

FE 226 Ending Poverty: New Concepts and Skills in Community Organizing
Part I – Friday, September 24
A one day, one credit workshop
Facilitated by the Poverty Initiative: Willie Baptist and Liz Theoharis

Course Objectives:

Learn from leaders of poor people's organizations, including Union's Poverty Initiative Scholar-in-Residence, Willie Baptist, how to build relationships with poor people in the community; gain skills for organizing around issues of health care, housing, education, food and living wage jobs; explore models for developing leaders who are committed to ending poverty; and study lessons for community organizing and movement building from social movements in history.

Course Requirements:

This course is designed for people who are interested in developing concepts and skills for organizing a movement to end poverty. Students are required to attend and actively participate in class, read the assigned articles and write a **2-page reflection paper** on some aspect of the class. This paper could be: a personal reflection on how poverty and a social movement to end poverty relate to your personal life and ministry; a brief proposal on how you will integrate the concepts learned and discussed into you work and ministry at Union and beyond; or a summary of a particular aspect of the course that interested you. The reflection paper is due on Friday, October 8th. It should be dropped off into FE 226 Pit Box #50.

Course Readings:

Baptist, William and Mary Bricker-Jenkins, "A View From The Bottom: Poor People And Their Allies Respond To Welfare Reform" to be published, Fall 2004.
Baptist, William, Mary Bricker-Jenkins and Monica Dillon, "Taking the Struggle on the Road: The New Freedom Bus – Freedom from Unemployment, Hunger and Homelessness", *Journal of Progressive Human Services. Volume 10, Number 2, 1999.*
Honkala Cheri and Willie Baptist, "A New and Unsettling Force", published in *The Other Side Magazine*, Winter 2003.
King, Jr., Martin Luther, *Trumpet of Conscience*, 1967.
Zucchini, David, *Myth of the Welfare Queen*, New York: Scribner Publishers, 1997, Chapter 2.
Report from the March for Our Lives by Community Homeless Alliance Ministries, August 2004.

Agenda for FE 226: Ending Poverty

9:00 Introduction to the Course

9:30 Poverty Personal Maps - gathering people's experience with poverty and what brought you to this course

10:15 Video Showing and Discussion - *Poverty Outlaw*

11:30 Break

11:45 Poverty in the US and Who is Poor?

12:15 Lunch Break

12:30 Economic Human Rights - Using a Human Rights Framework to Organize in the Community. This will include why and how to do Human Rights Documentation. We will also break into small groups for hands-on experience and to discuss strategies for outreach, event planning, etc.

2:00 Break

2:15 Models of Human Rights Organizing – includes video showing, *Battle for Broad*, and discussion

4:15 Break

4:30 Conclusions and Evaluation