Call for Course Proposals for “Topics in Human Rights”

The UI Center for Human Rights invites proposals from UI faculty of all appointment levels for 1 credit-hour courses on human rights-related issues (12.5 contact hours/750 minutes). Courses may be proposed as full semester-length courses, short courses, or conference/symposium based short courses as long as they fulfill the required number of contact hours.

Past course topics include: refugee resettlement in the Midwest, human rights and community development, race and social justice, and transitional justice.

Instructors whose courses are accepted and offered will be paid $1,400 (Greg, could you confirm this number?).

The procedure for proposing a Topics course is as follows:

1. Send the following information to Kelsey Kramer McGinnis (kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu) in a Word document or PDF:
   a. Course title and description (250-300 words): The description should describe the topic and its relevance to human rights as well as the learning objectives of the course and a sense of the instructor’s pedagogical strategies. Some questions to consider include: Will this course require a service-learning component? Is there a conference, symposium, or event that will be required as part of this course?
   b. Proposed course length: Will this be a semester-length course? What is the preferred class period length?
   c. Proposed semester and year for the course offering.
   d. Instructor C.V.

2. Initial proposals will be vetted by the Human Rights Certificate core faculty, and instructors will receive a response within one month. Instructors whose proposals are accepted by the faculty will be asked to submit a tentative syllabus for further evaluation. The Certificate faculty will either approve the syllabus or request revisions before recommending that the course be offered.

Please contact Kelsey Kramer McGinnis with any questions about the proposal process, past Topics courses, or about other courses offered by the UI Center for Human Rights.

Deadline for proposal submissions for courses to be offered in fall 2017: 5:00 pm on October 7, 2016

*All course offerings are subject to cancellation in the event that a course fails to meet a minimum enrollment of 12 students. UICHR will assist with course promotion, but cannot guarantee that the course will be offered.