SW 676: SOCIAL ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY

This course introduces students to the topic of social advocacy and activism by taking an in-depth look at the social movements that have defined and transformed this country. Topics to be explored include advocacy and activism around historically significant movements relevant to civil rights, women’s issues, the environment, LBGTQ issues, and others.

Exploration of current and developing movements such as occupy Wall Street and black lives matter movement will also be part of the discourse and discussion. Through lecture, readings, and research students will engage in this intellectual process—and be asked to identify the empirical implications of these movements, the advocacy and activism surrounding them, as well as, develop ideas about the lasting and lingering questions of these movements. This course will also introduce the student to the interrelations amongst the movements, how they align, separate, differ, and evolve over time. Particular emphasis will be given to the questions surrounding the strategies and mobilization of movements and how advocates chose them, carried them out, and their implications.

Daniel Kigeya is an administrator for the Verona Area School District and has served as a lecturer at the UW-Madison School of Social Work since 2009. Mr. Kigeya is passionate about the work of empowering individuals, their families, and the community by challenging and dismantling the status quo. He believes that by developing meaningful relationships and strong partnerships, our community can begin to tackle the work of eliminating poverty, reducing incarceration rates, and providing an equitable education for all our children. His mission is to serve the community by working in schools to provide students the opportunity to explore their dreams and transform not only their own lives but that of the entire community.