

**Dick Simpson to discuss his memoir,  
*The Good Fight*, at tonight's meeting of  
the Society of Midland Authors**

Free, open to the public and the news media

Tuesday, **March 13**, 2018.

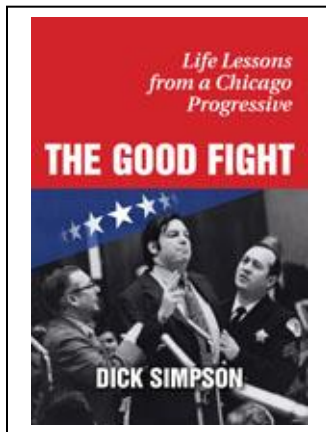
Reception at 6 p.m.; presentation at 7 p.m.

Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan, 22nd floor penthouse

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**Former alderman and activist professor Dick Simpson's candid new memoir,  
*The Good Fight*, assesses his victories and defeats, loves and losses  
during 50 of Chicago's and the nation's most tumultuous years.**

Many lessons were learned as political battles from the 1960s to Trump  
collided with teaching duties and marriage commitments



Dick Simpson, activist political science professor, former Chicago alderman, peace and justice organizer, author of more than 20 books, and frequent political commentator on TV and radio, has written a candid and revealing memoir of his life during some of Chicago's and the nation's most tumultuous times.

*The Good Fight: Life Lessons from a Chicago Progressive*, has just been published by Golden Alley Press. It is available for \$16.95 in bookstores, from [www.goldenalleypress.com/the-good-fight](http://www.goldenalleypress.com/the-good-fight), and from numerous on-line booksellers.

In *The Good Fight*, Simpson describes the context of his time on the political and social battlefields. "During the turmoil of wars, recessions, scandals, impeachments, economic growth, new media, and political struggle, I have often had a front-row seat," he writes. "At the midlevel of politics, government, social movements, and institutions like universities, I know how the sausage is made, because I've been a sausage-maker....I attempt to tell the truth about my life, including some details kept private until now. For although I have sought to live an honorable life, I, like all mortals, have fallen short..."

Throughout the book, Dick Simpson recounts his never-ending struggle to balance the demands of his teaching and political life with his married life. He writes candidly about his three marriages and two divorces, and about his partners' long battles with cancer.

Simpson includes many stories from 50 years in the trenches of Chicago politics and as colleague, friend, and adviser to such personalities as Mayor Harold Washington, Studs Terkel, and Dawn Clark Netsch.

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