The Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (MST) at ISU is actively engaged in developing the only program of its kind in the state of Indiana: The Social Justice concentration in the Multidisciplinary Studies Bachelor’s degree. Drawing on the skills and talents of a diverse group of faculty, students, and community members, we will offer courses that address such topics as education, healthcare, income, criminal justice, race, class, gender, labor disputes, and environmental issues through the lens of social justice. In addition to courses look for exciting workshops for all members of the ISU community that seek to broaden the discussion by exploring alternative and restorative solutions to pressing social issues through inclusive dialogue.

Social justice is generally equated with the notion of equality or equal opportunity in society. Although equality is a part of social justice, the meaning of social justice is actually much broader; "... promoting a just society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity." It exists when "all people share a common humanity and therefore have a right to equitable treatment, support for their human rights, and a fair allocation of community resources." In conditions of social justice, people are "not to be discriminated against, nor their welfare and well-being constrained or prejudiced on the basis of gender, sexuality, religion, political affiliations, age, race, belief, disability, location, social class, socioeconomic circumstances, or other characteristic of background or group membership". If any of these sounds like something you are passionate about, we would be happy to find a way to include you.

Please consider joining us as we prepare the future scholars, activists and community leaders that will shape how socially just our society becomes.

In addition to offering a one or two week lecture in our Special Topics Seminar (MST 310), you can participate by recognizing and pursuing these basic Social Justice principles when working with young people:

- **Access**: greater equality of access to goods and services
- **Equity**: overcoming unfairness caused by unequal access to economic resources and power
- **Rights**: equal effective legal, industrial and political rights
- **Participation**: expanded opportunities for real participation in the decisions which govern their lives