



# Shimer

The Great Books  
College of Chicago

**PRESS RELEASE:  
SHIMER BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW PRESIDENT**

Shimer College announced today that, after completing last year's successful move to Chicago's IIT campus, it will now begin a search for a new president to carry Shimer into the future as Chicago's only Great Books College.

Founded in 1853 as one of the few co-educational liberal arts colleges in the country, Shimer moved from its Mount Carroll home to Waukegan, Illinois in 1979. Last year, Shimer relocated to its present home, centrally located on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

After successfully navigating the move to Chicago, Shimer's 12<sup>th</sup> President, William Craig Rice, has decided to leave the College in September to fill a senior position at the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, DC. In a letter to Shimer faculty and trustees, Rice stated that "Leaving this wonderful institution has been a difficult decision," and that he has taken "great pride and pleasure in serving Shimer, especially in instigating its historic move to Chicago."

Shimer is currently in negotiations with an interim President who will serve until the new President is selected by the Board and Assembly of the College.

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