



# Skyscraper History:

## Looking Back While Looking Up

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*Please join APT Western Great Lakes Chapter,  
Construction History Society of America, &  
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
on Saturday, June 22, 2013  
for a one day symposium*

Current high-rise developments in the Middle East and Asia have renewed interest in the skyscraper as a technical achievement and as a cultural phenomenon. As towers reach toward the mythical one-kilometer mark overseas, ; however, historic skyscrapers in Chicago and elsewhere face uncertain futures. This symposium will bring together architects, engineers, preservationists, and academics to celebrate skyscrapers in Chicago and to discuss and debate the city's place in the history of this building type.

The first half of the day will feature case studies of local preservation efforts aimed at saving, rehabilitating, and re-using historic skyscrapers. Cities and developers are re-discovering the value of old towers, and have found opportunities and challenges in turning historic skyscrapers into desirable office, apartment, and hotel buildings.

Our concluding panel will re-stage the great debate over which city can most convincingly claim the status "birthplace of the skyscraper." Ever since the 1890s, New York, Minneapolis, and Chicago have argued over developments and personalities in the three cities, and with new research emerging on the first 'skyscraper era' of the late nineteenth century, the debate has renewed relevance — and suggests surprising twists. A panel of academics and architects will present the evidence and the arguments for each city, followed by what promises to be a spirited discussion.

Join us for an afternoon of looking back while looking up!

**Attendees will earn 6 AIA CEUs.**

**When:** Saturday, June 22, 2013  
Registration starts at 12:00 PM  
Symposium: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Where:** Leroy Neiman Center  
37 S. Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

**Cost:** \$50 for APTWGLC & Construction History Society Members  
\$75 for non-members

Register online @ [www.aptwglc.com/2013symposium.htm](http://www.aptwglc.com/2013symposium.htm)

