The Women and Leadership Archives (WLA) is excited to welcome History Fair participants! The WLA is located in Piper Hall on Loyola University’s Lakeshore campus, 970 W. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Wednesdays 11a.m. to 7p.m., and Thursdays 8:30am-1:30pm. Below are sample collections from the archives that relate to ‘Taking a Stand in History.’

The Civil Rights Movement
The Civil Rights Movement, one of the most defining moments in the history of the United States, occurred in the 1950s and 1960s and sought to end racial segregation against minorities, particularly black Americans. How did everyday activists take a stand against systems of oppression in the United States? What strategies did activists use to make their voice heard?
Mary Griffin, Ph.D. Papers
Prudence Moylan, Ph.D. Papers
Margaret “Peggy” Roach Papers
Selma March, Mundelein College Collection

The ERA
The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) sought to make the discrimination of a person based on sex illegal in the United States. The ERA passed the U.S Senate and the House of Representatives in 1972 but failed state ratification due to opposition from anti-feminist groups. In what ways did ERA activists take a stand against those who argued against the amendment? What can the failed ratification of the ERA teach us about gender equality in the present?
Connie Kiosse Papers
Helen Sauer Brown Papers
Chicago Catholic Women Records
Homemaker’s Equal Rights Association (HERA) Records

Roberts vs. Texaco
In 1993 Bari-Ellen Roberts launched a class-action law suit against her employer Texaco for discriminating against their African American employees. Roberts alleged that executives at Texaco time and again denied highly qualified black employees promotions, pay raises, and leadership opportunities in favor of white workers. Texaco settled out of court and paid Roberts and the other defendants $176 million in damages. How did Roberts and her co-workers take a stand against big business? In what ways did the U.S judicial system make the resolution possible?
Bari-Ellen Roberts Papers