

## **Practicing Social Justice**

**Spring 2019 (904:202)**

**Purpose of the Course/Learning Objective:** This course will explore the current debates about the strategies and contexts for social justice practice in response to a variety of current social justice problems. Using the lens of 21<sup>st</sup> century examples of social justice crises and practice organizing, it will engage students in deepening their understanding of the local, national, and global contexts for current social justice practice. The course will review research on major social justice strategy debates: identity organizing; intersectional organizing; nonviolent confrontational organizing; grassroots organizing; and resistance strategies. It will explore current differing social justice leadership models such as: decentralized leader – full models; hierarchical leadership models; strong organizational building models versus movement building models that take advantage of strategic moments. Students will be encouraged to explore their own social justice practice interests.