

*Education***Northwestern University** | Student-at-Large, Architectural Engineering & Design | 2016-2017**School of the Art Institute of Chicago** | BFA with an Emphasis in Art History, Theory, & Criticism | 2011-2015

Interdisciplinary studio practice focused in bookmaking, printmaking, fibers, and ceramics

Jack C. Hays High School | Diploma, Salutatorian of 450 students | 2007-2011*Selected Employment***Chicago for Chicagoans** | Founder and Executive Director | 2016-Present

Chicago for Chicagoans is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization creating and hosting pay-what-you-can walking tours and lecture events in Chicago neighborhoods. Designed for and by Chicago residents, the highly collaborative project supports and initiates cultural programming, community building, and economic development across the city.

Atlas Obscura | Senior Chicago Field Agent | 2016-Present

Atlas Obscura is three things: a collaborative atlas of off-the-beaten path, curious places; a collection of stories related to those places; and a series of real-world explorations, curated by Field Agents, that highlight unusual history & spaces.

School of the Art Institute of Chicago | Student Ambassador ° Alumni Representative | 2012-Present**Bottle & Bottega** | Marketing Coordinator ° Painting Instructor | 2016-Present**North Park University** | Operations Associate | 2017-Present**Northwestern University** | Conservation Technician | 2015-2016*Selected Volunteer Positions***Spudnik Press** | Letterpress Volunteer, Member, and Fundraiser Emcee | 2017-Present

Spudnik Press is an affordable and approachable community printshop in Chicago. As an ongoing volunteer project, Patti has identified nearly two dozen metal typefaces, created an online type catalog, labeled each drawer with typeface name and specimen, and is currently sorting and reorganizing the type collection to promote ease of use.

Wells Book Arts Summer Institute | Intern | 2017-PresentAs a two-time intern for the Summer Institute, Patti has assisted director Richard Kegler and the following instructors in check-in, pre-class preparation, teaching, gallery installation, and clean-up: Lorrie Frear (*Italic Calligraphy*, 2017); James Grieshaber (*Type Design*, 2017); Ron Gordon (*Book Design*, 2018); Leah Mackin & Laura Rowley (*Bookbinding*, 2018)**Chicago Greeter** | Greeter & Volunteer Recruiter | 2015-Present**North Branch Projects** | Workshop Assistant | 2016-2017**Mystic Hand Letterpress & Design** | Plan-It-X Fest Workshop Assistant | 2016**International Preservation Studies Center** (Campbell Center) | Intern, "Care of Paper Artifacts" | 2016**University of Illinois** | Conservation Lab Volunteer | 2014*Selected Presentations, Walking Tours, Lectures, & Events***Debuted 2016** ° for more information, please visit chicagoforchicagoans.org and atlasobscura.com

- East Albany Park Neighborhood Walking Tour
- Boystown Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Andie Meadows and Vitaliy Vladimirov)
- Wicker Park Neighborhood Walking Tour
- Edgewater Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Samantha Prestigiacomo)
- Rogers Park Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Wendy Bright)
- Lincoln Square Neighborhood Walking Tour (with the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce)
- Breakfast With Tiffany's... Mosaics Walking Tour (with Atlas Obscura)
- Landmarks & Letterpress at Starshaped Press (with Starshaped Press and Atlas Obscura)

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- Glitz, Glamour, & Panic! A Hunt for the History of 1893 in Chicago (with Atlas Obscura)
- Printer's Row Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Margaret Hicks)
- "Chicago History 101: 5 Stories You Should Know" lecture (with Cafe Chien)
- Prairie Avenue Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Amy Weber and Atlas Obscura)
- Roscoe Village Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Barry Love)
- Mansions, Merchants, & Mystery: Hunting for the History of Wicker Park (with Atlas Obscura)
- Geheimtour! The Hidden Rooms of DANK Haus Chicago (with Atlas Obscura and DANK Haus Chicago)
- A History of Whispers: Reliving Queer Deviance & Vice (with Andie Meadows and Atlas Obscura)
- Uptown Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Vitaliy Vladimirov and Uptown United)
- Chicago for Chicagoans' One Year Anniversary Panel (with 826CHI)
- West Albany Park Neighborhood Walking Tour
- "Weeknight Wanders" six-part mini-tour series
- McKinley Park Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Erica Ruggiero)
- From Beavers to Brickyards: A History of Albany Park Walking Tour (with the North River Commission)
- No Little Walking Tour: Exploring the 1909 Burnham Plan for Chicago (with Vitaliy Vladimirov and Atlas Obscura)
- Ghouls, Gargoyles, & Ghost Signs: A Historic & Haunted Scavenger Hunt (with Atlas Obscura)
- Chinatown Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Debbie Liu)
- Beverly Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Tim Moran)
- Give the Lady What She Hunts: A Marshall Field's Scavenger Hunt (with Atlas Obscura)
- "Chicago History 101: The Speakeasy Series" ten-part lecture series (with Room 13 at the Old Chicago Inn):
 - November 30th: "The River & Rural Chicago"
 - December 14th: "The Skyscraper"
 - February 8th, 2018: "The Parks"
 - April 5th, 2018: "Debate"

