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**DR. SUZANNE PENN TO BE HONORED
AT THE 2017 CARL SANDBURG LITERARY AWARDS**



DR. SUZANNE PENN

(CHICAGO, IL) On October 11,th the Chicago Library Foundation and Chicago Public Library will be honoring **Dr. Suzanne Y. Penn** at the 2017 Carl Sandburg Literary Awards Dinner as one of 80 authors from Chicago selected as writers who have contributed to Chicago's rich literary heritage. The event will be held at The Forum at UIC, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago IL at 6:00 PM.

Dr. Penn will be honored for her book, **"The Pink Corner Office; Women Achieving Power In The Workplace."** In this work, Dr. Penn places a focus on women in the workplace and the obstacles and challenges that they still face in the 21st century.

Past authors who have been honored are those who have international significance. They include, Sara Paretsky, Elizabeth Berg, Sandra Cisneros, Captain Jim Lovell, David Axelrod, Clarence Page, Stuart Dybek, Alex Kolowitz, Gillian Flynn, Ward Just, Jonathan Alter, Chris Ware, Rebecca Skloot and Aleksandar Hemon.

The event will be co-chaired by Foundation Board of Directors members Jacqueline Griesdorn and Graham C. Grady; and produced by Foundation Director Donna LaPietra and emceed by Bill Kurtis. The evening will also feature a conversation with acclaimed authors Margaret Atwood and Dave Eggers moderated by National Public Radio Host Scott Simon.

This is the only fundraising event for the Chicago Public Library Foundation. Proceeds support the literary and educational research initiatives of the Chicago Public Library including the Summer Learning Challenge; One Book, One Chicago; YouMedia; Teacher in the Library and CyberNavigators. Last year's event raised over \$1.7 million dollars towards these programs.

Dr. Penn is a leading change expert and professor of business at MacCormac College in Chicago, IL where she has taught Business Management, International Business and Speech Communications. As the National Director of Re-Create Your Life Learning Center, her focus is on the new field of "work-life balance."

Her achievements have been recognized recently by The Minority Enterprise Advocate Magazine's, "Woman of Power in Business" Award in Washington D.C., Who's Who in Black Chicago, The Chicago Defender's Women of Excellence Award, The New Orleans Center for Successful Living's "Spirit of Greatness Award," and by former U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu.

She has been featured in Newsweek, Today's Chicago Woman, Crain's Chicago Business, The Chicago Tribune, Sun-Times, Defender and N'Digo newspapers. Dr. Penn has also shared her expertise on numerous boards such as Chicago's Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce, The National Black MBA Association and The Chicago YMCA. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, holds an MBA from The University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in Business Management from Kennedy-Western University.

Dr. Penn has also served for over a decade on the University of Illinois' President's Council and the University's Board of Visitors for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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For ticket information to The 2017 Carl Sandburg Literary Awards, call (312) 201-9830
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