



## #310: Public-Powered Journalism - Flipping the Newsroom

**Date** July 24th, 2018

**Sponsor** [DataMade](#)

**Website** [chihacknight.org](http://chihacknight.org)

**Hosts:**

### Welcome to Chi Hack Night!

Find this **agenda** at [chihacknight.org](http://chihacknight.org) — next to the RSVP and details button

Join our [Slack](#) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate.

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### Tonight's agenda:

**6:00 pm** Eating and socializing

**6:15 pm** Welcome, house rules & three-word introductions (welcome, first-timers!)

**6:30 pm** Announcements

**7:20 pm** [Breakout group pitches](#)

**7:30 pm** Break into groups and hack

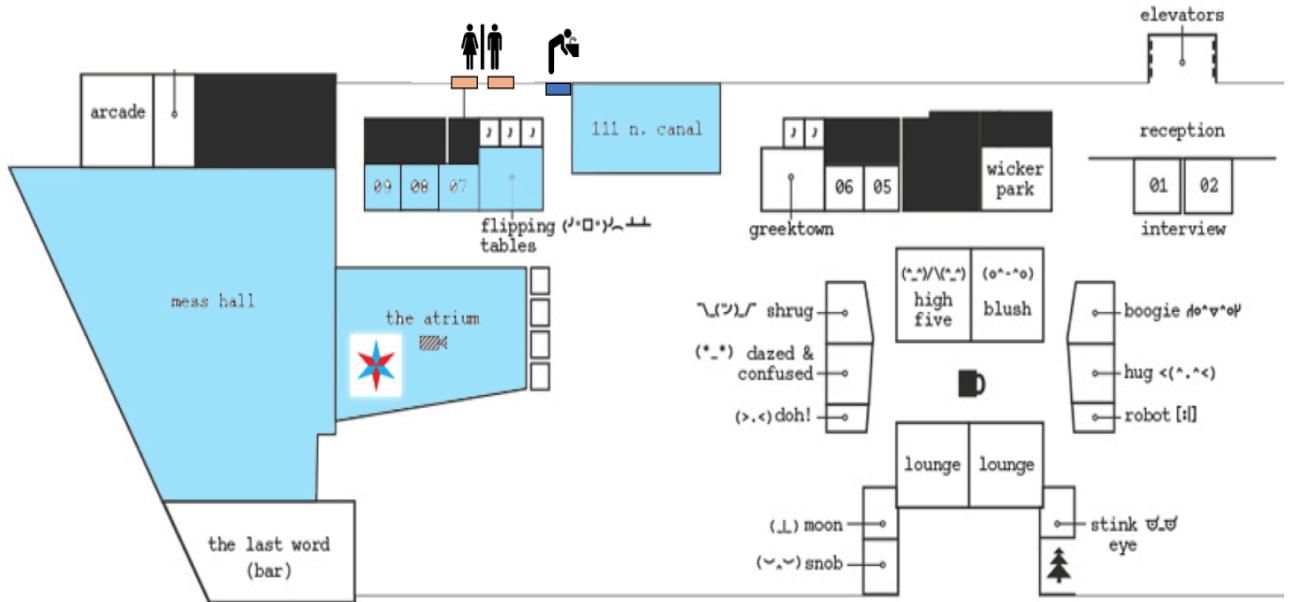
**9:30 pm** Pack up and leave

### Food, drink, and the Braintree office:

- Food: Food is in the cafeteria. Please don't take too much!
- Drink: You can take up to 2 non-alcoholic drinks from the 'everyone' refrigerator (If you see any food near the drinks you're reaching for, you're in the wrong fridge)
- Braintree space: The rooms in **Blue** [see map below the fold] we are welcome to use. Everything else is off limits please! **Please do not disable or disconnect anything in the Braintree rooms.** If you need help, ask one of the Braintree staff.

# Braintree\_rooms

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## Apps, wifi, and social media:

- Wifi: PayPalGuest / SafePayments (on the whiteboard to the right of these screens)
- Join our [Slack](#) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate. Download it now and get ahead of the curve!)
- [Twitter](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
- [Facebook](#): we got a page! You can like us there.
- [Instagram](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
- Subscribe to our newsletter! Get the latest and greatest in Chi Hack Night news & updates by checking out our weekly newsletter. Sign up [here](#).
- [Hack Night Radio](#): A collaborative playlist that plays before/after Chi Hack Night — feel free to add your favorite songs, even country!
- Left something at Chi Hack Night? Email [chicagooffice@getbraintree.com](mailto:chicagooffice@getbraintree.com)
- **Questions for the speaker down at the bottom**

## Be nice:

- Please keep announcements, job postings, breakout pitches less than 30 seconds
- Please read our [Code of Conduct](#)
- P.S. Are you interested in co-hosting? Ask in the Slack channel **#co-hosts**

## Introductions

- Introduce yourself.
- Keep it to three words.
- Warm welcome to the newcomers!

