

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTES



OVERVIEW

The Social Justice Institutes at Carlow University—guided and informed by the mission, history, and traditions of the University as well as its founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy—works to facilitate change by providing education for social justice. The Social Justice Institutes (SJI) also supports the University’s strategic plan by working with faculty research, securing partnerships for community-based learning, and serving as a platform for community engagement.

MISSION

The mission of the Social Justice Institutes at Carlow University is to provide access to under-represented groups and to close educational, socio-economic, and leadership gaps, particularly those that disproportionately affect women.

Projects of the Social Justice Institutes fall under the following three themes:

- + **Research:** Engaging faculty, staff, and students in collaborative, change-oriented research projects that address local, national, and international needs.
- + **Education:** Developing and coordinating educational panels, book groups, an SJI Student Club, curricular offerings, and workshops that address social justice issues.
- + **Community Engagement and Service:** Linking community-based organizations with University resources to address community-identified social justice issues, encouraging collaborative relationships between community organizations and our faculty and students.

VISION

To work toward an inclusive and just society through education and informed practice and to position Carlow University as a leader in advancing this work.

APPROACH

The Social Justice Institutes at Carlow University have adopted the critical social justice approach that refers to specific theoretical perspectives that recognize that society is stratified (i.e., divided and unequal) in significant and far-reaching ways along social group lines that include race, class, gender, sexuality, and ability. Critical social justice recognizes inequality as deeply embedded in the fabric of society (i.e., structural), and actively seeks to change this.

CENTERS WITHIN SJI

- + The **Center for Youth Media Advocacy (CYMA)** promotes evidence-based strategies for engaging youth and promoting youth voice around social issues. The CYMA’s flagship program, the Youth Media Advocacy Project, engages Carlow students to mentor teens, encouraging them to express their voices through analysis and media creation for social change.
- + The **Center for Community Engaged Learning** supports social justice-oriented educational panels, book groups, curricular offerings, and workshops for both campus and community audiences.
- + The **Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice & Mercy** provides technical and financial assistance to collaborative, change-oriented faculty and staff research projects that address local, national, and international needs.

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