

## SOAPBOX JUDGES

**Niala Boodhoo**, WBEZ

**Alison Cuddy**, Chicago Humanities Festival

**Lisa Donovan**, Red Eye Chicago

## ENVIRONMENTAL ENCROACHMENT MARCHING BAND

Chicago performance art group Environmental Encroachment uses circus theatrics, live music, and costumes to create unique entertainment environments. Performance formats include stage shows, parades, and punk artist marching band encroachments; visit [www.encroach.net](http://www.encroach.net).

## THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago brings to life the words of William Shakespeare and other great dramatists of his time. Actors' Equity Association members mount public staged readings free of charge. Stephen Spencer directs and Matthew Fahey, Corliss Preston, and Mark Richard perform today. Visit [www.shakespeareprojectchicago.org](http://www.shakespeareprojectchicago.org).

## DON WASHINGTON AND THE MAYORAL TUTORIAL

The Mayoral Tutorial is an interactive, investigative, agitational, and educational volunteer public policy blog/website/public events cooperative. Don Washington, our Humble Front Man, researches, investigates, trains, and organizes for human, civil, and labor rights both here and abroad. Visit [mayoraltutorial.com](http://mayoraltutorial.com), where you can get dangerously informed.

## SOCIETY OF SMALLNESS

The Society of Smallness believes less is less and thinking small is a needed antidote in an age of supersizing and overachieving. Through playful interactions, we invite a closer look and a shift in perspective.

## DEMOCRACY BURLESQUE

Democracy Burlesque is a sketch comedy and variety show with original political satire, music, and guest acts. Since 2006 Democracy Burlesque has raised thousands of dollars for local charities and is looking for more causes to support. Visit them on Facebook.

## ABOUT BUGHOUSE SQUARE

*Bughouse Square, the popular name for Washington Square Park, was the city's most boisterous, and radical free-speech space from the 1910s through the 1930s. Orators mounted soapboxes and spoke to responsive crowds. Bohemians, poets, atheists, and religionists of all persuasions entertained bystanders. The square's core contributors, however, were members of the Industrial Workers of the World (wobblies), whose radical views, wit, and humor made them perennial crowd favorites. World War II and a post-war crackdown against socialists and communists led to Bughouse Square's decline, and by the mid-1960s it had all but ceased to exist. The Newberry revived the park's free speech legacy with the Bughouse Square Debates in 1986.*

## ABOUT THE DILL PICKLE AWARD

*The Dill Pickle Award is presented to honor the best soapbox orator. The Dill Pickle Club was founded by Bughouse soapboxer Jack Jones in 1915 to provide an indoor forum for free expression. By 1917 the Dill Pickle had located just around the corner from Bughouse Square, at 22 Tooker Place. Picklers participated in lectures, plays, dances, concerts, and, of course, discussion. Carl Sandburg, Clarence Darrow, Lucy Parsons, Ben Hecht, Sherwood Anderson, and Ben Reitman were just a few of the literary and political luminaries who regularly attended. The club closed around 1934.*

## HECKLING

*Responding to speakers is a Bughouse Square tradition, and interaction is part of the fun. Please keep it civil and friendly.*

The Newberry Library thanks **THE BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES COMMITTEE**, who created this event: Rachel Bohlmann, Anna Dozor, Paul Durica, Vince Firpo, Meredith Foster, Taylor Horton, Kelly McGrath, Abby Ryder-Huth, and Alex Teller.

# Free Speech Is Nothing without a Bullhorn

# BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES

**SATURDAY, July 26, noon – 4 pm**  
Across from the Newberry, in Washington Square Park

**Rick Kogan**, Master of Ceremonies

The 2014 Bughouse Square Debates are generously sponsored by *William Blair*

# BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES

**NOON — MUSIC** by Environmental Encroachment  
**PERFORMANCE** by the Shakespeare Project of Chicago

**1 pm — WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO  
BUGHOUSE SQUARE** by Rick Kogan

**1:10 pm — PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 JOHN  
PETER ALTGELD FREEDOM OF SPEECH AWARD**  
to journalists Mick Dumke and Ben Joravsky. David  
Spadafora, President of the Newbery Library, will  
present the award.

*Over the past five years Chicago journalists  
Mick Dumke and Ben Joravsky have worked  
as a team to uncover economic and public policy  
problems in our city and state. We award them for  
their outspoken, persistent, and uncompromising  
reportage of political and economic corruption in  
Chicago and Illinois.*

*The Altgeld Freedom of Speech Award is  
dedicated to the memory of the former Illinois  
governor (1892-96), who pardoned the surviving  
Haymarket anarchists. The award is presented  
each year to an organization or person who has  
distinguished him or herself as a defender of free  
speech and ideas.*

**1:30 pm — MAIN PRESENTATION** on the Main Stage  
Don Washington, The Mayoral Tutorial

**2:15 pm — SOAPBOX JUDGES INTRODUCED**  
— **SOAPBOX SPEAKERS INTRODUCED**  
— **MUSIC** by Environmental Encroachment

## SOAPBOX DEBATES

Soapbox speeches run no longer than 10 minutes;  
all four soapboxes run simultaneously. Speakers on  
boxes 1-3 compete for the Dill Pickle Award for best  
soapbox speaker. Speakers may change without  
notice, and times are approximate.

