

These posters feature important personalities from disability history who had a big impact on everything from disability rights, to disability acceptance, to understanding disability.

Judy Heumann

[image description: A black, pink, and green graphic of Judy sitting in a wheelchair and smiling]

Instrumental in developing major disability legislation, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the IDEA, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), leading landmark protests and serving as the first Special Advisor on Disability Rights for the U.S. State Department.

Alice Wong

[image description: An orange, sky blue, and dark purple graphic of Alice Wong sitting in her wheelchair. She is tilting her head a bit to the side and she is using her tracheostomy.]

An American disability rights activist and writer whose storytelling was a powerful form of resistance. Dedicated to amplifying the voices and experiences of the disability community, her career focused on challenging systemic ableism and she often noted that survival in an ableist world was her full-time activist occupation.

Ed Roberts

[image description: Graphic of Ed Roberts in pale yellow and various shades of greys. Ed is sitting in his wheelchair with a chest strap on and his respirator tube in his mouth]

The "Father of the Independent Living Movement," Ed Roberts rejected a system where professionals made decisions for disabled individuals. He helped establish the first Center for Independent Living (CIL) in 1972, run entirely by and for people with disabilities, placing power back into the consumer's hands.

Frida Kahlo

[image description: A graphic in rich yellow and reds of Frida Kahlo. She has her hair up with an ornament in the back and is looking quite serious]

Childhood polio and a bus accident shaped her identity, her relationship with her body, and her art. Because of her unapologetic documentation of her own disabled body, she is a major icon in both feminist and disability justice spaces, celebrated for claiming total agency over the visual narrative of her health.

Temple Grandin

[image description: A brick red, black, and sand colored graphic of Temple Grandin with wind in her hair and smiling]

An animal scientist and author diagnosed with autism in the 1950s. Shifted perspectives from viewing autism as a pure deficit to recognizing it as a difference in cognitive processing. Grandin's work in animal science, notably her design of humane, low-stress livestock handling

facilities, was driven by her unique ability to perceive environmental details that can cause anxiety, a sensitivity she shares with many on the autism spectrum.

Lois Curtis

[image description: Lois is smiling brightly in this wine red, black, and champagne colored graphic]

Lead plaintiff in the United States Supreme Court case that became known as the Olmstead Decision in which the court held that the unjustified segregation of people with cognitive disabilities was discriminatory, and a breach of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The case changed the way that services are provided to people with disabilities, away from providing care in institutions towards care in the community.

Brad Lomax

[image description: A graphic of cool looking Brad Lomax in light blue, light green, and black, sitting in a wheelchair. He is wearing a chest pin that says 'Disability Rights Now']

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in the late 60s, Lomax is recognized as a key figure in understanding how race, disability, and social justice movements intersect. His connections within the Black Panther Party facilitated collaboration between the party and the disability rights movement, most notably during the famous 504 Sit-in, where the Black Panthers provided food and other resources to protesters.

Haben Girma

[image description: A dark beige, moss green, and peachy orange graphic of Haben Girma with big eyes and long dark hair]

The first deafblind graduate of Harvard Law School (2013) who represented the National Federation of the Blind in a lawsuit that ruled the ADA also covers online businesses, increasing access to blind-geared digital content. "Communities designed with just one kind of person in mind isolate those of us defying our narrow definition of personhood."