

# UIC/SoArch

## 2026 Admitted Graduate Student Open House

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### Friday, April 3, 2026

*On campus*

*UIC Architecture and Design Building, 845 West Harrison Street*

#### 11:30am–12:00pm

##### **OPTIONAL: Visit a graduate class**

Two sections of our ARCH 586 Theory and History seminar take place on Friday mornings. Visiting students have the option to sit in on a portion of either class.

ARCH 586 with Stewart Hicks ([view syllabus here](#))

ARCH 586 with Zehra Ahmed ([view syllabus here](#))

#### Between 12:00–2:00pm

##### **OPTIONAL: Schedule a one-on-one meeting with school admin**

If you have questions that are best addressed individually, you may schedule an appointment with:

Kelly Bair, Associate Professor and Associate Director of Graduate Studies

David Brown, Interim Director of the School of Architecture

Gwen Fullenkamp, Director of Student Academic Affairs

#### 2:00–3:00pm

##### **Introduction to the School of Architecture and Graduate Program**

Hear from the school's interim director, David Brown and graduate [faculty members](#) Kelly Bair, Sarah Blankenbaker, Grant Gibson, Stewart Hicks, Clare Lyster, Robert Somol about the school and graduate programs.

#### 3:00–4:00pm

##### **Tour of the School of Architecture building**

Led by Associate Professor Judith De Jong

#### 4:00–4:30pm

##### **Graduate Student Panel**

Talk to current students and see brief student presentations of work from recent classes while enjoying light refreshments and casual conversation.

#### 4:30–5:30pm

##### **Graduate Studio Presentations**

Current graduate students and faculty will present in-progress work from their spring 2026 design studio courses

#### 5:30pm

##### **Faculty Exhibition Opening**

Join us for the opening of our latest faculty exhibition, *The Undeniably There: Fabricated Evidence*, starting with a gallery talk from Spencer McNeil, Visiting Assistant Professor and co-curator of the spring 2026 faculty exhibition series.

## **Saturday, April 4**

*Off campus. We will meet directly at Wheeler Kearns Architects on Saturday morning at 9:00am.*

### **9:00–10:30am**

#### **Breakfast and Firm Tour at [Wheeler Kearns Architects](#)**

*343 S Dearborn St, Suite 200 (Fisher Building), Chicago, IL 60604*

Enjoy coffee and bagels while hearing from faculty Professor Dan Wheeler and his colleagues at Wheeler Kearns Architecture in downtown Chicago.

### **10:30am–11:30am**

#### **Stewart Hicks YouTube Channel Studio Tour**

Hear from faculty YouTuber Stewart Hicks about his YouTube channel, [Stewart Hicks Takes on Buildings](#), and learn more about his work while visiting the Monadnock Building.

*Travel as a group via CTA from the Monadnock Building to the National Public Housing Museum. CTA Ventra passes will be provided to guests as needed to cover train fare.*

### **12:00–12:30pm**

#### **[Breakthrough: Housing Futures Exhibition at the National Public Housing Museum](#)**

Join UIC Faculty members Alexander Eisenschmidt and Kelly Bair for a gallery talk of their exhibition at the NPHM.

### **12:30–2:00pm**

#### **Lunch reception at the National Public Housing Museum**

Join UIC faculty members for a casual lunch at the NPHM.