

McLean County Museum of History

**American Civil Liberties Union -
Central Illinois Chapter**

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Brief History

Founded in 1926, the American Civil Liberties Union is the largest national voluntary organization committed to the protection and defense of all persons' Constitutionally guaranteed rights. The three main functions of the ACLU are educating, lobbying, and litigating. The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that guards the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and strives to make government abide by our founding principles. Advocacy is in the areas of racial justice, religious liberty, freedom of expression, the rights of children and people with disabilities, criminal justice system reform, police practices reform, fairness for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals, and reproductive justice. (from website)

The Central Illinois Chapter's mission is to support and promote the protection of civil liberties in McLean, De Witt, and Livingston Counties of the State of Illinois. The chapter meets monthly and supports speakers and programs on a variety of pertinent issues.

Scope

This collection includes minutes from the Central Illinois Chapter's meeting from 2013 to the present, publicity for various events, and correspondence relating to important issues.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Steering Committee Minutes and Agenda – 2013-2017

- 1.1 January 2, 2013, minutes
- 1.2 February 6, 2013, minutes
- 1.3 March 6, 2013, agenda and minutes
- 1.4 January 8, 2014, minutes
- 1.5 February 5, 2014, agenda
- 1.6 April 2, 2014, minutes
- 1.7 May 7, 2014, minutes
- 1.8 June 4, 2014, agenda, minutes
- 1.9 July 9, 2014, minutes, State and National Issues – statement from Jack Porter
- 1.10 August 6, 2014, minutes
- 1.11 September 3, 2014, agenda, minutes
- 1.12 November 5, 2014, agenda
- 1.13 December 4, 2014, email follow-up to December 3 meeting
- 1.14 January 15, 2015, minutes
- 1.15 March 4, 2015, agenda
- 1.16 April 1, 2015, minutes
- 1.17 April 29, 2015, minutes
- 1.18 June 3, 2015, agenda, minutes, treasurer's report
- 1.19 July 1, 2015, minutes
- 1.20 August 5, 2015, agenda, minutes
- 1.21 September 2, 2015, agenda
- 1.22 September 25, 2015, email regarding student at Central Catholic High School
- 1.23 September 29, 2015, agenda
- 1.24 September 7, 2016, minutes
- 1.25 November 2, 2016, agenda and minutes
- 1.26 December 7, 2016, agenda, minutes
- 1.27 March 1, 2017, minutes
- 1.28 April 5, 2017, agenda, minutes, treasurer's report
- 1.29 May 3, 2017, agenda, minutes
- 1.30 June 7, 2017, agenda, minutes, email regarding meeting
- 1.31 July 5, 2017, minutes, email regarding meeting
- 1.32 August 2, 2017, agenda, treasurer's report

- 1.33 October 4, 2017, agenda, minutes
- 1.34 November 1, 2017, agenda, treasurer's report
- 1.35 December 6, 2017, minutes, treasurer's report, email to Tom Cullen

Folder 2: Steering Committee Minutes and Agenda – 2018-Present

- 2.1 February 7, 2018, minutes
- 2.2 March 7, 2018, minutes
- 2.3 April 4, 2018, minutes
- 2.4 June 4, 2018, minutes
- 2.5 July 11, 2018, minutes
- 2.6 August 1, 2018
- 2.7 September 26, 2018
- 2.8 February 6, 2019
- 2.9 March 6, 2019

Folder 3: Events and Programs

- 3.1 "Defend Your Freedoms" July 4th – copies of two banners, undated.
- 3.2 Flyer about Stand UP for Social Justice Vigil, May 8 (no year given).
- 3.3 "Civil liberties in the US: FBI targeting of peace activists," talk with Joe Iosbaker,
- 3.4 February 3, 2013, and email announcement regarding talk, January 17, 2013.
- 3.5 Flyer: "Medical Marijuana in Illinois" lecture by Dr. Ralph Weisheit, October 8, 2014.
- 3.6 Postcard: "Police Use of Force" lecture by Dr. Jason Ingram, November 4, 2015.
- 3.7 Flyer about Stand Up for Social Justice candlelight vigil, December 13, 2016, and attached email.
- 3.8 Postcard: "Reducing Our Prison Population" by Elizabeth Robb and Andrew Leipold, February 22, 2017.
- 3.9 Postcard: "Reproductive Rights in Illinois, lecture by Rianne Hawkins and Jenna Prochaska and "Civil Rights in the Trump Era" lecture by Ed Yohnka, October 18, 2017.
- 3.10 Flyer: "Civil Rights in the Trump Era" lecture by Edwin Yohnka, November 8, 2017.
- 3.11 Email announcement about "Women Who Kill" to be screened at Normal Theater, February 4, 2017.
- 3.12 "We the People Bloomington – ACLU Listening Tour," November 29, 2017.
- 3.13 Postcard for "Flawed Forensics & Wrongful Convictions," lecture by John Hanlon and Lauren Kaeseberg, February 28, 2018.
- 3.14 List of ideas for programs, undated, unsigned, 3pp.
- 3.15 List of LGBTQIA events in Bloomington/Normal, September 2018.
- 3.16 Postcard: "Love Across Borders" by Charlotte Alvarez and Ed Yohnka, September 26, 2018.
- 3.17 Postcard: "Legal Marijuana in Illinois" by Dr. Ralph Weisheit, April 3, 2019.
- 3.18 Postcard: "Free Speech and Free Press in the Trump Era" by Donald Craven, October 2, 2019.

Folder 4: Correspondence

- 4.1 Form letter to Dear Friend from Anthony Romero, soliciting special donation to ACLU, April 21, 2017, 4pp.

- 4.2 Letter (first page only) to Dr. Mark Daniel regarding basketball coach Brian Cupples and other coaches allegedly on “a faith based mission” with students, May 25, 2017.
- 4.3 Printouts of information regarding coaches proselytizing to students and Tweets between Brian Cupples and his students and others, 24pp.
- 4.4 Letter to Dr. Mark Daniel (sender not indicated) regarding varsity coach Chris Hawkins discussing faith and the Bible with his players, June 7, 2017. Printout attached of *Pantagraph* article “Kindred: West star Dillingham connects with faith.”
- 4.5 Letter to Dr. Mark Daniel (sender not indicated) regarding application for “The Caity Thoennes FCA College Scholarship, June 14, 2017.
- 4.6 Email exchange between John Fischer (Normal Public Library) and Ken Berk regarding use of room for an ACLU event, October 20-23, 2017.
- 4.7 Letter to Mayor Chris Koos and President Larry Dietz from Indivisible McLean County Leadership Council about ISU students being able to vote easily in the November 2018 election and requesting better accommodations in the next election, February 19, 2019.

Folder 5: Miscellaneous

- 5.1 ACLU Fact Sheet, 2017, 3 pp.
- 5.2 Pamphlet “What to do if you’re stopped by Police, Immigration Agents or the FBI,” 2017.
- 5.3 “Lo Que Deber Hacer Cuando Sea Detenido Pour la Policia” billfold card.
- 5.4 Certificate for Champions of Liberty Award, Recipient The League of Women Voters of McLean County, October 2014.
- 5.5 “Investigatory Stop and Protective Pat Down Settlement Agreement,” August 2015, 9pp.
- 5.6 Flyer regarding contacting congressional representatives to Take Action for Sensible Gun Reform, and to join March for Our lives Blo-No, March 24 (no year given).
- 5.7 Statement from Robert Sutherland about his involvement with ACLU Central Illinois Chapter.