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- Location, Location, Location! A Hunt for Movie Magic (with Hayward Suggs and Atlas Obscura)
- Atlas Obscura Presents: The First Ward Ball (with Leyla Royale)
- Cultural Geography Explorations (with Laura Schuetz)
- Discover & Draw: Garfield Park Conservatory (with Atlas Obscura and the Garfield Park Conservatory)
- Pilsen Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Blanca Torres)
- The 1909 Plan & Jane Jacobs Walking Tour (with Vitaliy Vladimirov and Jane's Walks Chicago)
- South Loop Urban Planning Walking Tour (with Vitaliy Vladimirov and Jane's Walks Chicago)
- Bawdy Broads & Lady Legacies: A Women's History of Chicago (with Atlas Obscura)
- Scandal! A Pearl-Clutching Tour of Chicago's Historic Drama (with Vitaliy Vladimirov and Atlas Obscura)
- West Town Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Maria Avila Risolute and the West Town Chamber of Commerce)
- Andersonville Neighborhood Walking Tour (with Leyla Royale and the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce)

*Educational Publications***A History of the Skyscraper** | 2018

Created as a printed version of a lecture given on December 14th, 2017 entitled "The Skyscraper," one of the ten-part lecture event "Chicago History 101: The Speakeasy Series," curated by Patti at Room 13 of the Old Chicago Inn.

Andersonville Historic Businesses Map | 2018

Created in collaboration with the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce; highlighting historic businesses started by Swedish immigrants in the early 20th century.

Cultural Geography of Chicago | 2018

Created in collaboration with Laura Schuetz and Cape Horn Illustration; distributed as a takeaway from Chicago for Chicagoans' Cultural Geography Explorations.

Uptown Community Guide | 2017

Created in collaboration with Vitaliy Vladimirov and funded by Uptown United Business Partners; distributed as a takeaway from Chicago for Chicagoans' Uptown neighborhood tours.

Chicago History 101 | 2017

Created as an accompanying handout to a February 2nd lecture entitled "Chicago History 101: 5 Stories You Should Know," given by Patti at Cafe Chien.

MAKE BOOKS | 2016

Created in collaboration with Regin Igloria of North Branch Projects; utilized as a take-home teaching structure at pop-up community bookbinding events in Albany Park 2016-2018.

Honors, Awards, & Selected Press

Chicago Reader's Best of Chicago 2017 | Runner-Up, "Best Tour" category

Chicago Reader's Best of Chicago 2017 | Nominated, "Best Chicago Ambassador" category

Community Events Grant | Uptown United | 2016

Scholarship Recipient | Wells Book Arts Summer Institute, "Daredevil Letterpress with Jessica Spring" | 2016

The Culture Trip | "Chicago's Best Offbeat City Tours," April 10, 2018

Voyage Chicago | "Meet Patti Swanson of Chicago for Chicagoans," September 26, 2017

WGN Chicago | "Chicago Neighborhood Tours," June 4, 2016

Patch.com | "Chicago for Chicagoans' Walking Tours Explore City Neighborhoods," July 6, 2016

InsideBooster | "'Local Historian presents tours of Chicago for Chicagoans," August 3-9, 2016

DNAInfo Chicago | "'Chicago For Chicagoans Kicks Off 'Not For Tourist' Tours In Albany Park," June 2, 2016

Additional mentions | Patch.com, Redeye Chicago, DNAinfo Chicago, Good Day DePaul, Do312, Windy City Times, Chicagoist, McKinley Park News, the Chicago Athletic Association Blog, the Daily Herald

Professional Associations

Chicago Tour Guide Professionals Association | 2016-Present

American Printing History Association | 2018-Present

Exhibitions & Collections

Summer Institute Show, Wells College Book Arts Center | 2016, 2017, 2018

Bachelor of Fine Arts Show, School of the Art Institute of Chicago | "Une Ville Pour Faire Des Câlins," 2015

Joan Flasch Artists Book Collection | "Wearable Thoughts," 2013

ARTBASH Student Show, School of the Art Institute of Chicago | "A Yenker Garage, Summer, Connecticut," 2012