CIVIL RIGHTS and SOCIAL JUSTICE

Abolitionism: activism to abolish slavery
(Madison Young Johnson Scrapbook, Chicago History Museum; Zebina Eastman Papers, Chicago History Museum)

African Americans at the World’s Columbian Exposition/World’s Fair of 1893
(James W. Ellsworth Papers, Chicago Public Library; World’s Columbian Exposition Photographs, Loyola University Chicago)

American Indian Movement in Chicago

Anti-Lynching: activism to end lynching
(Ida B. Wells Papers, University of Chicago; Arthur W. Mitchell Papers, Chicago History Museum)

Asian-American Hunger Strike at Northwestern U

Ben Reitman: physician, activist, and socialist; founder of Hobo College
(Ben Reitman Visual Materials, Chicago History Museum; Dill Pickle Club Records, Newberry Library)

Black Codes: denied ante-bellum African-Americans living in Illinois full citizenship rights
(Chicago History Museum; Platt R. Spencer Papers, Newberry Library)

Cairo Civil Rights March: activism in southern Illinois for civil rights
(Beatrice Stegeman Collection on Civil Rights in Southern Illinois, Southern Illinois University; Charles A. Hayes Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Carlos Montezuma: Indian rights activist and physician
(Carlos Montezuma Papers, Newberry Library)

Charlemae Hill Rollins: advocate for multicultural children’s literature based at the George Cleveland Branch Library with Vivian Harsh
(George Cleveland Hall Branch Archives, Chicago Public Library)

Chicago Commission on Race Relations / The Negro in Chicago: investigative committee commissioned after the race riots of 1919 to study and recommend
(Victor Lawson Papers, Newberry Library; Julius Rosenwald Papers, University of Chicago)

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (Chicago History Museum)

Chicago Organization of Community Organizations (COCO)

Chicago Freedom Movement: mid-1960s coalition for housing and other civil rights
Chicago Urban League: African American sociological research and advocacy organization involved with most every key issue involving the community, from black business to Black Panthers
(Chicago Urban League Records, UIC)

Activism Against Apartheid in South Africa
(Chicago Anti-Apartheid Movement Collection at Columbia College Archives; South African Divestment Conflict, Dennis Brutus Papers, Northwestern University)

Disability Rights: activism for disability rights and awareness
(Chicago Advocates for Signed Theatre Collection, DePaul University; Mike Ervin Papers, Newberry Library)

Puerto Rican Community: From Rioting to Organizing
(Spanish Action Committee of Chicago Papers within General Small Collections, UIC; Young Lords Collection, DePaul University; )

Earl B. Dickerson: African-American progressive politician, attorney, businessman, and open housing advocate
(Earl B. Dickerson Papers, Chicago History Museum; Earl B. Dickerson Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Edward Coles: Illinois abolition advocate and governor of Illinois
Coles Papers in microfilm, Chicago History Museum)

John and Eunice Johnson: Johnson Publications publishers; Ebony Fashion Fair founder and director
(Chicago Urban League Records, UIC; Ben Burns Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Irene McCoy Gaines: African American Women’s Clubs leader; civil rights and Republican Party activist
(Irene McCoy Gaines Papers, Chicago History Museum)

John Hossack Trial: abolitionist tried for aiding runaway slave
(Stephen A. Douglas Papers, University of Chicago; Chicago History Museum)

John and Mary Jones: African-American abolitionists
(Chicago History Museum)

John Sengstacke: nephew of Robert Abbott; took over the Chicago Defender in 1939, leader of the national black newspaper associations
(Abbott-Sengstacke Family Papers, Chicago Public Library; Barbara E. Allen Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Marjorie Stewart Joyner: African American beauty entrepreneur and inventor
(Marjorie Stewart Joyner Papers, Chicago Public Library)
National Negro Congress: civil rights and labor organization formed in 1935
(Ernest Watson Burgess Papers, University of Chicago; Chicago Federation of Labor Records, Chicago History Museum)

Original Rainbow Coalition: group of organizations that brokered treaties in an effort to end gang violence
(Black History Collection, UIC; Young Lords Records, DePaul University; Peter Bauer Papers, DePaul University)

Puerto Rican Cultural Center: social and cultural non-profit organization
(Puerto Rican Cultural Center collection, UIC; Crossroads Fund Records, UIC)

