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Together for History

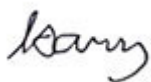
In November, we held "Together for History," a fundraising workshop for museums and community groups from all over the Chicago area that are dedicated to history. There were over 40 participants. They ranged from the Elgin Area Historical Society to the Historic Pullman Landmark District. The Principal of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy was there, as well as groups including the Brazilian Cultural Center of Chicago, the Swedish-American Museum, and the Indo-American Center.

This workshop was made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Trustees who created a fund for initiatives by the President's office. This my first such initiative. I wanted to share my good fortune with colleagues in the Chicago-area history community.

I often speak of the "cause of history" and point out that in a cause, "we are all in it together." There is no better example of that than the work we all do as history museums and as community groups that include history in our mission. Whether our museum is run out of a private home or from an historic building undergoing a \$27.5 renovation, we all tell the stories of the Chicago area and its people. There is much that unites us, as we found during our sessions. We all can learn from each other.

At the Chicago Historical Society, we understand that we are "together for history," not only with our major partners at the DuSable Museum and the Mexican Fine Arts Center, but also with dozens of history museums and community groups. In the case of Dunbar Vocational, they have a history exhibit of famous alums. We welcome allies in the cause of history.

We will look for new opportunities to help us all to build our capacity, and we hope to make "Together for History" an annual event. If you would like to be included in our mailing list for future such events, please send an e-mail to [Anna Batcke](#).



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