



SPIRITUAL
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SPIRIT WEEK

APRIL 20 to MAY 1



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Spirit Week Kick Off

Wednesday April 20 | 12–1 pm
Reynolds Club, Hutch Courtyard

Let's make some lemonade with artist, pastor, and EMMY award winner J. Kwest performing live to kick off Spirit Week 2016! Prizes, giveaways, raffles, and did we mention lemonade?!



Mohamed Ardash

The Bridge

Continuing through Thursday May 19 | Rockefeller

The Bridge is a traveling exhibition showcasing the work of forty-seven premier Arab, Persian, and Jewish contemporary visual artists from fifteen countries, of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish backgrounds. It focuses upon what bridges us to one another, as well as to what is held in common across creeds and cultures. Free.

Since its opening in February 2015 in Paris, The Bridge has been displayed in London, Cairo, Metz (France), and New York. After its time in Chicago, it goes to Portland, Spokane, and Wyoming.

Presented by Caravan, a peacebuilding arts NGO, in artistic partnership with Rockefeller Chapel and the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights



Michael Haug

The Rose Ensemble

Thursday April 21 | 7:30 pm | Rockefeller

Land of Three Faiths: Voices of Ancient Mediterranean Jews, Christians, and Muslims

Sounds of the Hispano-Arabic Middle Ages—laments of Sephardic Jews, Arab-Andalusian dances, Spanish court songs; and rhythmic cantigas, Hebrew cantillation, and Gregorian chant meeting the mystical world of Sufi poetry. Free to students.



Matt Frankel

Compline at the Arch

Thursday April 21 | 8 pm | Hull Gate

The last prayers of the day in the monastic tradition, with chanting and cookies.

Sponsored by Brent House and Canterbury Club

Passover

Begins on Friday April 22 and
observed through the following week

Please call Hillel or Chabad for information on Passover, Seders, and kosher for Passover meals.

Sun Salutations

Friday April 22 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm | Rockefeller

Salute spring with movement-based meditation. Meredith Haggerty leads a series of sun salutations and simple yoga postures. Beginners welcome. Wear comfy clothing. We have yoga mats available but feel free to bring your own.





Elizabeth Davenport

Earth Day Full Moon Hangout

Friday April 22 | 7–9 pm | Zen Garden at Spiritual Life

Honor the Beaver Moon in Scorpio by constructing a beaver dam as a talisman for creative and productive change in your life and the world. There will be an altar dedicated to Geb, Kemetic God of the earth and Tlaloc, Nahua God of rains. You'll leave with some incense and candles to celebrate Earth Day with your talismans at home! Snacks and refreshments provided.

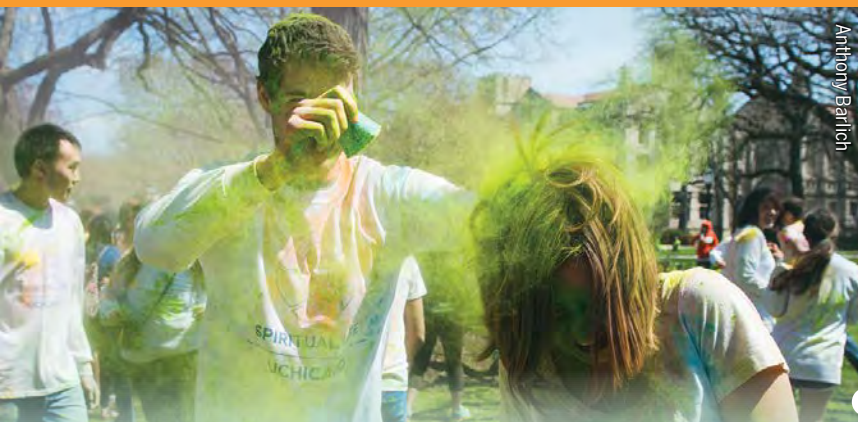
Sponsored by Hyde Park Pagans

Langar on the Quads

Saturday April 23 | 11 am–1:30 pm | Pick Quad

Langar is a Sikh tradition that upholds equality between all people, featuring diverse communities and stressing the importance of unity through a meal. The Sikh Student Association invites the Hyde Park community to start this event by joining in a service component and then to share a meal!

Sponsored by the Sikh Student Association and Wheaton Gurdwara



Anthony Barlich

Holi: Unleash the Colors

Saturday April 23 | 2 pm | Eckhart Quad

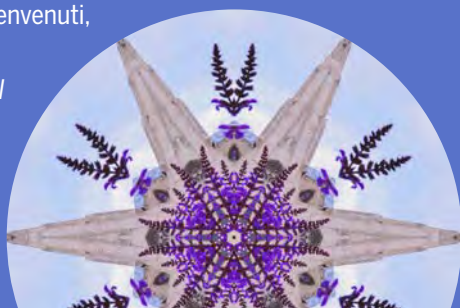
A celebration of Holi, the ancient Hindu religious festival marking the arrival of spring! Cover your friends in colored powder!

