2014 History Fair Topics:
Rights & Responsibilities in History

**Laws, Courts, and Legislation:**
- Struggle for voting rights
- After the 19th amendment
- Illinois and the permanent voters registration act (30-40s)
- Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty
- The People vs Paul Crump: Death Row
- League of Women Voters (Suffrage: What Next? African American, Running Candidates/Promoting Issues)
- Equal Rights Amendment: Why We Lost?
- ACLU and Nazi March
- Big Table and the free speech fight
- William Dever and Prohibition
- Claiming Land Rights: Potawatomi, Pokagan in Federal Court
- Equal Rights Amendment
- Fugitive Slave Act in Illinois
- Black Codes in Illinois

**Environment/Landmarks/Animals:**
- Environmental Justice and Altgeld Gardens
- Mary McDowell and Environmental Rights in the Back of the Yards
- Making and Preserving Landmarks – right to maintain the past, whose responsibility (Nickel/Sullivan, others)
- Reversal of the River – The Clash of Rights
- Annexation to Chicago
- City vs States Rights – Municipal Charter Reform
- Animal Rights
- My Domain vs the Public Domain: The Development of the Forest Preserve
- Cynthia Bathurst

**Family Planning:**
- Sex Education
- Abortion rights
- Juvenile Protection Association, Zeta Youman and the “Stage Children”
- Mothers Pensions: A Communist Plot?
- Right to a Childhood
- Don't Kill Your Baby, Cover when you cough – public health campaigns and rights
- Birth control movement before second wave feminism, as it was developed during feminist movement
- Children’s Aid Society
- Girls in the first juvenile court system - Barthelme and Girls Court
- AIDS Rights
- Comstock Act
- The Pill
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<td>- Chicano student movements – at UIC, NEIU, etc.</td>
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<td>- Mary Thompson, Sarah Hackett Stevenson and other Early Female docs, researchers</td>
<td>- Deportations in 50s – Refugio Martinez but other cases too (Americans for Immigrant rights)</td>
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<td>- Nurses Training School at Provident Hospital</td>
<td>- Latino / Chicano power movement – Raza on campus</td>
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### Labor/Working Class History:
- Eugene Debs in Prison
- Mother Jones Organizing for Her People in Illinois
- Labor rights-political rights and the Labor Party
- 1877 Railroad Strike
- Fair Employment Practices Commission and Irene McCoy Gaines
- Virden Massacre
- Memorial Day Massacre
- Pullman-Right to live outside of "Workers Paradise"
- Altgeld vs Cleveland – The Militia in the Pullman Strike
- Agnes Nestor
- Labor rights and women’s rights – Women’s Trade Union League, Addie Wyatt, Alice Pereula, UAW
- Organizing Health Care workers – UC and 1199/AFSCME
- Public employee collective bargaining rights
- Company Unions in Chicago (Pullman, Packinghouses, Western Electric, etc.)
- Wagner Act Effect on Organizing in Chicago
- Taft Hartley Act – Taking Away Workers Rights: the Case of the Packinghouse Workers
- Newsies Fight for their Rights
- Pullman Porters: The Embodiment of Civil and Economic Rights
- "The Fate of Women Workers" column in Chicagoer Arbeiter-Zeitung

### Activism/Social Reform:
- Conservative Vice Lords
- Young Lords
- Mujeres Latinas en Accion – The Double Struggle
- Chicago 21 Plan and community organizations fight back
- War on Poverty Community Services Administration
- Saul Alinsky – Strategizing for Democracy
- Ellen Gates Starr
- Ida B Wells Barnett
- Florence Kelley
- Ida B Wells: solidarity overseas / DePriest /suffrage/lynching
- Teaching Democracy, No Matter the Cost – Jane Addams’ Ideas and Actions
- Erring Women’s Refuge
- Chicago Area Project- 1934
- 1968 Democratic National Convention

