

Chicago Greeks at the Turn of the 20th Century

Dr. Davros will discuss archival research on Chicago Greeks from their early arrival in the city of Chicago. Greeks played a significant role in rebuilding the city after the Chicago Fire. He will share information on the acculturation difficulties faced by immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. Many Greek immigrants faced prejudice and discrimination yet managed not only to survive but thrive despite the disruption of their community. The lecture will also turn to focus on problems associated with the displacement of Greektown by the relocation efforts of Mayor Richard J. Daley to situate the University of Illinois at Chicago in its current campus.

Dr. Michael G. Davros, teaches in the Departments of English, at Northeastern Illinois University, and as an adjunct at Oakton Community College. As Honors Program Professor at Northeastern, he has taken students on Field Study tours to many locations in Greece. He has lectured throughout the United States, in Greece, and in India on diverse topics in Greek American and African American literature. As author of the photohistory, *Greeks in Chicago*, Davros worked with Alice Kopan and Steve Frangos to memorialize many of the photographs of DePaul University Professor Andrew Kopan. In his courses, he teaches the literature of conflict and features Greek American authors as well as other ethnic authors. Davros holds degrees from Tulane University, Louisiana State University and a doctorate degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.