## Announcements

*Keep announcements under 30 seconds and put your name next to it in parentheses.*

### Support Chicago's civic tech community - Donate to Chi Hack Night!

Chi Hack Night is now accepting donations! Our event will always be free and accessible to all but we need your help to keep it going! [Donate on Venmo today!](#)

 **Our biggest expense is food.** If you donate \$5/week, \$20/month or \$250/year, you'll cover your own food expenses.

 **Bonus!** If you donate \$100 or more and get a Chi Hack Night swag pack! It includes a Chi Hack Night t-shirt, coffee mug and 4 Chi Hack Night stickers!

**If you have donated \$100 or more and have not gotten your swag, talk to the co-hosts!**

### ThinkChicago: Lollapalooza - Seeking Civic Tech Challenge Mentors

ThinkChicago is seeking mentors for groups of college students participating in their Civic Tech Challenge. Each year the Mayor's Office, along with World Business Chicago and the University of Illinois, invite some of the brightest engineering, design, and entrepreneurial university students to ThinkChicago, where they can explore the city's vibrant innovation ecosystem.

The ~200 student participants will take part in a Civic Tech Challenge to brainstorm how they can apply data and technology to help solve challenges faced by the Mayor's Office. Think Chicago 2018 is just around the corner and I would love for you to join us as a volunteer!

**Thursday, August 2nd from 9:30 to 12 pm @ Uptake – 600 W. Chicago  
(10 volunteers needed)**

[Click here](#) to complete a short form to express your interest no later than end of day **Tuesday 7/24**. Let me know if you have questions.

[Chipymentor.org](#)! A free 13 week mentorship program from Chicago Python User Group(ChiPy)!!!! Applications til August 3. See Ray for more info (he looks like a picnic table)

**Any other announcements?**

## Events

**[ABA JusticeHack Chicago: "Reimagining the Relationship Between Law Enforcement & Communities" Saturday, August 4, 2018](#)** @ John Marshall School of Law: [315 Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604](#).

**Participating co-sponsors:** the American Bar Association's Coalition on Racial & Ethnic Justice, American Arbitration Association, John Marshall School of Law and many more!

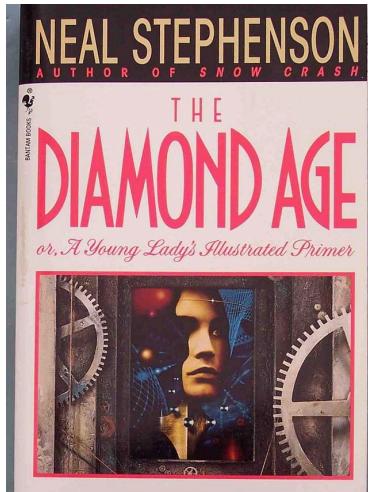
Just like the prior four ABA JusticeHacks, we will bring together diverse teams of community, legal, law enforcement, criminal justice and technology stakeholders in a collaborative, engaging environment to develop innovative and technology-based solutions to address tensions points between law enforcement and communities of color. ABA JusticeHack Chicago is free. All meals and refreshments, including breakfast, lunch, snacks and evening lite bites are complimentary. *Prizes and Judges to be announced soon.* Watch the [ABA JusticeHack Miami 1.0 Video](#) for more details.

## [Ignite Talks Chicago](#)



Ignite is a high-energy evening of 5-minute talks by people who have a burning idea—and the guts to get onstage and share it. With an energized audience cheering them on, 10 speakers will speak about a topic they are fired-up on. Come for the speakers, stay for the free pizza and beer! 100% of the proceeds go towards CoderDojoChi, a nonprofit focused on building a better world for our children through the love of coding.

## Soup and Sci-Fi



A book club for Hard Science Fiction fans! Discuss science over free soup (BYOB). We are now reading [The Diamond Age](#) by Neal Stephenson. Location: 9 W Washington Chicago 60602 on Wednesday August 22 at 6pm. (Corner of Washington and State, across from block 37 and Macy's).

