BIG CHANGES IN SOCIAL JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS

We are thrilled to welcome you back to a new school year. There has never been a more important time to study social justice and human rights. We have some exciting developments to announce. We have a new SJHR minor, which will be available to students soon. We also have two upcoming events for faculty and students to get to know each other. Our events are open to both current SJHR majors and prospective majors. We hope to see you there. Get the details in the events section below.

EVENTS

SJHR MAJOR AND PROSPECTIVE MAJOR RECEPTION
On Wednesday, October 23rd in UCB 240 from 12-1, we invite all majors and prospective majors to join the SJHR faculty for a meet and greet. Come tell us about your interests and enjoy some free snacks!

SJHR CELEBRATES HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
Come join us on Wednesday, December 4th, from 12-1 for a free lunch in celebration of global human rights day. We'll be in UCB 240.

4 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS IN SJHR

Social Justice and Human Rights has four new faculty members this semester. From left to right, Dr. Heather Smith-Cannoy, Dr. Audrey Comstock, Dr. Carla Hung and Dr. Nisa Goksel.
Born in Turkey, Dr. Göksel completed her undergraduate studies at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul and her M.A. degree at Central European University in Budapest. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at Northwestern University in 2017. As in her life, she has continued to travel across borders for research, studying women of the Kurdish minority in Turkey, Kurdistan, Germany, and France. She studies the political mobilization of Kurdish women in distinct political spaces and asks: How does a group of women as politically marginalized as Kurdish women develop effective political tools under the conditions of war and violence? She has found that the same transnational and intersectional perspectives that benefit her research resonate in the classroom, as she believes this eventually enables students to develop critical thinking skills.

At ASU, Dr. Göksel teaches courses on introduction to sociology, gender and society, social movements, and methods in human rights and social justice.

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**EXCITING RESEARCH AND TEACHING NEWS FROM OUR FACULTY**


**CARLA HUNG** - has a forthcoming article titled, "Sanctuary Squats: The Political Contestations of Piazza Indipendenza Refugee Occupiers" in *The Radical History Review*.

**ALLAN COLBERN** - has a forthcoming article published with two SJHR M.A. students, Melanie Amoroso-Pohl and Courtney Gutierrez on sanctuary policies in *Fordham Urban Law Journal*.

**TUOMAS MANNIEN** - will be presenting a paper titled, "Forensics Students in 'Moral Dilemma' Class" at Fort Lewis College in October.


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**TOPICS IN JRH 100: AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM**

Our introductory course for the major is JRH 100. In this course, students learn about global human rights violations. This semester, the course is taught by Dr. Audrey Comstock. Dr. Comstock explains, 'In JRH 100, we recently have been discussing how the concept of American Exceptionalism (the idea that US values and history makes it a unique, powerful country that is destined to play a positive global role and others should aspire to) helps to explain how the US approaches human rights issues at home and abroad. An example is how the US is the leading donor of foreign aid to help countries around the world but also is largely dismissing of the idea that human rights violations occur within the US. Usually, for the US, human rights violations happen ‘over there’ not ‘right here.’