

Working Faith & Justice: From Harriet to Covid-19
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Activism and faith go hand in hand. This course will be about the intersections between these worlds. We will discuss the extension of faith as a revolutionary tool for healing and human connectivity. What does it mean to be an apostle of liberation? From Ferguson to Palestine what does freedom look like? This course will offer practical skills and resources for those who work at this activism and faith intersection.

Objectives

- Learn histories of faith used as a revolutionary tools for healing and human connectivity
- Discern tools of faith for healing and human connectivity in the current climate
- Do something! Utilize a deepened knowledge of history and discerned tools of faith for the current climate to impact a community of which you are a part

Assignments

Class Meetings. We will meet synchronously on Thursdays at 9am MST. These meetings are highly recommended. In case you are unable to attend they will be recorded and you will be expected to audio or video record a response to your peers. During these sessions we will check in with one another, discuss ideas for organization and mobilization that can be done that are relevant to the current climate, troubleshoot around these ideas, offer one another supportive resources, and discuss readings. **(20% of grade.)**

Topic: Working Faith & Justice Class Meetings

Time: Mar 26, 2020 09:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada) - **EVERY THURSDAY OF THE QUARTER AT 9AM**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/252613938>

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Circle. Participation in a healing circle at 7pm MST on Zoom and/or Facebook Live. These will be held on Wednesday evenings. See how to organize in these times. In case you are unable to attend they will be recorded and you will be expected to write a 5-page response paper once you have viewed it post-factum. **(20% of grade.)**

Topic: Circle

Time: Mar 25, 2020 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada) - **EVERY WEDNESDAY OF THE QUARTER AT 9AM**

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If you would like to invite other friends to view on Facebook Live!, go to [Facebook.com/TefPoe](https://www.facebook.com/TefPoe)

Final Presentation. In any format you choose, demonstrate what you have started doing in this current climate to enact your faith in a revolutionary way for healing and connectivity. (These will be presented to your instructors and peers in the final Thursday meeting of the course.) **(40% of grade.)** (Due Week 10)

Surviving the Times. The single writing project for this course will be the development of a common manifesto -- a common statement meant to help chart a course for organizing around the objective of “surviving the times.” This writing process will begin with each student: **(20% of grade.)**

- Redacting the [original 10-Point Plan of the Black Panther Party](#) and [The Diary of Anne Frank](#) (i.e., revise and edit it to make it something you could sign). (Due Week 2)
- Writing her/his/their own manifesto. (Due Week 4)
- Responding to the manifesto of other students. (Due Week 6)
- Attempting to develop a common document (with citations). (Due Week 8)

Week 1

Storytelling & Collective Experiences
(Healing Circles)

Week 2

Historical Collective Experiences & Trauma: *Harriet A. Washington, Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present (Selections)*
Circle Guest: TBA

Week 3

Historical Collective Experiences & Trauma: *(On) The Yellow Fever Epidemic (Selections)*

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 4

Historical Collective Experiences & Trauma: *(On) Harriet Tubman (Selections)*

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 5

Covid-19: *Tupac Shakur, A Rose In Concrete (Selections)*

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 6

Covid-19: *Octavia Butler, Parable of The Sower*

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 7

Covid-19: **Musical Art & Visual Art**

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 8

Covid-19: **Visual Art**

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 9

Futures: *Alondra Nelson, The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation After the Genome (Selections)*

Circle Guest: TBA

Week 10

Futures: **Final Presentations**

Circle Guest: TBA

N.B. THE ONLY BOOK YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE IS OCTAVIA BUTLER'S PARABLE OF THE SOWER.