*Set in twenty-first century Shanghai, it is the story of what happens when a brilliant nanotechnologist named John Percival Hackworth made an illicit copy of a state-of-the-art interactive device called A Young Ladys Illustrated Primer its purpose is to educate and raise a girl capable of thinking for herself. It performs its function superbly. Unfortunately for Hackworth, his smuggled copy has fallen into the hands of a street urchin named Nell. Her life—and the entire future of humanity—is about to be decoded and reprogrammed...*

**Chicago Cooperative Economy Summit**

**Saturday August 25th, 10a to 5p, 237 s Desplaines**

Venue Limited to 300 free tickets, 150nsponsor tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-chicago-cooperative-economy-summit-tickets-47702772276>

**Any other events?**

**Jobs**

*Post your civic technology, government, research & journalism jobs here! Job postings will carry over to next week.*

**Civis Analytics**, formed by members of the 2012 Obama Re-election Analytics team, is hiring for a variety of positions (Data Science Consultants, Optimization Scientists, Engineering, and more)! For more info, see our jobs board below:

<https://boards.greenhouse.io/civisanalytics/#.WsZX29PwaV5>

**BRAINTREE IS HIRING!** We have more than 23 open positions posted on our Careers page from across our business, technical, and operations groups. Come join us!

<https://www.braintreepayments.com/careers#jobs>

**GitHub** is hiring lots of engineers and launching an apprenticeship program!

Octoprenticeships are six-month paid career development programs for people with non-traditional technical backgrounds from underrepresented groups in tech. Work on real projects with a GitHub Team, learn alongside a mentor in your field, and develop the skills you need to land your next dream job.

Check out <https://github.com/about/careers> for more info about open full-time opportunities and available apprenticeships or reach out to Saundra at [svcastaneda@github.com](mailto:svcastaneda@github.com).

The **American Red Cross of Chicago & Northern Illinois** is hiring a Regional Planning and Situational Awareness Manager. Besides the responsibilities listed in the [posted job description](#), this position will be responsible for leading local Dispatch operations, managing two mission-critical web applications, developing Disaster Services program analytics and overseeing the region's GIS program. Applications will be accepted through Friday, July 27. Questions can be addressed to [jim.mcgowan@redcross.org](mailto:jim.mcgowan@redcross.org).

**Pie for Providers** is hiring a Senior Full Stack Developer. Join a nationally recognized social enterprise backed by organizations like the University of Chicago and OpenIDEO! We're looking for action-oriented people who share our passion for social justice. Join us in working to build a better caring economy by supporting child care providers throughout the United States. This is a key role on a growing team.

[www.pieforproviders.com/hiring](http://www.pieforproviders.com/hiring) or [hannah@pieforproviders.com](mailto:hannah@pieforproviders.com)

**Ad Hoc** is hiring

- Ad Hoc is a team of people passionate about building government services that work for the people who use them.
- 12+ positions. Developers, designers and other positions
- Remote jobs
- <https://adhocteam.us/join/>
- [Amy.cesal@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.cesal@gmail.com) if you have questions

### **Cook County Project Manager**

Cook County Bureau of Technology is hiring a Project Manager!

<https://cookcountyil.taleo.net/careersection/100/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en>

**Any other jobs? Check out the #jobs channel in Chi Hack Night Slack! Join: [slackme.chihacknight.org](http://slackme.chihacknight.org)**

### **Presentation Notes**

*Help us take notes and share relevant links during the presentation! The presentation will be posted on the [Chi Hack Night YouTube channel](#) at the end of the week.*

### **Presentation Questions**

*Please add your questions here. Hosts will select questions from here. If you see a question place a \* by it, and it'll get moved higher up the chain.*

*Example:*

*"Q: Where is the map to Skywalker?"\*\*\*\*\**

*Q1: What other news organizations in other cities are adopting public powered journalism?*

*Q2: What do you think differed in your approach to technology development from other platforms that manage external input in the journalistic process?*

*Q3: Can you give the audience your 3 favorite sources of journalism in Chicago (not necessarily public-powered) and why they are your favorites?\**

*Q4: What are some unexpected interactions with your platform not necessarily unexpected stories?\**

*Q5: Do you anticipate any newsrooms going entirely public-powered?*