

2025 OAKE Equity Committee Conference Resources

Nearby Restaurants

BienMeSabe 🍷

Venezuelan Arepa Bar
29 E Adams St; 350 ft away

Chiya Chai 🍵

79 E Madison; 0.2 miles away

Sugar Bliss 🍷🍷

125 S Wabash Ave; 0.2 miles away

Wilma's Famous BBQ & Tavern 🍷

17 N Wabash, Fl 2; 0.2 miles away

Jollibee 🍷

Fast food chain of Filipino comfort food
116 S Michigan; 0.2 miles away

The Dearborn 🍷🍷

Traditional American tavern fare; seasonal ingredients
145 N Dearborn St; 0.4 miles away

Brown Bag Seafood Co. 🍷

233 S Wacker Dr. Unit L1-19; 0.6 miles away

Cleo's Southern Cuisine 🍷🍷

Creole twist on Southern classics
190 N Wells St; 0.7 miles away

Kathryn's Soul 🍷🍷

131 N Clinton St; 1 mile away

Taste 222 🍷

Swanky vibes, innovative menu
222 N Canal St; 1.1 miles away

The Lunchroom 🍷

Within SPACE 519 concept store
200 E Chestnut St; 1.5 miles away

TeaPotBrew Bakery 🍷🍷

Freshly made baked goods
1802 S Wabash Ave; 1.6 miles away

Williams Inn Pizza & Sports Bar 🍷🍷

Chicago style pan pizza & pub grub
2210 S Michigan Ave; 2 miles away

Sweet Maple Cafe 🍷🍷

"Taste of home" breakfast spot
1339 W Taylor St; 2.3 miles away

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LGBTQ+ Owned Business



Black & Brown Owned Business



Minority Owned Business



Female Identifying Owned Business

Nearby Businesses

Exile in Bookville 🍷🍷

Independent book and music store
410 S Michigan Ave; 0.4 miles away

Buddy Guy's Legends 🍷

Premier blues club
700 S Wabash Ave; 0.5 miles away

Here Here Market 🍷🍷🍷

Highlights food and drinks from Chicago Chefs!
Online only: <https://hereheremarket.com/>

Ramadan

Restaurants with specials & late night hours:

tandoorchicago.com, tarycoffee.com,
[Cairo Kebab](http://CairoKebab.com)

Other Places Nearby

[Google Map](#) of restaurants within a 15 minute walk
chicago.GoPride.com LGBTQ-friendly businesses

We hope this document is helpful to you. This is not an exhaustive list and these are not all vetted businesses. If you have suggestions to add to this list, please email equity@oake.org

Check out the [OAKE Equity Site](#) for more resources and updates!

Live Digital Document



Good to Know

- **Pronoun stickers** will be available for name badges at registration
- The **Newcomer Event** on 3/6 at 3:40 pm is a great place to make connections and get tips on choosing sessions
- D.I.V.E. In! **Affinity Gatherings** will take place on Thursday, 3/6. Grab a snack from the opening reception and join us if you are part of these communities!
 - **BBIA** (Black, Brown, Indigenous, Asian), 4:15 - 4:45 pm
 - **LGBTQ+**, 4:45 - 5:15 pm
- **The Rest and Recharge Room** is a sensory break spot in Wilson room on 3rd floor upper level
- OAKE would like to empower you to start conversations with others about issues of equity. Check out these [resources](#) that may help you to feel prepared to act as an **upstander**.
- There will be QR codes in session rooms so you can share your **feedback** about sessions, presenters, or the conference in general, as things come to mind. These will be read after the conference, so if something is urgent, please report it to the registration desk.

Accessibility

- The hotel is a historic building, so the halls can be confusing at first. You can check out the [maps](#) of floor plans ahead of time (with updated ADA guidance)
- Here are the accessibility websites for [public transit](#) in Chicago, and for the [mayor's office](#) of the City of Chicago.
- Presenters have been given instruction to use a microphone in sessions. If you are having difficulty hearing a speaker, please say something to the room host, monitor, or presenter. OAKE has also shared [this resource](#) with presenters to encourage them to use live captions.

Neurodivergent Packing List

You may consider packing the following items to help you have a more positive experience:

- ☐ Ear plugs
- ☐ Noise canceling headphones
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Quiet fidgets
- ☐ Go-to snacks
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Masks
- ☐ Emergency medications (if needed)

Please listen to your body. Feel free to get up and move around, take a break, sit on the floor, stand in the back, walk in the back if needed—honor your brain!

Exploring Chicago

Field Museum feat. [Native Truths Exhibit](#) and [Chicago's Legacy Hula](#)

1400 S Lake Shore Dr; 8 min. drive

DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center

740 E 56th Pl; 20 min. drive

National Museum of Mexican Art (free)

1852 W 19th St; 15 min. drive

<https://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/>

The Chicago Mahogany Tours ❤️

Tours dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of the rich history and culture of the city, with "Chicago Urban Historian" Shermann "Dilla" Thomas

<https://www.chicagomahogany.com/>

Don't have time to explore Chicago and its musical history? Check out this episode of WTTW's Chicago Stories on [The Birth of Gospel](#)

Friendly Faces

Here are some of our OAKE Equity Committee members who are attending the conference.

Please say hi and let us know if you have anything we may be able to assist you with.

We will also be at a table near the registration during some of the high traffic periods, so come say hi and take a selfie with our identity signs!



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