Quentin Young and the Medical Committee for Human Rights: physicians coordinating medical care for civil rights activists and volunteers
(Quentin Young Papers, Northwestern; Urban Preceptorship Program Records, Chicago History Museum)

Recognition of Jean Baptiste du Sable as the first permanent settler of Chicago at the Century of Progress Exposition and beyond
(Illinois Writers Project/Negro in Illinois, Chicago Public Library, Harsh Collection; Century of Progress International Exposition Publications, University of Chicago; Century of Progress Memorabilia Collection, UIC)

Robert Abbott: founder of the Chicago Defender
(Abbott-Sengstacke Family Papers, Chicago Public Library; Barbara E. Allen Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Trumbull Park Homes Riots (Chicago History Museum, Municipal Reference Library, CPL)

Vivian Harsh: librarian of the George Cleveland Hall Branch Library and leader in African American historical preservation
(George Cleveland Hall Branch Archives, Chicago Public Library)

African American Police League: organization seeking to increase police equity and eliminate police brutality
(African American Police League Records, Chicago History Museum)

EDUCATION

Barbara Sizemore: education reformer, professor, and dean; researcher on African American student achievement
(Illinois Commission on the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board Records, Chicago State University)

Bilingual Education (T. Fraga Papers, DePaul U Special Collections)
Chicago Teachers Union: advocate for education and teacher rights
(Chicago Teachers Federation Records, Chicago History Museum; Chicago Teachers Union Visual Materials, Chicago History Museum)

Ella Flagg Young: progressive educator, superintendent of CPS
(Chicago Normal School Records, Chicago State University; Marion Talbot Papers, University of Chicago)

Freedom Day School Boycott: activism against school segregation and the “Willis Wagons” that enabled it
(Woodlawn Organization Records, Chicago History Museum; Chicago Urban League Program Files, UIC)

School Reform During the Washington Era
(Harold Washington Archives and Collections, Chicago Public Library; Cross City Campaign for Urban School Reform Records, Chicago History Museum)

Howalton Day School: first private, non-sectarian African American school in Chicago; emphasis on arts and humanities
(Howalton Day School Archives, Chicago Public Library)

John Dewey: pragmatist philosopher; Progressive education reform leader
(Francis W. Parker Papers, University of Chicago; American Civil Liberties Union, Illinois Division Records, University of Chicago)

Margaret Haley: longtime leader of the Chicago Teachers Federation for school funding and teachers’ rights; member of the Chicago Political Equality League for women’s rights
Chicago Teachers Federation Records, Chicago History Museum; Historical Encyclopedia of Chicago Women Project Records, UIC)

Religion in the Schools? Vashti McCollum
(University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

LABOR

Addie Wyatt: African American labor, women’s, and civil rights leader and minister
(Rev. Addie and Rev. Claude Wyatt Papers, Chicago Public Library; Coalition of Labor Union Records, Chicago History Museum)

Agnes Nestor: women’s suffrage and labor leader
(Agnes Nestor Papers, WTUL, Chicago History Museum)

Workers’ Right for Occupational Safety and Health
(Robert and Ada Hicks Papers, UIC; CACOSH)
Anne Zimmerman: advocate for nurses’ rights and pay
(Anne Zimmerman Papers, UIC)

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: Pullman Porters and Maids Labor Organizing
(Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records, Chicago History Museum; Pullman Company Scrapbooks, Newberry Library)

Chicago Chapter of NOW and the Fight for Equal Employment (UIC, National Organization of Women, Chicago Chapter)

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists: labor and civil rights organization
(Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Archives, Chicago Public Library; Charles A. Hayes Papers, Chicago Public Library, Tlmuel Black, CPL)

Coalition of Labor Union Women: organizing for women’s union participation and affirmative action
(Coalition of Labor Union Women Chicago Chapter Records, Chicago History Museum; Rev. Addie Wyatt Papers, CPL/Harsh Collection; Marie Agnes Fese Papers, UIC; Sheli Lulkin Papers, Women and Leadership Archives/Loyola)

Ellen Gates Starr: education and labor reform leader; co-founder of Hull House
(Ellen Gates Starr Papers, UIC; Hull House Collection, UIC)

Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies): union comprised of non-skilled trades workers in every type of industry—from farm to factory, free speech advocates, dissidents during WW1
(Franklin and Penelope Rosemont IWW Collection, Newberry Library; Fred W. Thompson Papers, Newberry Library)

John Altgeld: Progressive movement leader and politician, pardoned the Haymarket anarchists

