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## ICA Receives Two-Year Grant from Boeing

ICA is pleased to announce that on July 17th, The Boeing Company awarded the ICA \$90,000 to support Phase III of the [Accelerate 77](#) project for the next two years.

In 2012, The Boeing Company awarded ICA \$20,000 to support a summer internship project, during which interns worked on Phases I and II of Accelerate 77. The grant was instrumental in the success and implementation of Phase I and II of Accelerate 77, just as this 2013 award will help the ICA make significant progress on Phase III.

Phase III of Accelerate 77 includes community development and capacity building initiatives throughout Chicago, along with creation of new networks and communities of practice. One such network is the *Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network*, aiming to connect communities and local leaders to inspire new ideas and practices through increased peer-to-peer learning, collaboration, and collective action. The first gathering to give shape to the network and overall Phase III planning will take place at the ICA Greenrise Thursday, September 19, 2013.



## ICA Participates in the 38th Annual Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference

ICA's Accelerate 77 project was featured at the 38th Annual Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Minneapolis.

The conference featured Minneapolis' culture with celebration and entertainment, beginning with Native American dance led by the youth of the Little Thunderbirds Drum and Dance troupe and a live music performance at "Minnehaha Falls," the iconic 53-foot Minneapolis waterfall located in historic Minnehaha Park. Keynote speakers of the conference included: John McKnight, [Asset-Based Community Development Institute](#) Co-Director, Peter Kageyama, author of "[For the Love](#)



of the Cities" and Eco-Entrepreneur, [Majora Carter](#).

The conference theme *Better Together - Strong Neighborhoods, Strong City* resonated with ICA's vision to connect local resources, people and organizations throughout Chicago's community areas. ICA colleagues Kathy McGrane, Eva Yakutis and Nina Winn co-facilitated a workshop titled "Developing Action Steps for Sustainability". The workshop highlighted ICA's asset-based approach to Accelerate 77 with its unique engagement of university students and community organizations.

The Accelerate 77 project continues to look for opportunities to share its approach of encouraging and cultivating a city-wide learning community, while expanding and building upon current methods of engagement.



John McKnight, keynote speaker at NUSA and Co-Director of the Asset-Based Development Community Development Institute at Northwestern University.

ICA presents at Garrison Symposium on *Climate, Mind, and Behavior*

The [Garrison Institute](#), located up the Hudson River from New York City, is a leading think tank that integrates emerging research about human behavior into new thinking on practical responses and solutions to climate change.



ICA Fellow Jennifer Hirsch leading a discussion

Jennifer Hirsch, an ICA fellow, played a major role in organizing this year's *Climate, Mind, and Behavior Symposium* held June 10-12, 2013. Terry Bergdall, ICA's Executive

Director, presented on the ICA's Accelerate 77 sustainability work in Chicago's communities. Jennifer and Terry designed and facilitated participatory discussions throughout the conference.

Two major questions were central to these facilitated discussions. The first focused on *diversity* and ways that various approaches and perspectives help address the super challenges posed by climate change. The second focused on empowering *cultural dimensions* in building models for social change. This latter point, has long been at the heart of ICA's mission and its strategic approach in developing new programs. All the presentations advanced creative thinking about these questions.

Wade Davis, chief anthropologist for the [National Geographic Society](#), gave a stimulating keynote address on practical, and generally unrecognized, contributions of diverse cultures throughout the world in dealing with climate change. A presentation by Rev. Mitch Hescox, President and CEO of the [Evangelical Environmental Network](#) provided a powerful illustration of common ground and creative alternatives that transcend the popular narrative that emphasizes extreme polarization. The ICA appreciates being able to contribute to the conversation and facilitation of events like this.



ICA's Executive Director Terry Bergdall speaking at the Garrison Symposium

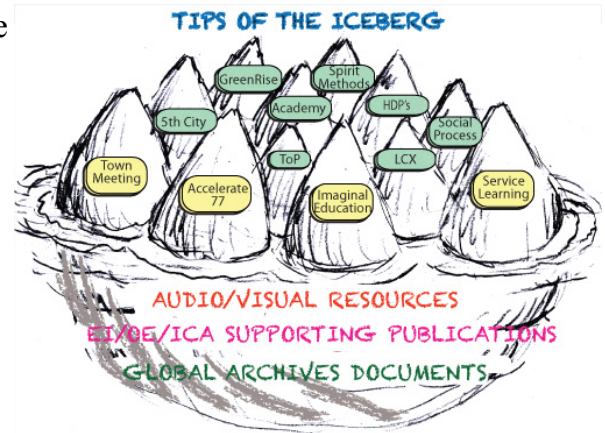
### Join ICA's Fall Archives Sojourn!

The Archives Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the EI/ICA/OE Global Archives Fall Sojourn:

**Monday, September 9th - Friday, September 20th**

The sojourn will be held at the ICA Greenrise, 4750 N. Sheridan Road in Chicago. Your participation is welcome for any amount of time during the two weeks. Individuals who cannot make it to Chicago are welcome to participate via the internet.

The Fall Sojourn will focus on the eight collections (in green). Your participation is essential to bring new life to these collections! Choose a collection and make plans to attend. For more information or to sign-up please email the Archives Advisory Committee at [margephilbrook@gmail.com](mailto:margephilbrook@gmail.com).



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