



American Indian Center of Chicago

Sharing Stories, Sharing Knowledge Event

Saturday, May 23rd

*University of Montana Professors Rosalyn LaPier & David Beck -
City Indian Book Reading*

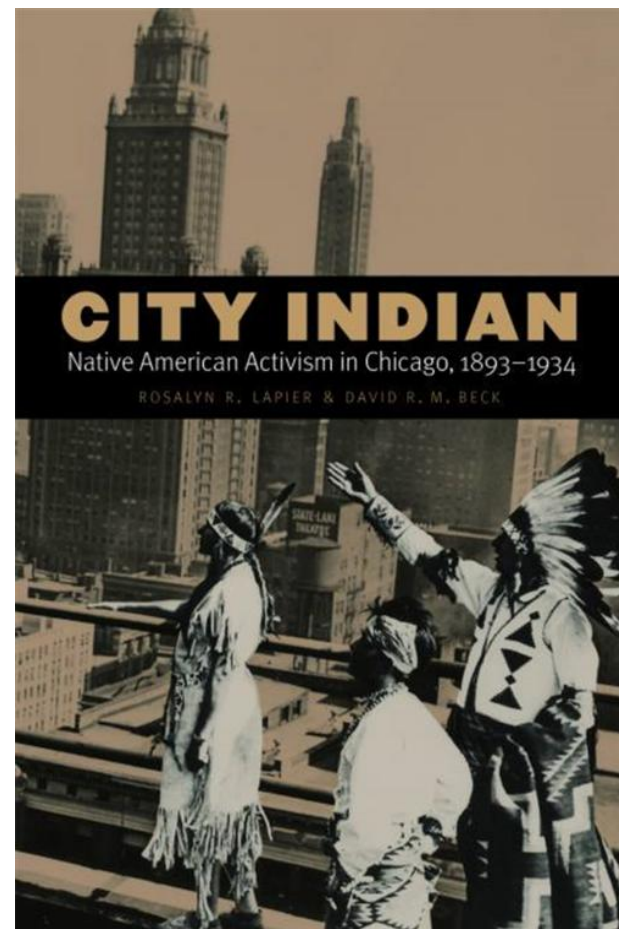
** Delicious Refreshments served at 12 noon**

Book Reading begins at 1 pm

UM professors Rosalyn LaPier and David Beck read from their new book City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago, 1893-1934.

In *City Indian*, Rosalyn R. LaPier and David R. M. Beck tell the engaging story of American Indian men and women who migrated to Chicago from across America. From the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition to the 1934 Century of Progress Fair, American Indians in Chicago voiced their opinions about political, social, educational, and racial issues.

During the Progressive Era, more than at any other time in the city's history, they could be found in the company of politicians and society leaders, at Chicago's major cultural venues and events, and in the press, speaking out. When Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson declared that Chicago public schools teach "America First," American Indian leaders publicly challenged him to include the true story of "First Americans." As they struggled to reshape nostalgic perceptions of American Indians, these men and women developed new associations and organizations to help each other and to ultimately create a new place to call home.



City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago book will be available for purchase