John Fitzpatrick: progressive Chicago Federation of Labor president, mid-century
(Chicago Federation of Labor Records, Chicago History Museum)

Lucy González Parsons: organizer of workers rights, widow of Haymarket martyr
(Franklin Rosemont–Haymarket Research Papers, Newberry Library; Carolyn Ashbaugh-Lucy Parsons Research Papers, Newberry Library)

Mollie Lieber West: labor activist, Coalition of Labor Union Women, witness to Memorial Day Massacre
(Mollie Lieber West Papers, Loyola University Chicago)

Paul King, Jr.: African-American contractor and community activist in fight for equitable access to jobs
(Paul King Papers, Chicago History Museum)
Protective legislation: laws specifically protecting women and children in the workplace; cause of argument within women’s rights circles
(Agnes Nestor Papers, Chicago History Museum)

Women’s Trade Union League of Chicago: organizing for women’s labor rights and suffrage
(Women’s Trade Union League of Chicago Collection, UIC; Papers of the Women’s Trade Union League, Chicago History Museum)

LAW & POLITICS, COMMUNITY

Abner Mikva: judge and legislator; free speech and welfare reform advocate
(Clarence Darrow Community Center Records, UIC; Richard J. Daley Collection, UIC)

Bughouse Square: hub of free speech enthusiasts at Washington Square Park
(Newberry Library Archives, Newberry Library; Carolyn Ashbaugh-Lucy Parsons Research Papers, Newberry Library)

Chicago Eight/Seven Trial: anti-Vietnam War 1968 Democratic National Convention protestors charged with inciting riots
(Judge Julius J. Hoffman Papers, Chicago History Museum; Guide to the 1968 Democratic National Convention, Northwestern University; National Archives/Chicago Branch)

Clarence Darrow: controversial and dramatic defense attorney; advocate against the death penalty and for scientific criminology
(Arthur and Lila Weinberg Papers, Newberry Library; Clarence Darrow Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Compromise of 1850: Chicago reacts to Fugitive Slave Act

Crossroads Fund: a foundation focused on supporting small social justice groups—a potential source for historians looking at these issues in the 1980s and 90s
(Crossroads Fund, UIC)

Democratic National Convention of 1968: contentious political convention highlighting disparate views on the Vietnam War
(Guide to the 1968 Democratic National Convention, Northwestern University; Chicago Citizens Commission to Study the Disorders of Convention Week Records, University of Chicago)

Dill Pickle Club: literary, artistic, and social Bohemian club
(Dill Pickle Club Records, Newberry Library; Selma Walden Papers, Newberry Library)
Edmund Jarecki: Polish American Cook County Judge; crusader against voter fraud
(Edmund Kasper Jarecki Papers, UIC; Cook County Democratic Party Collection, UIC)

Eugene V. Debs: labor rights leader; campaigner for uniting skilled and unskilled workers; American Railway Union President; advocate for peace and socialism
(Cook County Socialist Party Records, UIC; Bernard J. Brommel-Eugene V. Debs Papers, Newberry Library)

Gale Cincotta: community organizer and affordable housing activist
(Gale Cincotta Collection, DePaul University; Chicago Reader Photographs, Newberry Library)

Gentrification (Near North, Lincoln Park, Pilsen)
(Fort Dearborn Project, UIC; Lincoln Park collections, DePaul University)

Harold Washington: first African American mayor of Chicago, initiated city reforms and programs to open the government; leader in the Illinois Legislature Black Caucus
(Harold Washington Archives and Collections, Chicago Public Library)

Henry Demarest Lloyd: Progressive political activist and journalist during the Gilded Age/Progressive Era
Jessie Bross Lloyd and Family Papers, Chicago History Museum)

Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty
(Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty Records, Chicago History Museum; Alliance to End Repression Records, Chicago History Museum)

Illinois Democratic Women’s Caucus
(Joanne Alter Papers, UIC; Equal Rights Amendment Chicago Records, Chicago History Museum)

Illinois Legislative Black Caucus: advocate for African Americans and other minorities in the state legislature
(Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Records, Chicago State University; Harold Washington Archives and Collections, Chicago Public Library)

Illinois Capital Decision: where to settle (Vandalia, Springfield, Kaskaskia?)