### SOAPBOX 1

- 2:30 pm** — Jorge Mújica, *The Immigrant  
Child Invasion*
- 2:40 pm** — Jill Howe, *Incarceration: A Tale of  
Teaching in Chicago Public Schools*
- 2:50 pm** — Mike Brennan, *How to Guarantee  
Health Care as Our Human Right*
- 3 pm** — A.J. Segneri, *On the Back of Labor*
- 3:10 pm** — Brandon J. Johnson, *Public  
Education and Civil Rights*

### SOAPBOX 2

- 2:30 pm** — Enrique Perez, *Why Rahm Is Still  
Unbeatable, However...*
- 2:40 pm** — Mike Flores, *Everything We Know  
About Joseph McCarthy Is Wrong*
- 2:50 pm** — Brian Terrell, *Drones—Murder by  
Remote Control*
- 3 pm** — Regional Relationships, *Country Pig,  
City Pig*
- 3:10 pm** — Jamie Albert, *The Blame Pattern:  
The Most Important Function in Society*

### SOAPBOX 3

- 2:30 pm** — Erwin Lutzer, *The Supremacy  
of Jesus: A Savior Who Can Lead Us into  
God's Presence*
- 2:40 pm** — Joe Iosbaker, *Syrian Democracy  
and 'Moderate' Syrian Rebels: An Oxymoron  
and a Flimflam*
- 2:50 pm** — Lucky Pierre, *1,000 Actions for  
Chicago Torture Justice*
- 3 pm** — John Holtgreve, *The Redeeming  
Powers of the Market*
- 3:10 pm** — Scott K. Summers, *There's  
No Place Like Homelessness: The Scourge of  
Homelessness in America*
- 3:20 pm** — Kristine Hernandez, *Judged*

### SOAPBOX 4

Open Mic — moderated by the Society of Smallness  
Step up — one and all!

## AFTER THE SOAPBOX DEBATES

**ENTERTAINMENT ON THE MAIN STAGE**  
by Democracy Burlesque

**3:40 pm — SOAPBOX CHAMPION ANNOUNCED**  
— **DILL PICKLE AWARDED**

### SOAPBOX SPEAKERS

As a folk singer and union and protest song  
revivalist, **Jamie Albert** performs about labor,  
poverty, and other social justice issues. He is a  
member of the Industrial Workers of the World.

**Mike Brennan**, with the Illinois Single Payer  
Coalition, is a retired court researcher, teacher,  
and debate coach. He advocates guaranteeing  
health care as a human right.

**Mike Flores** is an author of the first Church of  
the SubGenius book. He has written, produced,  
and directed many plays, including "Zombies  
Built Chicago."

**Kristine Hernandez** is worthy, strong, and  
a Child of God. She will be a sophomore at  
Alcott High School in the fall.

**John Holtgreve**, ordained minister of the  
Universal Life Church and founder of the  
First Mengerian Church of the Free Market,  
is an exponent of the virtues of unregulated  
capitalism.

**Jill Howe** is the co-producer of Story  
Sessions, a live lit showcase of true stories,  
music, and art at City Winery. Visit [www.storiesessionschicago.com](http://www.storiesessionschicago.com)

**Joe Iosbaker** was an election monitor in Syria  
and one of the main organizers of the 2012  
protest against the NATO Summit in Chicago.



**Brandon J. Johnson** is a middle school social  
studies teacher who currently serves as deputy  
political director for the Chicago Teachers  
Union and chair of the CTU Black Caucus.

Senior pastor at Moody Church since 1980,  
**Erwin W. Lutzer** is the author of more  
than 20 books, an international conference  
speaker, and the featured speaker on three radio  
programs.

**Jorge Mújica**, with Arise Chicago, is a  
journalist born in México City, an immigrant  
to Chicago 25 years ago, an immigrant workers  
organizer, and the 2007 Altgeld Award winner.

**Lucky Pierre** is a collaborative group for  
writing, performance, and visual forms. It  
creates structures for engagement by exploring  
ideas of a wide range of experience and  
approaches.

As a concerned citizen who speaks truth to  
power, **Enrique Perez** has worked for the  
better part of a decade to make the South Loop  
neighborhood a great place to live, work, and  
play.

**Ryan Griffis** and **Sarah Ross** run Regional  
Relationships, a cultural initiative that works  
with artists, scholars, writers, and activists to  
create works that investigate various regional  
landscapes.

**A.J. Segneri**, Executive Director for the  
Foundation for a United Front, is a Chicago-  
based activist who has worked on political  
campaigns and founded non-profits.

**Scott K. Summers** is the Illinois Green  
Party's 2014 candidate for governor.

**Brian Terrell**, with Voices for Creative  
Nonviolence and the Catholic Worker  
movement, spent six months in federal prison  
last year for protesting at a drone control center  
in Missouri.