Seventh Convocation at the University of Chicago. (Photo courtesy of Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.)

UChicago Celebrates 125 Years

Join us this fall in celebrating 125 years of inquiry and impact at the University of Chicago. Participate in a range of events that reflect on the intellectual history and evolution of UChicago’s divisions, schools, and other units across campus and the globe. Mark your calendars with the upcoming events and sign up for the 125th anniversary email newsletter to receive monthly updates about the celebration that will be taking place September through December 2015. Visit 125.uchicago.edu for more information and updated event details. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
Anniversary Events

Conversation with Riccardo Muti

Monday, September 21, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Logan Center Performance Hall
915 East 60th Street

Maestro Riccardo Muti, music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO), and Philip Huscher, the CSO’s program annotator, will be in conversation at the Logan Center in celebration of the University’s 125th anniversary and the CSO’s own 125th season in 2015–16. President Robert J. Zimmer will deliver opening remarks.

Law School
Our Interdisciplinary Legacy

Friday, October 2, 2015
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.
The University of Chicago Law School
111 East 60th Street, Room II

This lunchtime panel will explore the Law School’s rich history of interdisciplinary study. Join a panel of renowned professors—from the Law faculty, law and economics scholar Omri Ben-Shahar, legal historian Alison LaCroix, and philosopher Martha Nussbaum—for a discussion of how the Law School has pioneered research and teaching that link law with the allied fields of economics, history, and philosophy. Learn more.

Division of Biological Sciences and Pritzker School of Medicine
Over a Century at the Forefront of Science and
**Medicine**

**October – December 2015**

Bridge between Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine and Center for Care and Discovery, Center for Care and Discovery East Lobby, and Mitchell Hospital Lobby

The Division of the Biological Sciences will offer a visual arts display highlighting the milestones in basic science and medical research that have led the advancement of science and medicine at the University of Chicago. As you take in the display, we encourage you to reflect on our history and to look with us towards the future as we imagine the potential impact of another century of inquiry. [Learn more](#).

**Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society**

**Director's Lecture with Robert Alter**

**Thursday, October 8, 2015**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Mandel Hall
1131 East 57th Street

The Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society will host a Director’s Lecture with Robert Alter, emeritus professor of Hebrew and comparative literature, and founding director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Opening remarks will be given by Jonathan Lear, Roman Family Director of the Neubauer Collegium.

**Division of the Humanities**

**Humanities Day**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stuart Hall
5835 South Greenwood Avenue
Selected presentations at the annual Humanities Day event will highlight aspects of historical significance within the division while commemorating departmental anniversaries. Learn More.

**School of Social Service Administration**

**Grace and Edith Abbott: Two Sisters in Search of Justice**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Chicago History Museum
1601 North Clark Street (Off Campus)

The School of Social Service Administration (SSA) will host a discussion, readings, and film clips about the Abbott sisters: Grace and Edith Abbott, two of the most important figures in American social welfare practice and education. A panel of scholars and practitioners, joined by John Sorensen, editor of *A Sister’s Memories: The Life and Work of Grace Abbott from the Writings of Her Sister, Edith Abbott* (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming in September 2015), will focus on the sisters’ historic, current, and future impact on immigrant families and children and on women in leadership in the social service professions, as well as SSA’s uniquely foremost role. A reception and book signing will follow the program.

**Divinity School**

**Divinity @ 125/150**

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

4:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Swift Hall
1025 East 58th Street

This celebration of the University’s 125th anniversary and the Divinity School’s 150th anniversary will begin with the John Nualveen lecture at 4:30 p.m., featuring a panel discussion
on the history of the Divinity School, followed by a reception with exhibits at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and further reflections about the Divinity School at 8:00 p.m. Speakers will include Wendy Doniger (the Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions), Larry Greenfield (executive minister for American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, chair of the Baptist Theological Union, and former faculty and dean of students at the Divinity School), Martin Marty (the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity), and Daniel Meyer (University archivist and director of the Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library). There will be a charge for dinner.

**Chicago Humanities Festival: Citizens**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
915 East 60th Street

The Chicago Humanities Festival returns to the University of Chicago campus for a daylong exploration of inquiry and impact featuring an exciting lineup of thought-provoking scholars, writers, and performers.

**Homecoming and Family Weekend**

**October 19 – 25, 2015**

Various Locations

Festivities and programming at Homecoming and Family Weekend will offer many ways to engage with the University’s history and celebrate the 125th, including opportunities to participate in 125th-themed activities and sport UChicago anniversary gear.

Center for the Study of Gender and
Sexuality
Hanna Holborn Gray
Discusses the Reissue of *More Than Lore: Reminiscences of Marion Talbot*

**Monday, October 26, 2015**
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
5733 South University Avenue, Room 105

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the University in 2015 and the 20th anniversary of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality in 2016, the CSGS, the Office of the President, and the University of Chicago Press will host Hanna Holborn Gray, president emerita of the University and Harry Pratt Judson Distinguished Service Professor Emerita in History, to discuss the reissue of *More Than Lore: Reminiscences of Marion Talbot*, originally published in 1936, for which Professor Gray has written a new foreword. Talbot was the dean of women at the University from 1895 to 1925 and co-founder of what would become the American Association of University Women. *More Than Lore* is a unique firsthand account of the early days of the University and a fascinating look at life as an early 20th-century college woman, when simply to be a woman was to be a pioneer and the foundations of the modern undergraduate experience were being established. Learn more.

Graham School
125 Years of Lifelong Learning

**Friday, November 6, 2015**
Location and Time TBA

The Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies will host special events to celebrate UChicago’s dedication to lifelong
learning since our founding in 1890. While recognizing that our roots go back to the establishment of University Extension 125 years ago, these events will also be forward-looking in focus, imagining the role of lifelong learning in the evolution of the 21st century university. Special attention will be paid to extending the University’s reach, bridging the educational experience for broader audiences, and continuing to support the tradition of rigorous academic inquiry.

