This course is an introduction to the relationships between anthropology and social work. It will not be exhaustive, but we will think through the possibilities and limits of each field. We will also examine the politics, motivations, efficacy, histories, and methodologies of each. In the end, you will write a final paper that reflects your understandings of the related fields and what you see and the future prospects (for you personally or the field at large).

Grading

Grades will be based on class participation, weekly reading response papers (1-2 pages), one class presentation, and a final research paper (20 pages). Please note that all papers should be double-spaced.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Class Participation: 30%
Class Presentations: 10%
Discussion Papers: 20%
Final Research Project: 40%

SECTION 1: REFLEXIVITY - HISTORY, ETHICS AND METHODS

Januar 4

Introduction

January 11

Presenter: Cintia

Social Work and Anthropology: History and (settler) colonialism


January 18

**Research Methods: Qualitative Methods, Mixed Methods, and Uses of Statistics**


January 25

**Social Work & Anthropological Reflexivity**


**February 1**

*Activist Anthropology and Social Work*


**SECTION 2: HEALTH, MEDICINE, SCIENCE AND EVIDENCE**

**February 8**

*Social Work’s concern with evidence and Anthropological approaches to science*


**February 15**

Presenter: Katie

*Health and Medicine*


**SECTION 3: RESEARCH & PRACTICE**

February 22

**Social Work and Anthropological approaches to subjectivity and personhood**


March 8

**Social Work and Anthropological Questions of Scale**


Hutchison, E. D. (2005). The life course perspective: A promising approach for bridging the micro and macro worlds for social work. *Families in society: The journal of contemporary social services, 86*(1), 143-152.


March 15
Social Policy, Political Economy, and Governmentality

Presenter: Oto


March 22

Community Organizing vs. State Sponsored Social Work


SECTION 4: PRESENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

March 29

Measuring Success


April 5

Future and Efficacy

April 12

Presentation of final projects

April 26

Final Papers are due.