



THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

Peoria Riverfront Museum

222 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL

MEMBERS free; \$12 NON-MEMBERS and \$5 STUDENTS

MODERN IN THE MIDDLE: CHICAGO HOUSES, 1929-1975

lecture by Michelangelo Sabatino

Famed as the birthplace of the skyscraper, an icon of 20th-century architecture, Chicago also cultivated a more humble but no less consequential form of modernism – the private residence. Michelangelo Sabatino will explore the substantial yet overlooked role that Chicago and its suburbs played in the development of the modern single-family house in the 20th century. In a city often associated with the outsize reputations of Frank Lloyd Wright and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the examples discussed in this lecture expand and enrich the story of the region's built environment.

Sabatino is a publicly-engaged architectural historian, curator, and preservationist whose research and writing focuses on modern architecture and the built environment. As Professor of Architectural History and Preservation at IIT's College of Architecture, he directs the PhD program and is the inaugural John Vinci Distinguished Research Fellow.

Sabatino co-authored *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses, 1929-1975*, a richly illustrated survey of Modernist architecture of the Chicago region, with architectural historian Susan Benjamin.



Joan Henderson and George Johnson House
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Sylvia Valha and Francis J. Benda House
Photo: Michelangelo Sabatino

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