Independent Voters of Illinois–Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPO): good government and campaign finance reform organization
(Independent Voters of Illinois Records, Chicago History Museum; John Kearney Papers, Chicago History Museum)

John W. E. Thomas: first African American elected to the Illinois General Assembly; worked to pass law to grant equal treatment in public accommodations
Joseph Medill: *Chicago Tribune* co-owner and editor; abolitionist and Lincoln supporter; Republican Party politician
(Lincoln Collection, University of Chicago; David Davis Papers, Chicago History Museum)

Latino Political Power-Building

Leon Despres: Independent Democratic alderman at odds with Mayor Daley; advocate for civil rights
(Leon Despres Papers, Chicago History Museum; Independent Democratic Coalition Records, UIC)

Michael Shakman: advocate against political patronage
(American Civil Liberties Union Records, University of Chicago; Bob Crawford Audio Archive, UIC; National Archives, Chicago Branch)

Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born: group proving legal defense for non-citizens threatened with deportation during the Cold War
(Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born Records, Chicago History Museum; Russell Ballard Papers, UIC)

Morton Grove Handgun Ban and Chicago handgun freeze: the first town in the U.S. to ban handguns in 1981, followed by Chicago’s handgun freeze
(Bob Crawford Audio Archive, UIC; Scott Craig Film and Video Collection, Chicago History Museum)

Muhammad Ali: heavyweight boxing champion; antiwar and anticolonial activist
(Richard J. Daley Collection, UIC; Richard Durham Papers, Chicago Public Library)

National People’s Action: neighborhood organization coalition working with federal banking and housing agencies
(Gale Cincotta Papers, DePaul University; Beardsley Ruml Papers, University of Chicago)

Oscar Micheaux Takes on "Birth of a Nation"

Orlando Wilson: police reformer and superintendent
(Chicago State College Oral History Project, Chicago State University; Chicago Police Department Collection, Chicago History Museum)

The Alliance that Squashed the Red Squad: law enforcement unit using surveillance and infiltration against anarchists, communists, and eventually minority and reform organizations such as the NAACP and ACLU
(Red Squad Chicago Court Case Collection of Open Files only, Chicago History Museum)
**Renewing Downtown Chicago** (Fort Dearborn Project, UIC, Chandler Papers, DePaul U)

**Redlining: discriminatory mortgage lending practices against African Americans** (Chicago Urban League Files, UIC; Gale Cincotta Collection, DePaul University; Peggy Roach Papers, Women and Leadership Archives/Loyola)

**Saul Alinsky, the Industrial Areas Foundation: organizing for community empowerment** (Industrial Areas Foundation Records, UIC; Sol Tax Papers, University of Chicago)
Temporary Woodlawn Organization, Organization of Southwest Chicago, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council Records, UIC

**Woodlawn Organization (TWO): coalition for Woodlawn neighborhood** (Industrial Areas Foundation Records, UIC; Woodlawn Organization Records, Chicago History Museum; University of Chicago Woodlawn Social Services Center Records, University of Chicago)

**William Dever: mayor of Chicago; advocate for honest government** (William Dever Papers, Chicago History Museum; George E. Hooker City Planning Collection, University of Chicago)

**LGBTQ**

**AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP): HIV/AIDS direct action activist organization** (ACT-UP Chicago Records, University of Chicago; numerous collections at Gerber-Hart Library)

**Chicago Human Rights Ordinance: legislation disbarring housing and employment discrimination against LGBTQ people** (Bob Crawford Audio Archive, UIC; City News Bureau Records, Newberry Library; Harold Washington Papers, Chicago Public Library; Jon-Henri Damski Papers, Gerber-Hart Library)

**Daniel Sotomayor: AIDS activist, political cartoonist**

**Lesbian organizing and community-building**

**Gay Pride Parade: First held in June 1970 and organized by Chicago Gay Liberation and other organizations** (Chicago Reader Photographs, Newberry Library; Gregory Sprague Photograph Collection, Chicago History Museum; publications at Gerber-Hart Library)

**George S. Buse: civil rights and lesbian and gay rights activist; member of Presbyterians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns** (George S. Buse Papers, Gerber/Hart Library)
Howard Brown Health Center: leading HIV/AIDS service provider founded in 1974
(Howard Brown Health Center Papers, Gerber/Hart Library)

Ron Sable: physician and advocate for gays and lesbians, women, and prisoners
(Chicago Tribune Archives; Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Records, UIC)

William B. Kelley: prominent gay rights activist; early member of Mattachine Midwest
(William B. Kelley Papers, Gerber/Hart Library)

