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A Photographic History of Lincoln Park, Then and Now

Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative Announces Spring 2017 Program

CHICAGO, Ill. — DePaul University's Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative (LPCRI) will host its spring 2017 program, "Lincoln Park Neighborhood Then and Now: A Photographic History" featuring [noted photographer Bob Segal](#) on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the DePaul University Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield Room 314.

The LPCRI spring 2017 program will present a photographic history of the "heart of the Lincoln Park neighborhood." Featured photographer Bob Segal will present historic photos from DePaul's Special Collections Library juxtaposed with his own photos of current scenes.

"I thought I knew a lot about my neighborhood, but during my research I was stunned by the architectural, demographic, historic and cultural changes over the last 100 years," Segal said. "I'm most looking forward to sharing, maybe even 'wowing,' my neighbors with some of the changes in our community. I'll also enjoy everyone's reactions as they watch the photos of today's scenes fade into virtually the same photo from decades past."

Segal said he hopes that by comparing historical and current photographs of the Lincoln Park neighborhood, neighbors can not only learn how the area has transformed over the years, but also develop an appreciation of its rich cultural history and a conversation about preservation.

"I am reminded of the famous George Santayana quote, 'Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it.' In the past, we've lost some amazing buildings, streetscapes and customs," Segal said. "While certainly not everything in the past needs to be preserved, I think this presentation will help us make wiser decisions regarding what needs saving and what doesn't. Neighbors should attend because I guarantee they will learn many things about their neighborhood that they never knew."

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., which will include complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Though admission is free, interested attendees must RSVP by visiting the event site at <http://bit.ly/2Spring2017LPCRI> or by emailing cgr@depaul.edu. The event is easily accessible by public transportation and parking is available at the Sheffield Garage, 2331 N. Sheffield, for \$7.25. This event is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Central Association and Bridgeview Bank Group.

Founded during the DePaul Centennial (1998-1999), the Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative is a partnership of Lincoln Park community organizations, businesses and DePaul University. The goal of the initiative is to collect, document and preserve the shared history of DePaul University and the Lincoln Park community. The educational programs, which are held in the spring and fall, examine the diverse cultural and political issues of the community and city at large.

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