

Community Learning Series

Social Justice

What it is. What it isn't.

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center

Few can agree on the definition of “social justice,” or the meanings of words such as equality, equity or fairness, but none can deny that even the term “social justice” is a polarizing one. Many view social justice from a political lens, many consider it from a cultural scope and many others shy away from the conversation completely for fear of saying something wrong. Yet ignoring or avoiding the debate — or the underlying problems — only allows divisions to fester.

Join our panel of community and NIU experts as we thoughtfully discuss the topic of social justice. Learn how local leaders and organizations are working to support community members in a caring way and how you can get involved in these community-building efforts.

5:30-6 p.m.
6-7:30 p.m.
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Hall Reception
Panel Discussion with Q&A
Resource Tables Open

Panel Moderator:



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Panel Members:



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