



CASE 2012 CONFERENCE

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012

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This year's steering committee is Maine South and Maine West High Schools.

Featuring a Keynote by John Musial

John is an award winning film and theatermaker who makes his primary creative home at Lookingglass Theatre Company, where he has been an ensemble member since 1991. His background is as a designer, but he is best known as a writer and director, creating original theatrical work from unexpected historical and literary sources. He recently wrote and directed *The Great Fire*, which explored Chicago's identity in relation to the city's mythic calamity of 1871. In 2009, coinciding with the centenary of the Burnham Plan, Musial adapted an unpublished Daniel Burnham lecture into *Our Future Metropolis: A Plain Talk on the Plan for the Future Development of Chicago*, in which Burnham explains the scope of the plan's vision for growth in the form of a power point presentation. John has also adapted a selection of Nelson Algren short stories, poems and essays into a multi-media production that premiered in 2001 as *Nelson Algren, For Keeps and a Single Day* and last played at the MCA in 2008. He later adapted that stage production for WTTW Channel 11, redirecting and editing it as an hour-long television program, which was nominated for three regional Emmys. He will discuss the Lookingglass vision of collaborative storytelling in general, and his own adventures in creating original theatrical work in specific.

8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:45-9:00 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – RUGGLES AUDITORIUM

9:00-9:50 KEYNOTE– RUGGLES AUDITORIUM

10:00-10:50 BREAKOUT SESSION I

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Keynote Breakout

John Musial will offer an extension of his keynote; more details to come

New Dreams, New Prosperity: Levittown and the Postwar American Dream

Andrew French, Jones College Prep High School

American Individualists: The Transcendentalists and Frank Lloyd Wright

Jan Kieckhefer, Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust

Exploring the Past with the Chicago Metro History Fair

Frank Valadez, Chicago Metro History Education Center

10:55-11:15 BEVERAGE AND SNACK BREAK–RUGGLES AUDITORIUM

Enjoy a drink, snack, and catch up with colleagues

