

*Cultural Connections* is a unique way to experience and learn about the rich cultural diversity in Chicago. As a participant, you will travel to wonderful ethnic museums and cultural centers in and around Chicago to explore the reasons for cultural differences and to uncover connections to "others". The theme for the 2004-2005 program year is "**Narratives: Doorways to Our Communities**". With anthropology to guide your experience, you will be exposed to the technique of participant observation in exploring this theme as you become "urban anthropologists". You will view collections and artifacts, hear presentations by museum curators and staff, get first voice accounts of specific communities in our city, participate in discussions and taste delicious ethnic foods. You will grow to understand and appreciate other cultures...and hopefully share some of your own!

# Fall 2004 CALENDAR of Events

## SEPTEMBER

### Chicago Tales of Love, Courage and Justice

Kick-off Assembly!

Brazilian Cultural Center of Chicago,  
Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, and  
The HistoryMakers

Tuesday, September 21, 6pm-8:30pm  
at The Field Museum, Stanley Field Hall  
1400 South Lake Shore Drive

Join us at The Field Museum to experience a rich collective of perspectives on *how we tell stories*. The new theme for 2004-2005, "**Narratives: Doorways to Our Communities**," explores the various vehicles - music, dance, visual art, drama and other forms of exchange - that we use to communicate the life experiences of our diverse communities. *Cultural Connections* brings together representatives from Chicago's African American, Greek and Brazilian communities for this year's kick-off program in a sequence of presentations showcasing different examples of narratives and narrators. The Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center will feature an interpretation of the immigration experience through modern dance and movement, the Brazilian Cultural Center of Chicago will focus on two samples of the martial art of *capoeira*, one about the life of a warrior and the other on the pursuit of love, and The HistoryMakers will highlight first person narratives of love, courage and justice from its archive of 1000 African American history interviews. Come to dance, hear a story, see some of the Museum's hidden treasures that tell stories of their own and meet the *Cultural Connections* partners!

**TEACHERS** can receive 2 Continued Professional Development Units (CPDUs) as approved by the Illinois State Board of Education for each *Cultural Connections* program attended. Teachers can also enroll in our Professional Development course for Lane Credit and/or CPDUs, which begins in October and in February each year.

*Cultural Connections* also offers an initiative for PARENTS of school children. Please call 312.665.7475 for more information about either of these initiatives.

## OCTOBER

### Caught Between Worlds: Creating Home Somewhere in the Middle

American Indian Center and  
Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago

Wednesday, October 20, 6pm-8:30pm and  
Thursday, October 21, 6pm-8:30pm  
at the American Indian Center  
1630 West Wilson Avenue

Following the path to understand our own identity can be especially tricky when we are constantly faced with a fork in the road. Many of us struggle to merge the two roads by building bridges or new roads altogether but often we are forced to make the choice between a way of life that is traditional or one that is shaped by the mainstream culture. Join us to learn more about various Filipino and American Indian narratives that explore the topic of negotiating a sense of belonging in more than one culture.

## NOVEMBER

### EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About Us!

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture and  
Chicago Japanese American Historical Society

Saturday, November 13, 11:30am-2pm and 3:30pm-6pm  
at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture  
6500 South Pulaski Avenue

The ethnic press understands and addresses issues that are important to the communities they serve. News coverage may include front-page stories from the home country, unique perspectives on items covered by the American mainstream press, or regional, local and community news. Learn about Chicago's Lithuanian and Japanese American communities through their newspapers...and the challenges their newspapers face.

## DECEMBER

### "My Uhm-ma Always Said..." - a closer look at merging intergenerational worldviews

Chicago Historical Society and  
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center

Saturday, December 11, 11:30am-2pm and 3:30pm-6pm  
at the Chicago Historical Society  
Clark Street at North Avenue

Everyone is familiar with the tensions that often arise between teenagers and their parents. Just imagine if you are a teenager born or raised in this country, but your parents are firmly embedded in the old ways of Korea. This session will explore the similarities and differences between family relationships in Korean American immigrant households and American born households.

## UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS!

Brochure will be available in January 2005.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Arab American Action Network and  
Cambodian Association of Illinois

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Indo-American Center and  
Swahili Institute of Chicago

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 AND THURSDAY, APRIL 14

The Polish Museum of America and  
Swedish American Museum Center

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AND THURSDAY, MAY 26

Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture and  
DuSable Museum of African American History

General admission is \$15, \$10 for teachers and students, free for children under 12. Reduced rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Please note that event locations and times vary. A sampling of traditional foods is always served.

**REGISTER EARLY!** Space is limited. Sorry, **NO REFUNDS**. You will receive a confirmation letter two weeks before the event. For more information, please call 312-665-7474 or e-mail [ccuc@fmnh.org](mailto:ccuc@fmnh.org).