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PAUL SIMON PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE'S ILLINOIS 101 PROJECT

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute invites people from across Illinois to recommend books that illuminate the Prairie State's intriguing history, current challenges, and future possibilities.

As part of our Renewing Illinois program, the Institute asked more than twenty-five prominent Illinoisans to respond to the question: *If you were teaching an "Illinois 101" course to highly motivated undergraduates, what five books you would assign them to read? They can be histories, biographies, novels, or essays. In sum, they would provide a wide-ranging and nuanced understanding of Illinois.*

The Institute received a remarkable range of recommendations from Senator Richard Durbin, former Governor Jim Edgar, former US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Illinois State Historian Sam Wheeler, and others. Their recommendations, along with those we receive from other Illinoisans, will be included in an Institute publication, *Illinois 101*.

The Institute will expand this project by hosting discussions with authors of books that have been recommended as well as with public officials who are avid readers about Illinois.

The Institute requests that Illinoisans submit book recommendations by September 1, 2020.

Please send your recommendations to: paulsimoninstitute@siu.edu

Read the Recommended Reading list at: <https://paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu/initiatives/recommended-reading-illinois.php>