WOMEN - GENDER – FEMINISM

Abortion Access: activism surrounding access to abortion and efforts to maintain women’s legal rights after the legalization of abortion
(Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance Records, UIC; Chicago Abortion Fund Records, UIC)

Abortion Counseling Service of Women’s Liberation (“Jane”): an underground organization to help women access safe abortions
(Jane Collective Oral History Collection, UIC; Chicago Women’s Liberation Union Records, Chicago History Museum)

Abortion Rights: activism prior to the legalization of abortion
(Abortion Rights Association of Illinois Records, UIC; Chicago Clergy Consultation Service Records, UIC)

African American Women’s Clubs: fighting for justice on two fronts
(Melissia Elam-Lauretta Peyton Papers, Chicago Public Library; Alpha Suffrage Club in Ida B. Wells Papers, University of Chicago)

Catherine Waugh McCulloch: lawyer, suffragist, political activist
(Catherine Waugh McCulloch Collection, UIC; Caroline Alden Huling Papers, UIC)

Chicago Catholic Women: Speaking for women’s issues, rights in the church
(Women and Leadership Archives/Loyola)

Chicago Chapter, National Organization for Women (NOW): women’s employment rights and opportunities organization
(National Organization for Women Chicago Records, UIC; Charlotte Adelman Papers, Newberry Library)

Chicago Women’s Liberation Union: a coalition of women’s liberation issues groups
(Chicago Women’s Liberation Union Records, Chicago History Museum; Estelle Carol Materials on the Chicago Women’s Liberation Union, Chicago History Museum; Jenny Knauss Collection, Northwestern University)

Ending Coverture: Women are not Property
Deborah’s Place: shelter and advocacy group for women who are homeless
(Deborah’s Place Records, Loyola University Chicago; Patricia Caron Crowley Papers, Loyola University Chicago)

Dickson Mounds and the Native American Graves Removal Act

Equal Rights Amendment Central (ERA): coalition of organizations in Chicago advocating for the Illinois ratification of the ERA
(Chicago ERA Records, Chicago History Museum; National Organization for Women, Chicago Chapter Records, UIC; Women & Leadership Archives at Loyola U)

Esther Saperstein: Illinois Democratic politician
(Esther Saperstein Papers, UIC; Historical Encyclopedia of Chicago Women Project Records, UIC)

Ethel Percy Andrus: founder of the AARP and the National Retired Teachers Association
(Lewis Institute Records, Illinois Institute of Technology)

Frances E. Willard: Women’s Christian Temperance Union President and advocate of women’s rights
(Frances E. Willard Papers, Frances E. Willard Historical Association; Frances E. Willard Papers, Northwestern University)

Grace Mary Stern: Illinois Democratic state politician (Grace Mary Stern Papers, UIC)

Grace Wilbur Trout: suffragist and president of the Chicago Political Equality League

Ida B. Wells-Barnett: civil and women’s rights advocate; anti-lynching advocate
(Ida B. Wells Papers, University of Chicago; Edith Ross Collection, UIC)

Ida Craddock: advocate for free speech and sex education; controversial performer at the 1893 World’s Fair
(Ida Craddock Papers, Southern University Carbondale; James W. Ellsworth Papers, World’s Columbian Exposition Collection, Chicago Public Library)

Illinois Commission on the Status of Women and the Citizens Council on Women: councils that reported to the Illinois General Assembly on a range of women’s issues, often reflecting a “minority” stance critical of feminist movements but supportive of women’s rights from a different perspective
(Elizabeth Clarke Collection, Northwestern University; Chicago ERA Records, Chicago History Museum; see papers of individual legislators at UIC)

Illinois Religious Engaging in Nonviolent Endeavors (Project IRENE): social justice organization promoting women’s and children’s wellbeing
(Project IRENE Records, Loyola University Chicago)
Immigrants' Protective League: organization to serve and advocate for new immigrants to Chicago; Refugee Rights
(Immigrants' Protective League Records, UIC; Esther Loeb Kohn Papers, UIC)

Jane Addams: leading social reformer, Hull House co-founder, international peace activist
(Jane Addams Papers (microfilm); Hull House Collection, UIC)

Joanne Alter: politician and environmental advocate
(Joanne Alter Papers, UIC; Chicago Reader Photographs, Newberry Library)

Judy Baar Topinka: prominent long-time Illinois Republican politician
(Judy Baar Topinka Papers, UIC; Mike Royko Papers, Newberry Library)

