

ENGL 275: Justice and Literature

Writing Justice in Global Law & Literature

What makes for a just world? What are the limits of the law? Creative writers have often worked to expand the law and make it more inclusive while legal practitioners often use literary methods to ensure that justice is met.

We'll read novels, poetry, & film alongside legal statutes, resolutions and conventions to see how law and literature often employ similar methods to build a more just world—and how their distinct methods and goals can at once coincide and conflict.

We'll learn about challenges to gender discrimination, land dispossession, human rights violations, and racial injustice. And we'll highlight major legal victories across countries as diverse as South Africa, India, and the U.S.

“Writing Justice” is designed to be interdisciplinary; all majors welcomed!