

The University of Chicago Human Rights Program presents

The Ground Up: Exploring the Right to the City

A Film Symposium

Saturday, November 5, 2011

10 am to 4 pm

Film Studies Center

Cobb Hall 306

5811 South Ellis Ave

Register at:

humanrights.uchicago.edu/righttothecity

Still from *Land of Opportunity* (2010)

In the wake of economic displacement or physical devastation, how are cities rebuilt and for whom? Who has the right to decide? This film symposium explores the idea of “the right to the city”, the collective right of communities to self-determination and equitable distribution of resources, through documentaries that highlight the organizing responses of communities working to democratize the development of urban space in Chicago and New Orleans.

The program includes screenings of *Land of Opportunity* (2010, Dir. Luisa Dantas), which documents the rebuilding of New Orleans post-Katrina, *Voices of Cabrini: Remaking Chicago's Public Housing* (1999, Dirs. Ronit Bezalel and Antonio Ferrera) and excerpts of *Cabrini Green: Mixing It Up* (2011, Dirs. Ronit Bezalel and Brenda Schumacher), which chronicle the demolition of the Cabrini Green community and assess the state of public housing ten years later.

A panel discussion will follow the screenings.

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is encouraged, but not required: <http://humanrights.uchicago.edu/righttothecity>

Panelists:

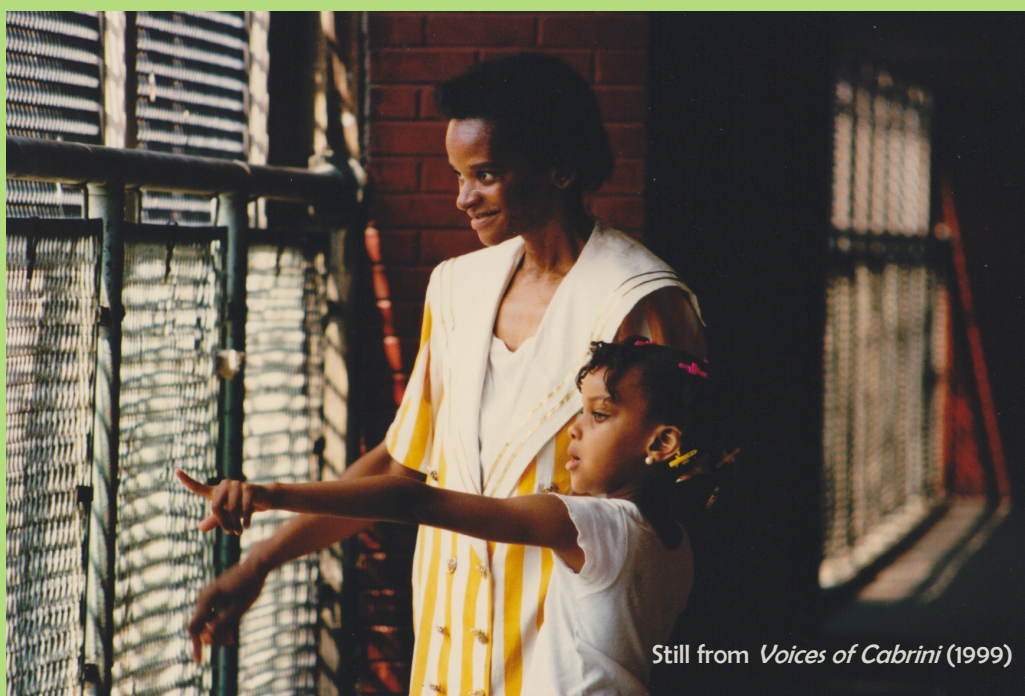
Ronit Bezalel, Filmmaker

Deidre Brewster, Human Rights activist and organizer

Luisa Dantas, Filmmaker

Janet Smith, Associate Professor, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, UIC

Moderated by: Judy Hoffman, Senior Lecturer, Depts of Cinema and Media Studies and Visual Arts, University of Chicago



Still from *Voices of Cabrini* (1999)

This event is a part of Human Rights Program's ongoing series *Seeing Human Rights*. For more information, please contact Sarah Patton Moberg, Program Manager of the Human Rights Program, at spmoberg@uchicago.edu or 773-834-0957.



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