

# **Beyond a Rights-based Model: Radical LGBTQ Politics**

This 8 - week class is designed to challenge the view that passing laws is the most important thing that movements for social justice can do.

Using Dean Spade's book, *Normal Life: Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics and the Limits of Law*, we will explore the limits of a rights-based approach to change and investigate a more systemic change focused organizing model. The class and book will emphasize contemporary LGBTQ organizing, but the analysis applies to any popular social justice movements. We will also use the analysis to assess what is happening in West Michigan around rights-based organizing.

The class will be on Monday nights from 7 – 9PM beginning January 16, 2012. The class will take place in one of the community rooms at the Steepletown Center located at 671 Davis NW in Grand Rapids.

The cost of the class is \$20, which does not include the cost of the book.

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