

Injustice and Inequality in Madison, Wisconsin V: The Experience of Spanish-Speaking (Latinx) Peoples in Dane County

Semester: Spring 2017 **Day of Week:** Thursday **Begin Time:** 10:00 a.m. **End Time:** 12 Noon

Start Date: February 23, 2017 **End Date:** April 27, 2017 (10 sessions)

Location: UW South Madison Partnership, 2312 South Park St. (Villager Mall), Madison.

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This course continues to explore how injustice and inequality affects us and how we can effect change. It will focus on the historical, cultural, social, economic and legal experience of Latinx (Spanish-speaking) people in Madison, the state and nation. New course members encouraged. Completed and submitted Registration Form required (see accompanying form).

Required:

- Read Deep Diversity, Overcoming Us vs. Them by Shakil Choudhury. Between the Lines, Toronto, 2015. (Available through Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative, rainbowbookstorecooperative@gmail.com, 426 W. Gilman St., 608-257-6050, or UW Bookstore, Hilldale)
- View “Video Presentation of Reyna Grande” at Centro Hispano (video link provided upon registration).
- Read “Increasing Skills & Opportunity for Wisconsin’s Immigrant Community,” COWS, March 2016 (PDF document provided upon registration).
- Review the Dane County United Way’s Reports on the status of Latinx in Dane County: <https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/resources/reports/>.
- Other material will be provided at various times during the course.
- A commitment in attendance and class participation.

Sessions will feature individual voices and organizational representatives addressing:

- February 23: David Long, UW Madison Population Laboratory - Demographic Overview of the Spanish-speaking Population in Dane County.
- March 2: Ben Harville, JD, UW Madison School of Law, Equal Justice Initiative, Immigrant Legal Project - Laws Governing Spanish-speaking Immigrants.
- March 9: Sergio Gonzalez, Ph.D., UW Madison History Department - An Historical Overview of Spanish-speaking people in the US and in Wisconsin.
- March 16: A panel presentation by representatives of leading organizations serving Spanish-speaking people – Karen Menendez-Coller, Executive Director, Centro Hispano; Antonio Quintanilla, Program Coordinator, Catholic Multi-Cultural Center; Ryan Estrella, Social Worker, Dane County Social Services’ Joining Forces for Families.
- March 23: 9:00 – 9:30 AM - Tour Centro Hispano.
March 23: Employment, Business and Workers’ Rights in Dane County – Patrick Hickey, Executive Director, Workers Rights Center of Dane County; Mayra Medrano, President, Latino Chamber of Commerce; Carla Garces OR Norma Gallegos Valles, Co-Director, Latino Academy of Workforce Development.
- March 30: 9:00 – 9:30 AM – Tour of Catholic Multi-Cultural Center.

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10:00 – Varied Stories of Latinx People – Lilliam Post, Bilingual and Educational Coordinator, CMC; Laura P. Minero-Meza, UW Madison doctoral candidate (Invited); Rev. Manny Santiago, Administrator, The Crossing.

- Week of April 3 – 7: Special Course Project.
- April 13: Special Project Debrief.
- April 20: Course Discussion.
- April 27: Continued Course Discussion, Final Evaluation and Final Words.