## Winter 2019

The Graduate School invites graduate students, faculty, and staff from all disciplines to participate in our interdisciplinary course in the Winter quarter. Faculty & staff can email <u>sjk119@uw.edu</u> to join the course.

## Breaching Borders: Intersectional pathways towards equity and justice GRDSCH 640A SLN: 15179 1 credit CR/NC Instructors: Gino Aisenberg, PhD, MSW & Saejin Kwak Tanguay, M.Ed., Ph.C. Day/Time: Tuesdays, 4:30pm-5:50pm Location: Odegaard Library Active Learning Classroom (ACL) 141

"Caminante, no hay puentes, se hace puentes al andar." *Voyager, there are no bridges, one builds them as one walks.* 

-Gloria E. Anzaldúa



This interdisciplinary course seeks to engage and *breach* the boundaries between our various intersecting identities, and how these identities interact across issues of equity and social justice. Inspired by Gloria Anzaldúa's concept of "borderlands", we introduce the concept of "breaching" to invite participants to engage with, resist, and transgress across these invisible lines that have been constructed to divide us (e.g. gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, language, ability, mental health, and nation/states). The course will work as a collaborative space to explore the meaning of such identities in our lives and society, and strategize for fostering intersectional pathways towards equity and justice.