League of Women Voters: growing out of the National Women’s Suffrage Association; encourages voting participation and lobbies for women’s interests
(Legue of Women Voters of Chicago Records, UIC; Illinois League of Women Voters Records, Chicago History Museum)

Mary Livermore: abolitionist, suffragist, and philanthropist, led Women’s Sanitary Commission during Civil War
( Frances E. Willard Papers, Frances Willard Historical Association, Chicago History Museum)

Midwives for Mothers (Lillian Runnerstrom Papers, UIC)

National Alliance of Black Feminists / National Black Feminist Organization: organization for African American women’s rights and the improvement of their educational and professional opportunities
(National Alliance of Black Feminists Collection, UIC, Brenda Eichelberger Papers, Chicago History Museum and Chicago Public Library)

National Association of Colored Women (NACW): federation of African American women’s clubs; organized in support of civil rights, suffrage, and anti-lynching causes
(Ann Hennington Brown Papers, Chicago Public Library; Melissia Elam-Lauretta Peyton Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Phyllis Wheatley Association: organization providing a home for African American women who had traveled to Chicago for employment purposes
(Phyllis Wheatley Association Collection, UIC)

Sophia Fund: foundation that supported a range of women’s programs—a potential source for historians looking at women’s issues in the 1980s and 90s
(Sophia Fund Records, Chicago History Museum)

Suffrage: numerous organizations and individuals advocating for voting rights

The Pill: Its Birth and Introduction
Women’s Clubs Taking Urban Issue: educational and social groups especially popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries
(Chicago Woman’s Club Records, Chicago History Museum; Alpha Suffrage Club in Ida B. Wells Papers, University of Chicago)

Women Employed: organization working against sex discrimination in the workplace
(Women Employed Records, UIC; National Organization for Women, Chicago Chapter Records, UIC)

Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom: founded during WWI and continues
(Women’s Peace Party Collection, UIC; Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom Records, Loyola University Chicago; Fern Gayden Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Women Mobilized for Change: short lived activist organization concerned with open housing issues, Black-White relations
(Women Mobilized for Change Records, UIC)

Woman’s World Fair: annual event to showcase women’s accomplishments, connect women with employment opportunities, and raise funds for women’s Republican Party organizations
(Women’s Advertising Club of Chicago Records, UIC)

WAR, MILITARY

African American Chicagoan’s opposition to Italian attack on Ethiopia
(Arthur Logan Papers, Chicago Public Library; Claude A. Barnett Papers, Chicago History Museum)

African American Regiments in WWI
(Christopher C. Wimbish Papers, Chicago History Museum; Earl B. Dickerson Papers, Chicago Public Library; Illinois Writers Project/Negro in Illinois, Chicago Public Library)

African American Regiments in WWII
(James L. Smith Papers, Chicago History Museum; Photography of Soldiers from the 332nd Machine Gun Battalion, Chicago History Museum)

Ben Hecht: Jewish American journalist, novelist, playwright, and screenwriter; organized to save European Jews from the Nazis
(Ben Hecht Papers, Newberry Library)

Black Hawk War: Sac/Sauk leader Black Hawk and other Native Americans versus militias of white settlers and U.S. troops after broken treaties
Cambodian Association of Illinois: organization to assist Cambodian refugees who escaped the Khmer Rouge; currently also working to preserve Cambodian culture among the second generation, and to prevent genocide
(National Cambodian Heritage Museum & Killing Fields Memorial Resource Center; Girl's Best Friend Foundation Organizational Archives, UIC)

Chicago Peace Council: anti-war organization
(Chicago Peace Council Records, Chicago History Museum; League of Nations Association, Midwest Branch Records, University of Chicago)

Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America: national leader in the sanctuary movement for Latin American refugees in the 1980s
(W. Alvin Pitcher Papers, University of Chicago; Crossroads Fund Records, UIC; Renny Golden Papers, Women and Leadership Archives/Loyola)

Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES): anti-U.S. intervention group with radical/creative methods
(Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, Chicago Chapter Records, Chicago History Museum; Ellacuría Tapes Project, Loyola University Chicago)

Conscientious Objectors to War, Draft Resistance
(American Friends Service Committee, UIC; Midwest Committee for Military Counseling, UIC, also Chicago History Museum)

Copperheads: Northern Democrats in favor of a peace settlement with the Confederate Army
(Carrie M. Walkup Diaries, Northwestern University; Chicago Times 1862 Clippings from Elias Colbert, Chicago History Museum)

