in 1948 by Mary Ward Wolkonsky, Know Your Chicago strives to foster understanding and appreciation of the complexity, diversity, and richness inherent in this great American city. The fall season begins with a daylong symposium featuring speakers who address topics of the ensuing tours from a national or international as well as a Chicago perspective. Each of the tours is given twice for 110-150 participants each day. Over the years, programs have explored a wide range of issues including technology, education, housing, urban renewal, social change, culture, and the arts. Unique access to the inner workings of Chicago institutions and organizations has been a hallmark of Know Your Chicago since its inception. The symposium and the tours are researched, planned, and implemented by the Know Your Chicago committee members, who represent a broad spectrum of organizations, communities, and interests.

We welcome you to our 60th anniversary season.

Know Your Chicago Founder
Mary Ward Wolkonsky (1907-2002)

Mary Ward Wolkonsky was an extraordinary woman who made a major 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 sixty-year 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 in 1975 she was named a University trustee.

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 of the Music Department 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 the vision and character of Know Your Chicago’s founder, Mary Ward Wolkonsky.

The University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies

The University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies has provided diverse educational programs for adults for over one hundred years. The Graham School of General Studies includes Know Your Chicago in its continuing education program and provides extensive administrative and logistical support to all aspects of the symposium and the tours. Know Your Chicago is grateful for this partnership.