

# **Cultural Historian Tim Samuelson leads free lecture at Dana-Thomas House in Springfield, hosted by Landmarks Illinois and IDNR**

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SPRINGFIELD – Landmarks Illinois, a membership-based nonprofit helping people save historic places, has partnered with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Historic Preservation Division to host a lecture led by Tim Samuelson, Cultural Historian for the City of Chicago, at the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m.

The lecture, “Wright’s Roots: The Origins of Frank Lloyd Wright,” will examine Frank Lloyd Wright’s earliest work in the 1880s through 1904, with the completion of the Susan Lawrence Dana House, a National Historic Landmark, in Springfield. The lecture will last about an hour and is part of this year’s celebration of Frank Lloyd Wright’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited, and reservations are required by contacting Frank Butterfield, Landmarks Illinois’ Springfield Office Director, at 217-836-2524 or [fbutterfield@landmarks.org](mailto:fbutterfield@landmarks.org).

### **About Tim Samuelson**

Tim Samuelson, cultural historian for the City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, has been instrumental in celebrating and protecting Chicago’s past. His job is that of spokesperson, historian and storyteller, a wide-ranging position that requires him to tell the spirit and the history of Chicago through exhibits, public programs and collaboration with other public institutions. Samuelson is highly regarded for his stewardship of the cultural and architectural history of the city at the Commission on Chicago Landmarks and Chicago Historical Society. In 2004, cartoonist Chris Ware and Ira Glass of “This American Life” published “Lost Buildings,” a book and DVD based on Samuelson’s life and the preservation of Chicago’s historic buildings.

### **About Landmarks Illinois**

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