



Join us for our January meeting of the

Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

February 9th, 2023 | 4 PM -118 N Clark St.
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FEATURING



Robert Vargas

Professor of Sociology

Robert Vargas is a sociologist who studies the political-economic forces shaping neighborhood conditions and local government responses to problems. His multi award-winning book "Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio" showed how ward redistricting shaped block-level violence in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago. He has also published in a variety of journals such as Social Problems, Criminology, and the Sociology of Race and Ethnicity. Professor Vargas has won numerous awards such as the CAREER award from the National Science Foundation, the New Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology, and the David Heoft Award for Newly Tenured Faculty at the University of Chicago. His research has been featured in numerous media outlets such as NBC News, Telemundo, Univision, the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Magazine, and National Public Radio.