

ILLINOIS AAUP SPRING CONFERENCE Saturday, April 18, 2026

The Art Institute of Chicago

37 S. Wabash Avenue, Room 327 • Chicago, Illinois

Conference Theme: Protecting Shared Governance, Academic Freedom and Best Labor Practices through Faculty Engagement

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| 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | Coffee and Rolls |
| 9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M. | Welcome |
| 9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | <u>Session 1</u> : Presentation: “Legal Challenges, Legal Protection and Best Labor Practices”, Rima Kapitan, Kapitan Gomaa Law, Chicago, IL |
| 10:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | <u>Session 2</u> : Presentation: “Academic Freedom: From Professional Norm to First Amendment Right,” Professor David M. Rabban, University of Texas Law School, former General Counsel and Committee A Chair, AAUP |
| 11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | <u>Session 3</u> : Presentation: “Faculty Participation in Shared Governance: A Perspective for 2026”, Dr. Michael Grossman, Emeritus Professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL |
| 12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M. | Break and pick-up lunches and move to one of the breakout sessions |

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

3 Breakout / Discussion Sessions:

- 1) Best Labor Practices
- 2) Academic Freedom
- 3) Shared Governance

1:30 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

Break

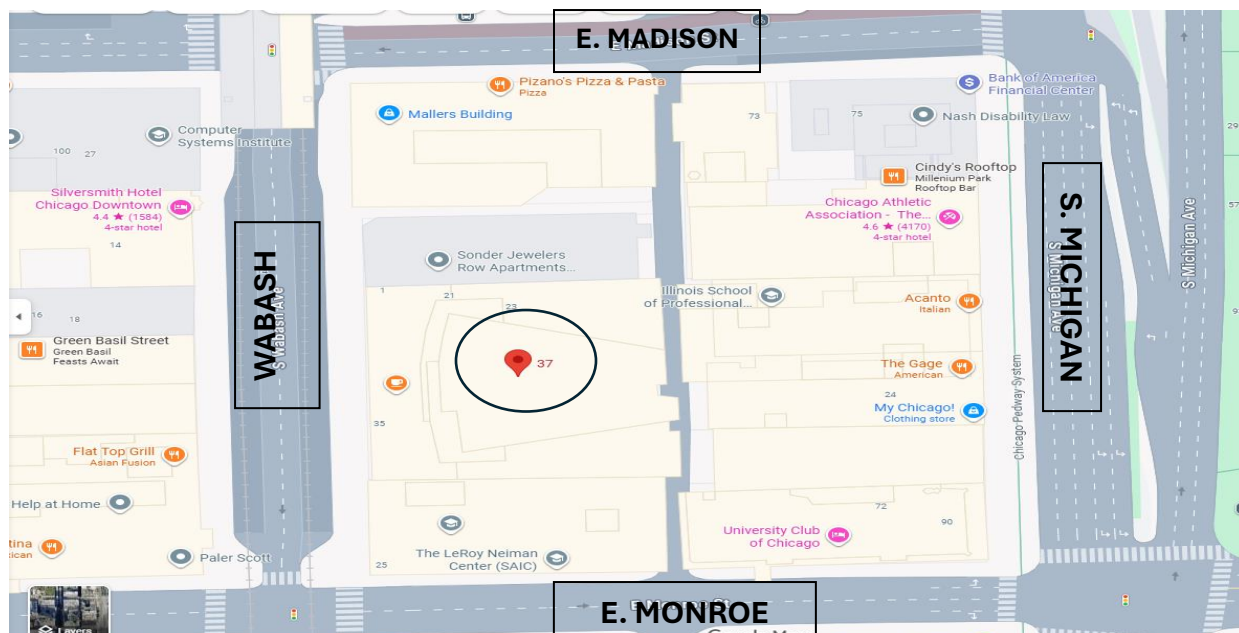
1:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

General Meeting & Adjourn

Conference will be held at

37 S. Wabash, Room #327, Chicago, IL

See circle on map below for general location



Registration: The Conference is open to all faculty in higher education.

To register, please contact the Secretary of the Illinois Conference at diana@studioera2.com by April 15, 2026.