With the Hindu Student Sangam and South Asian Students Association

Earth Day Sunday

Sunday April 24 | 11 am | Rockefeller

Featuring James Kallembach's settings of William Blake's poem *The Sick Rose*, with Anne Benvenuti, author of *Spirit Unleashed: Reimagining Human-Animal Relations* (2014), speaking.



Soto Zen Half-Day Retreat

Sunday April 24 | 10 am–1:30 pm | Bond Chapel

Come enjoy a unique opportunity to deepen your practice, or get a thorough introduction to Zen Buddhism and meditation for the first time. Email Will Kunert at wkunert@uchicago.edu for registration info.

Sponsored by the Buddhist Student Association and Ancient Dragon Zen Gate Temple

Ask an Atheist Day

Monday April 25 | 12–1:30 pm | Reynolds Club Marketplace

Ask an atheist big questions about the meaning of life or come get some free stuff!

Sponsored by the Secular Alliance

Abrahamic vs. Non-Abrahamic

Traditions: How to Bridge the Gap

Tuesday April 26 | 12–1 pm | Ida Noyes 034

In this discussion, we explore some of the fundamentally different ways in which Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic religions define their traditions, and how we can use these differences to bring these traditions into genuine dialogue with each other.

Facilitated and hosted by the Spiritual Life Council



Practice and Identity in Confucianism and Buddhism

**Wednesday April 27 | 12–1 pm
Reynolds Club South Lounge**

Have you ever heard someone say, "I meditate, but I'm not Buddhist," or "I value Confucianism, but I'm not Confucian"? Come discuss the relationship between identity and practice.

Sponsored by Confucian Commons and the Buddhist Student Association

Queering Spirituality

Wednesday April 27 | 5:30 pm | Ida Noyes 034

Delving into the intersections of identity, this program centers the experiences of UChicago community members who are both queer and spiritual, featuring a short film and panel-led dialogue about spirituality and queerness. Audience: Queer Folk, Spiritual Folk, and Ally Folk.

In partnership with the LGBTQ Student Life Office



Spiritual Springtime:

Celebrating the Bahá'í Festival of Ridvan

Thursday April 28 | 3–4:30 pm | Bond Chapel

Celebrate the advent of the spiritual springtime and awaking of humankind through music, reading from diverse scriptures, and reflection followed by small group discussion on ways we see our obligation as members of faith communities to address world challenges. Refreshments served.

Hosted by UChicago's Bahá'í Association



Mosque Alert: A World Premiere

An Arts Pass Exclusive

Thursday April 28 | Depart at 6:30 pm

Performance at 7:30 pm, return by 10 pm

The Historic Chicago Temple Building

Inspired by the “Ground Zero Mosque” controversy in New York City, *Mosque Alert* tells the story of three fictional families living in Naperville, IL, whose lives are interrupted by a proposed Islamic Center on the site of a beloved local landmark. *Mosque Alert* explores the intersections of zoning and Islamophobia with humor, family drama, and refreshingly blunt honesty. The performance will be followed by a post-show discussion. Written by Jamil Khoury, directed by Edward Torres. Transportation included, \$10 for students with UCID at tickets.uchicago.edu.

In partnership with Logan Arts, the Center for Identity + Inclusion, and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

Late Night Labyrinth

Thursday April 28 | 8–11 pm | Classics Quad

The labyrinth is an ancient, global form of meditation and prayer. Open to members of all religious traditions or none.

Sponsored by Brent House and Canterbury Club

Muslim Friday Prayers

Friday April 29 | 1 pm | Bond Chapel

Wonder what happens at Friday prayers? You're invited to experience a khutbah, a traditional Friday sermon delivered by Tahir Abdullah, assistant director of Spiritual Life and advisor for Muslim affairs.

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Awaken Chicago:

The Power of all People. Together.

Friday April 29–Sunday May 1

Featuring keynote speakers Pema Chödrön and the Sakyong, Jamgön Mipham Rinpoche, Awaken Chicago is a weekend journey across Chicago's divides designed to awaken the power within all of us, individually and collectively, to transform the isolation, inequality and violence that touches us all. This weekend gives you the opportunity to connect with many people, to learn interactively through workshops, and to be inspired to action.

To register or purchase tickets or for more information on schedule and sponsors, visit awakenchicago.org. For information on student discounted tickets, contact spirit@uchicago.edu.

In partnership with Shambhala Chicago

Sunday Morning

Sunday May 1 | 11 am | Rockefeller

The Nasheed Club and Webb Choir of the Islamic Foundation of Villa Park, directed by Amro Helmy, join with the Rockefeller Children's Choir, directed by Kaitlin Foley, in a celebration of sounds which speak to the longing within us—children and adults—to live at peace with one another and with the world.



Erreille Bakum

Spiritual Life

Anytime! | Ida Noyes 034 | spirit.uchicago.edu

A place to reflect or connect with friends. Drop by to chat with Spiritual Life staff or grab a book from the spirit library. Enjoy the peace and quiet of the meditation room, a technology-free space that you can access with your (programmed) ID anytime Ida Noyes is open.

Jigna Shah *director* | Tahir Abdullah *assistant director*

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