### African-American Issues:
- Alpha Suffrage Club
- Chicago and the Freedom Ride Buses
- Robert Abbott and the fight for African American rights
- GI Bill Injustices
- Fred Hampton
- Elijah Lovejoy
- Bobby Seale
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- 1919/1968 Race Riots
- Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) and schools
- Earl Renfroe and UIC’s Department of Orthodontics
**Communication:**
- Right to public broadcasting (wttw)
- FCC and rights on the air
- Chicago Censorship Film Board
- Bughouse Square Debates
- Chicago Review Censorship
--Before and After Federal Communications Act: When the Air Waves Stopped Being Free
-Freedom of Speech Fights in Chicago
McCormick and the Freedom of the Press Committee
-Elijah Lovejoy

**Dance, Music, and Literature:**
- Musicians’ Royalty Rights and Petrillo
-Desegregating the Musicians Unions
-Mortimer Adler and Democracy
-Gwendolyn Brooks and the Third World Press
-Bo Didley

**Transportation:**
-Yerkes’ Nightmare: Public Transportation
-Right of way: interstates and citizens
-Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters – Milton Webster
-When Railroads Ruled Chicago
-Reversal of the Chicago River
-I&M Canal
-Spaghetti Bowl

**Sports:**
-Title IX
-Segregation & Desegregation of Sports Teams
-1982/1987 NFL Players’ Strike

**Civil Rights:**
- Chinese Equal Rights League
- The Interracial struggle to Integrate the YWCA
-Seeking Redress – Japanese Relocation
- Robert Abbott and the fight for African American rights
- Immigrants Protective League
- Refugees of Torture, Genocide – select Chicago communities (Bosnian, Cambodian, Central American)
-John W.E. Thomas and the 1875 Civil Rights Act of Illinois
-Riding South for Freedom: Chicago and the freedom buses
- Black Abolitionists in Chicago
- Trail of Tears No More – Montrose Village and NAM, Carlos Montezuma
- Underground RR
- Desegregating summer camps
- Fred Hampton – Life and Legacy
-Operation Breadbasket
-Elijah Lovejoy
-Rights of Prisoners
- Japanese rights in the middle west
- Pearl Hart – Fighter for Human Rights
-Disability rights
-Alpha Suffrage Club and the Election of Oscar DePriest
-GI Bill after WWII
**City Planning/Housing:**
- Racially Restrictive Covenants
- Mildred Mead and Urban Renewal
- Trumbull Park
- City council and public housing
- Don DePorter
- Right to public housing integration. Woods, Robert Taylor
- Air Rights and the Changing Landscape of Downtown Chicago
- Whose rights for “progress” urban renewal
- Gentrification of Lincoln Park
- No More Ghettos! The Revolutionary Gautreaux Case
- Hoboes, Bum, Tramps: Migrant Workers in Chicago
- Apartments to Condos Fight in late 70s
- Tenant Rights
- Lake Meadows/Prairie Shores – Negro Removal or Integration?
- Bishop Hill – Cult or Community
- Everett Dirksen: Civil Rights and Open Housing: “The Time has Come”
- Henry Horner Residents and the United Center
- Redlining Neighborhoods: Gale Cincotta vs the Bankers
- Prairie Avenue: Change Over Time

**Women’s Issues:**
- The Untold Women’s Movement: Rights of Abused Women, Incarcerated Women
- Women’s Peace Party
- Illinois Women’s Alliance
- Women in the police department
- Take Back the Night--and Day! Rape Victim Advocacy
- Women’s Suffrage in the Immigrant Community
- Hyde Amendment, HERS, and the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance: Equity for Poor Women
- Women and Legal Aid Society
- Women Adrift – Single Women in the City
- Myra Bradwell: Woman Lawyer
- Protective legislation and 8/10 Hour Day for Women
- Coverture – What Rights a Woman?
- Grace Wilbur Trout, Catherine McCullough and the new directions in winning rights in Illinois
- Women’s Trade Union League
- Women Bartenders Lawsuit
- BSCP Ladies Auxiliary – Helena Wilson
- The Unsung Struggles of Women Mobilized for Change

**War:**
- Opposition to the Draft during WW1 IWW, Bill Haywood ...
- Vietnam, too
- Conscientious objectors during WW2 and Statesville prison
- GI Bill
- War Manpower Board
- Trial of Chicago 8 or 7
- World War One – New home, Old home Loyalties
- German American Rights during WW1 –the other alien
- In Times of War: Lincoln and Habeus Corpus, or Chicago Times suppression, or Camp Douglas POW camp