Double Victory: WWII-era African American campaign for freedom both at home and abroad
(Claude A. Barnett Papers, Chicago History Museum; Charles A. Davis Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Everett Dirksen: Republican politician highly supportive of the Vietnam War; drafted major civil rights legislation
(Robert E. Merriam Papers, University of Chicago; Samuel H. Shapiro Papers, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum)

Fight for Freedom Committee: group formed in April 1941 for U.S. intervention in WWII to defeat Hitler
(Fight for Freedom Committee Records, University of Chicago)
Illinois Regiments in the Civil War (both sides)
(American Civil War Documents, Chicago Public Library; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Records, Chicago Public Library)

Workers Don't Fight Workers: IWW resists WW1 Draft
(Franklin and Penelope Rosemont Collection of IWW Publications and Ephemera, Newberry Library; Virgil J. Vogel Collection, University of Chicago)

Robert R. McCormick: newspaper magnate opposed to the New Deal and U.S. entry into WWII
(Fight for Freedom Committee Records, University of Chicago; Chauncey McCormick Papers, Newberry Library)

Nuclear War? For a SANE Policy (Chicago Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy Records, UIC)

ARTS & CULTURE

Art for the Public: The 1978 Ordinance

Armory Show Invades Chicago: avant-garde art exhibit; introduced the work of many European artists to the U.S.
(Eva Watson Schütze Photographs, University of Chicago; Floyd Dell Papers, Newberry Library, Three Arts Club Papers, Ryerson Library-AIC )

Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM): supports jazz composers, performers, and educators
(Jazz Institute of Chicago Jamil Figi Papers, University of Chicago; AACM Publicity Materials, Chicago History Museum, also collections at Chicago Public Library and Center for Music Research, Columbia College)

Artemisia: feminist theatre co-op
(Eileen Ryan Papers, Loyola University Chicago; Kathryn Kucera Papers, Loyola University Chicago)

Black Arts Movement: cultural movement favoring art about, by, and for African Americans
(Charles J. Evans Papers, Chicago Public Library; Susan Cayton Woodson Papers, Frances Minor, William McBride, KUUBA Theater, AACM, Chicago Public Library; Digitized Collections at University of Chicago)

Charles White: artist and WPA muralist; part of the Chicago Black Renaissance
(Alton Abraham Collection of Sun Ra, University of Chicago; Douglas C. McMurtrie Papers, Newberry Library William McBride and Frances White)

Ebony Talent Agency/Creative Arts Foundation: African American theatre company and talent agency
Frank Marshall Davis: journalist, poet, and civil rights activist; part of the Chicago Black Renaissance
(Paul Romaine Papers, Newberry Library; Claude A. Barnett Papers, Chicago History Museum; Browning and Gayden Papers, Chicago Public Library)

Hairy Who: a group of artists whose work reflected both pop art and surrealism
(Steven Jay Urry Research Collection, Art Institute Chicago; Hairy Who Pamphlet File, School of the Art Institute of Chicago)

Harriet Monroe: poet; founder and editor of the modernist ground-breaking Poetry
(Harriet Monroe Papers, University of Chicago; Eunice Tietjens Papers, Newberry Library)

Judy Chicago: feminist artist and author; known for The Dinner Party
(The Dinner Party Project Records, UIC; Women in Design of Chicago Records, UIC)

Katherine Dunham: modern dancer to opened the canon to Caribbean dance, civil rights activist
(Dunham Collection at Southern Illinois University)

Kartemquin Films: collaborative center for independent documentary filmmakers; emphasis on ethics and social responsibility

Louis Sullivan and his Democratic Architecture

Margaret Burroughs: artist, poet, and founder of the DuSable Museum of African American History and Culture
(Chicago State College Oral History Research Program Papers, Chicago State University; DuSable Museum of African American History Archives, DuSable Museum of African American History)

William Walker: artist and muralist; public art advocate
(Douglas C. McMurtrie Papers, Newberry Library; Chicago Urban League Files, UIC)

The Murals Movements (WPA, Black, Latino)
(University of Chicago Online Digital Images, South Side Cultural Arts Center Papers)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Tesla vs Edison

Manhattan Project and the Atomic Bomb
Nuclear Energy
Reversal of the Chicago River
Chemotherapy in Cancer Treatment
Great Lakes Species Invasion
Clean Air, Clean Neighborhoods