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CRIME IN CHICAGO

Explore crime from historical and contemporary perspectives all November long

CHICAGO (OCTOBER 26, 2011) – This fall, discover what makes Chicago untouchable. Throughout the month of November, the Chicago History Museum will take a closer look at infamous crimes past and present with an ongoing series of seminars, tours, and films.

Sit in on expert lectures and examine criminal worlds both historical and contemporary. On **Wednesday, November 2**, Leigh Bienen, Director of the Chicago Historical Homicide Project, will discuss the nature of murder in Chicago through famous and forgotten cases, juxtaposing historic patterns of homicide with the modern day. Mob expert Arthur Bilek speaks on the history of the Chicago “Outfit” on **Tuesday, November 8**, beginning with its earliest days, through the prosecutions of the 1990s, to the recent Operation Family Secrets. Finishing up the seminar series on **Tuesday, November 15**, John M. Hagedorn, inner-city gang expert and professor of criminal justice, leads an exploration of the historical roots of gangs in Chicago and a discussion of contemporary gangs and their historical representations. All seminars begin at 7:00 p.m. \$10 (\$8 members), or \$27 for all three lectures (\$22 members).

Author Richard Lindberg leads a series of city-wide excursions examining the sites of Chicago’s famous underworld. On **Saturday, November 5**, take a look at notable organized crime scenes as well as the residences of the masterminds behind the misdeeds with “**The Chicago Outfit**” bus tour. Explore the criminal history of Chicago neighborhoods, including what happened where, the aftermath, and the historical implications on Chicago’s identity on the “**Murder and Mayhem in Chicago**” bus tour series, which examines the North and Northwest sides of the city on **Saturday, November 12** and the South and West Sides of the city on **Saturday, November 19**. All tours take place from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$45 (\$40 members) or \$115 for three (\$100 members).

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Examine one of Chicago's most notorious characters with November's "Project Sunday" documentary, *Madness in the White City*, screening on **Sunday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m.** This film takes a closer look at the life and devilish doings of H.H. Holmes, one of America's first serial killers, against the backdrop of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. FREE with Museum admission.

Information on these and other Museum events can be found online at www.chicagohistory.org. Tickets can be purchased online or by phone at 312-642-4600.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 73, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.