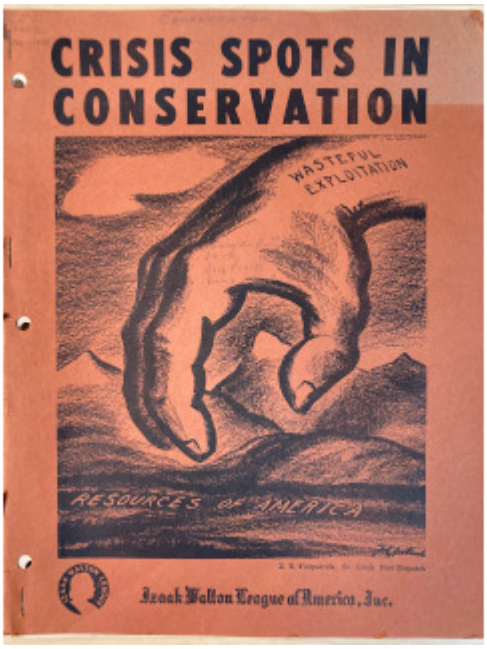
Primary Sources related to Social Justice

Much work happens out of the public's eye when it comes to planning and working towards social justice. The library's online collections have original documents from movers and shakers, advocacy organizations, as well as governmental documents, so that researchers can investigate multiple sides of the story. Here is a selection of collections on environmental justice, disability discrimination, internment camps, and animal rights.

Environmental Justice



Browse a collection of reports, newsletters, and news on conservation and environmental policy issued by state agencies, city departments, regional associations, and other organizations. These documents represent issues that mattered during a period when environmental concerns emerged as a major area of interest for activists and politicians.

Review a vast array of topics, including national parks, dams, water rights, reports on game, birds and fish, land management, legislation, fire prevention, air pollution, forestry, oil, gas and the extraction of other natural resources, irrigation, and hydroelectricity in **Selected Publications on Conservation and Environmental Policy,** 1919-1975.
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Disability Discrimination

The archive **History of Disabilities: Disabilities in Society, 17th to 20th Century** provides historical evidence demonstrating how society has interacted with and regarded individuals considered to have disabilities. The archive provides many avenues to approach disability history. It demonstrates how persons with disabilities have worked for equal rights through activism and advocacy. Some materials include personal memoirs of experiences with disabilities, or the accounts of those who treated them rehabilitation, treatments, methods of education, and other forms of remediation are documented. Researchers can also examine documents from organizations and institutions that sought to help or heal those with disabilities, documents of policies and programs (labor laws, legal rights, rehabilitation programs, etc.).

Examine disability as a form of institutional discrimination and social exclusion, as well as an empowered movement. https://link.gale.com/apps/HODI?u=cmu_main

Civil Rights – Internment Camps

During World War II, more than 100,000 Americans of Japanese descent were forcibly detained in what came to be known as relocation centers run by the War Relocation Authority.

You can now read **voices of interred Japanese-Americans**, through our collection of **Relocation Camp Newspapers** (1942-1945). Learn about daily life in the camps, as reported in papers like *Rohwer Outpost, Poston Chronicle, Gila News Courier, Tulean Dispatch, Granada Pioneer, Minndoka Irrigator, Topaz Times, Manzanar Free Press, Denson Tribune*, and *Heart Mountain Sentinel*.
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Animal Rights

Explore the papers of activist **Velma Johnston, known as "Wild Horse Annie,"** 1955-1977. Johnston was founder and president of the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros, which later became **Wild Horse Organized Assistance**. Working in the Nevada area, she was part of efforts to allow wild horses and burros to live in the wild without the threat of being captured by pet food producers.

Read through correspondence, photographs, and governmental documents to understand Johnston's work, plus the perspectives of those who opposed her views. https://link.gale.com/apps/collection/52TV/ENVH?u=cmu_main&sid=bookmark-ENVH