

## HNR 360: UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF PLACE

## MEETS SPRING 2017 WEDS 12:45 - 3:30 PM

In addition to buildings, courses, and sports teams, the university is a human enterprise that organizes much of student life. This course invites students to study the structures, history, and social practices of the university.

Collaboratively taught by faculty members of SU's Democratizing Knowledge Collective, students will learn feminist, anti-racist and ethnographic methodologies from a multidisciplinary standpoint, conduct their own research, and write a narrative explaining research results. Some of the central course topics being considered include: social justice theories of education, institutional ethnography, histories of minority representation within academic institutions, and narrative writing. Students will gain insights as to how the university informs their lives, exploring a range of issues regarding knowledge production in the neoliberal/imperial university, histories of student resistance, decolonization, and anti-war movements on US campuses, the creation of ethnic studies programs/departments, and the canon wars, among others.



Open to Honors Students and others as space permits. Students will be expected to attend events sponsored by the Humanities Center whose 2016-2017 theme is on 'Place'.

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