SPRING 2027

ENG 390-02 ADVANCED WRITING SEMINAR:

TOGETHER WE RISE:

A SEMINAR IN SOCIAL JUSTICE LITERATURE

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12:30 - 1:45 pm
Dr. Daniel Donaghy

The goal of social justice, according to gender, race, and culture scholar Lee Anne Bell, is "equal participation of all groups in a society that is mutually shaped to meet their needs... in which the distribution of resources is equitable and all members are physically and psychologically safe and secure." This seminar will study writers whose work explores ways in which American society has fallen short of this standard, drawing attention to injustices imposed by society on individuals because of their race, gender, culture, class, age, sexual orientation, physical ability, and where they live. Through close reading of a variety of texts, class discussion, student presentations, student research and writing, and the insights of guest speakers, students in this course will explore how literature and art can serve as agents for social change. Their final project will be a substantial critical/creative project that makes new contributions to the field.