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Ann Marie Lipinski assumed the newly created role of Vice President for Civic Engagement at the University of Chicago in 2008. A 30-year resident of the city, Lipinski oversees a broad portfolio that includes the University's engagement in Chicago Public Schools, public safety and the city's bid for the 2016 Olympics. She provides leadership, coordination and support to an ambitious array of University initiatives in areas such as pre-K-12 education, urban health, social services, and programs for children at risk. She also works to support the numerous research connections between the University and the region, and to foster new ones.

Prior to coming to the University of Chicago, Lipinski was managing editor and editor at the Chicago Tribune. Lipinski holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan and was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University.

Andrew Papachristos is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Research Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government's Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management. Andrew has worked with gangs and gang members for more than fifteen years; before returning to graduate school, he worked as a gang outreach worker and community organizer.

Much of Papachristos's research uses social network analysis to examine: (1) the social structures and group processes at the foundation of interpersonal violence; (2) the perceptions active offenders have of legal authority; and (3) the diffusion of crime and violence among networks of youth in Chicago and Boston. In addition to working on the evaluation of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program in Chicago, Andrew has recently completed a four-neighborhood study of how pro-social and illegal social networks of probationers and parolees influence offending patterns, interpersonal violence, local gun markets, and perceptions of neighborhood social order. Andrew is also in the process of writing a book chronicling the cultural, political, and criminal evolution of the Gangster Disciples, one of the most notorious street gangs in the United States. Papachristos's research has appeared in The American Journal of Sociology, Foreign Policy, Criminology and Public Policy, The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, and several edited volumes. Andrew holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Janey Thornton was appointed by President Barack Obama as USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) on April 1, 2009. As Deputy Under Secretary, Thornton is responsible for improving the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting science-based dietary guidance and administering USDA’s 15 nutrition assistance programs. FNCS programs work to end hunger in the United States and provide nutrition assistance, dietary guidance, nutrition policy coordination, and nutrition education.

Thornton previously served as School Nutrition Director for Hardin County Schools in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, worked with the Kentucky Department of Education, and taught vocational home economics. Thornton has been active in the 55,000-member School Nutrition Association (SNA) and served as president during the 2006-2007 school year. She also has served as President of the School Nutrition Foundation and as an active member of the Global Child Nutrition Foundation. A native of Kentucky, Thornton holds a bachelor of science degree in home economics from Western Kentucky University, a master of science degree in vocational education and school administration from the University of Kentucky, and a Ph.D. in hotel and restaurant management from Iowa State University in 2007.

Barbara T. Bowman is a nationally recognized authority on early childhood education, an advocate for educational equity for minority and low-income children, an experienced teacher, and an author. In 1966 she co-founded the Erikson Institute, one of the earliest graduate schools to focus on preparing professionals to work with young children and their families. From 1994 until 2001 she served as the school’s president.

Bowman’s involvement has included Head Start, a Child Development Associates program on Native American Reservations, and training programs for caregivers of at-risk infants. She is widely published, and has served on numerous professional boards and committees. She is in demand as a speaker on the topics of early childhood education, cultural diversity, and intergenerational family support, particularly the role of grandparents.

Recently she has worked with the Chicago Public Schools as Chief Early Childhood Education Officer where she administered preschool programs and professional development for prekindergarten and kindergarten. In her current role as consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, her expertise and leadership will inform the future Obama administration federal policy agenda for early education.

Born and raised on Chicago’s south side, Bowman holds a bachelor of arts from Sarah Lawrence College and she completed a master’s degree in social sciences (education) at the University of Chicago while teaching at the University’s Laboratory School. She holds honorary degrees from Bank Street College, Roosevelt University, Dominican University, Governor's State University, and Wheelock College.

Suzanne Folds McCullagh is the Anne Vogt Fuller and Marion Titus Searle Curator of Earlier Prints & Drawings at The Art Institute of Chicago; she has been a member of the curatorial staff of that department since 1975. Her
specialty is in French and Italian Renaissance and Baroque prints and drawings. She is the author of numerous articles and exhibition catalogues, among them a scholarly collection tome of over 700 drawings, *Italian Drawings before 1600 in The Art Institute of Chicago* (1979, with Laura M. Giles), including a newly discovered Raphael. Responsible for the highly successful 2004 exhibition *Rembrandt's Journey: Painter, Draftsman, Etcher*, she has brought to the public a number of significant Chicago and Chicago-intended drawing collections through exhibitions and catalogues devoted to Joseph Shapiro, Martin Gecht, Dorothy Braude Edinburg, and Jean and Steven Goldman. Her next project is the Richard and Mary L. Gray Collection, to be shown at the Art Institute September 25, 2010 through January 2, 2011.

McCullagh holds a bachelor of arts from Smith College; having spent one year at Williams College. She holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in Fine Arts from Harvard University. She is a trustee of the College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, N.Y.

Owen Youngman was appointed to the Knight Chair in Digital Media Strategy at Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University in January, 2009, after a 37-year career at the Chicago Tribune. He created such Web sites as chicagotribune.com and metromix.com as the Tribune's first director of interactive media (1995-99); directed the development and launch of RedEye, the Tribune’s successful daily for young urban commuters (2002); and created a number of new sections for the newspaper, including an early example of the integration of multiple media by a newspaper.

During a Tribune career that began in 1971 as a copy boy, Youngman held newsroom positions including deputy sports editor, associate metropolitan editor/suburban news, associate features editor, associate managing editor/financial news and managing editor/features. His responsibilities on the business side from 1999 to 2008 included strategic marketing; community relations and the Tribune’s philanthropy; direction of the company’s developing businesses; events; research; readership growth; and cross-company project management. Youngman served on a 1992 task force that created parent Tribune Company’s first explicit technology strategy. He led the company’s acquisitions of *Chicago* magazine and the Printers Row Book Fair, where he appears annually as moderator, panelist, and interviewer.

Youngman’s blog, “The next miracle,” can be found at owenyoungman.com, the personal Web site he launched in 1994. You can follow him on Twitter as @YoungOwen.

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The Know Your Chicago Committee takes great pleasure in presenting the 2009 program celebrating 61 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 will 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 culture, the arts, technology, education, housing, urban renewal, and social change. Unique access to the inner workings of Chicago institutions and organizations has been a hallmark of Know Your Chicago since its inception. The symposium and the tours are researched, planned, and implemented by the Know Your Chicago committee members, who represent a broad spectrum of organizations, communities, and interests.

We welcome you to our 61st 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-one 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

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.