

COURSE SYLLABUS: AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS: 1968-2023

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Class size is limited to a maximum of 15. To register e-mail Tim Otis

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The course will provide an overview of the long, varied and complex evolution of civil rights efforts over the past 55 years. We will explore the breadth of issues that have been addressed during this period, as well as the challenges and backlash that is part of this process.

The course will utilize a guided discussion format. there will be suggested readings prior to each class The course will meet from 1-3PM on Thursdays for 10 weeks starting February 23.

1st Session: 1968, The Civil Rights Movement in disarray. The times they are changing: Black militancy, Women's Liberation, Gay rights, The conservative backlash

2nd Session: Women's Liberation Movement: 60's & 70's: High hopes and thwarted expectations: Roe, Phyllis Schafley, and the ERA: Why are we conflicted?

3rd Session The Gay Rights Movement, AIDs, and homophobia

4th Session: Affirmative Action and the pushback from conservatives, Welfare Queens, White is right

5th Session: Americans with Disabilities Act: Challenges. Normalizing differences.

6th Session: Let's get tough on crime, just say NO to drugs, disparities of race and income, USA'S fear of those people

7th Session: Immigration as a civil rights issue: Who gets to be admitted? Why is there no comprehensive reform?

8th Session: Voting rights, a fundamental right or a privilege to be manipulated

9th Session: BLM, Me Too, LGBTQ Rights, Voting Rights, and the backlash, Wealth inequality and reparations?

10th Session: USA in 2023: What's next? Where are we going?