Division of Social Sciences
125 Years of Social Sciences

**Thursday, November 12, 2015**

Time TBA

Social Science Research Building, Room 122 and Lobby

1126 East 59th Street

An afternoon of programming will explore the formation of the Chicago Schools in the social sciences, critical moments that have shaped the division, and what current directions fields are taking to influence the future of the social sciences. The program will culminate in the opening reception for an exhibit further exploring the critical moments, people, and ideas that have shaped 125 years of social sciences at UChicago.

Affiliated Laboratories
Past, Present, and Future of UChicago’s Collaborative Research Partnerships

**Friday, November 13, 2015**

Location and time TBA

The University of Chicago helps lead the country in scientific and technological innovation in part through its management of two US Department of Energy laboratories, Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, and its affiliation with the world
renowned Marine Biological Laboratory. In honor of the University’s 125th anniversary, the University and Affiliated Laboratories will host a program featuring panel discussions relating to the history and future of these collaborations, including current scientific partnerships and discoveries on the horizon.

**Atomic Bulletin/Harris Can We Live in a Peaceful Nuclear World?**

**Monday, November 16, 2015**
Time and Location TBA

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and the Harris School of Public Policy will host a symposium on “Can we live in a peaceful nuclear world?” The event recognizes the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists’ 70th anniversary and highlights the strong University of Chicago tradition of bringing together scientists, policy makers, journalists, and the public to engage in the existential challenges of our times.

**The Renaissance Society Centennial Publication Launch**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**
Time TBA
Logan Center Performance Penthouse
915 East 60th Street

**Centennial: A History of the Renaissance Society, 1915–2015** considers the Renaissance Society’s first century from a variety of historical, cultural, and theoretical vantage points. Join this event to celebrate its publication.

**Convocation Events**

**Opening Convocation for the College**

**Monday, September 21, 2015**
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
5850 South Woodlawn Avenue

The Opening Convocation for incoming College students marks the beginning of the anniversary celebration, with remarks by President Robert J. Zimmer and Dean John W. Boyer. This event will be webcast here.

Opening Convocation for Graduate Students

Tuesday, September 22, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
5850 South Woodlawn Avenue

The launch of the 125th anniversary celebration continues with the Opening Convocation for incoming graduate students. President Robert J. Zimmer and Brooke Noonan, director of UChicagoGRAD experience, will provide remarks and welcome incoming students. Panel discussions, information sessions, and a luncheon and social reception on the Midway Plaisance will follow.

525th Convocation

Friday, December 11, 2015
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
5850 South Woodlawn Avenue

The 125th anniversary celebration concludes with the Autumn Convocation ceremony, during which President Robert J. Zimmer confers degrees and presents each graduate with his or her diploma individually. A faculty member of note and President Zimmer will speak.

Anniversary Preview Events

Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
Closeted/Out in the Quadrangles

Through June 12, 2015
Regenstein Library, Special Collections Research Center
1100 East 57th Street

Drawing on the oral histories of alumni and the University Archives, this exhibition explores the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students and faculty on the University of Chicago campus.

UChicago Arts
Artennial: A Year of Anniversaries in the Arts

Ongoing through December 2015

Leading up to and continuing during the celebration of the University’s 125th anniversary, the Artennial celebration honors landmark anniversaries for five innovative arts organizations and programs at UChicago: Contempo, Court Theatre, the Renaissance Society, Rockefeller Chapel’s Bells of Summer, and the Smart Museum of Art. Together, these organizations and programs have contributed over 300 years of groundbreaking work to the city of Chicago and the wider arts community. Visit the Artennial Events Calendar.

The Renaissance Society
100th Birthday Party

Saturday, September 19, 2015
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Wright
1440 West Hubbard Street (Off Campus)

The Renaissance Society was founded in 1915 by a group of University of Chicago academics and has since grown into an international
platform for contemporary art. The Renaissance Society will celebrate its 100th birthday with food, music, and dancing.

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**Department of Sociology**
**Mapping the Young Metropolis: The Chicago School of Sociology 1915–1940**

**June 22 – September 11, 2015**
Special Collections Research Center
1100 East 57th Street

As the University marks the 100th anniversary of the Chicago School of Sociology, this exhibit, curated by Harvey Choldin AB’60, AM’63, PhD’65, commemorates the occasion. Materials from the University Archives on display include original maps, papers, books, and research instruments, featuring pieces owned by Department of Sociology chair Ernest Burgess, PhD 1913 (Sociology).

**More Events, Details Coming Soon**
Sign up for the 125th anniversary email newsletter to receive updated event information.

**Chicago Harris**
**Reflections on Early Childhood Policy**

**Time and Location TBA**

This discussion will explore the important historical contributions that Chicago Harris faculty have made to the field of early childhood education policy, from world-renowned scholars to cutting-edge studies that are currently underway.

**Library**
**Special Collections Research Panel**
Time and Location TBA

The University of Chicago Library will host a panel discussion highlighting the role of its Special Collections Research Center in developing content for College Dean John W. Boyer’s forthcoming book, *The University of Chicago: A History*, being published by the University of Chicago Press in September 2015.

Oriental Institute

The History of the Oriental Institute

Time and Location TBA

Emily Teeter, Oriental Institute Research Associate and Special Exhibitions Coordinator, will present a lecture on the history of James Henry Breasted, founder of the Oriental Institute, and the role he played in establishing Chicago’s three great collections of Egyptian antiquities. A reception will follow.

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