JNST 000I Liberation Theory and Practice

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In this course, we study theoretical perspectives on liberation, as well as strategies to put those theories into practice. We explore what liberation means for the proponents of distinct strategies, encouraging students to develop their own theory and practice of liberation. We begin with Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, to explore pedagogies that transform our learning processes and relationships in the context of structures of oppression. We study Patricia Hill Collins' *Black Feminist Thought* to examine how intersecting race. class, gender and sexual oppressions affect prospects and strategies for liberation. We explore how liberation strategies seek to resist global consumer capitalism and climate disruption. As our campus continues to develop responses to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic, we will decide whether this course will be offered in an online format or in our usual face-to-face style.