

## **AMST 43102: Confronting Homelessness in the U.S.**

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### **General Learning Objectives:**

- 1) Critical Thinking—the ability to think critically and creatively. This involves close readings of texts, identifying key ideas, understanding their import, and linking these ideas to social situations.
- 2) Communication—the importance of writing as well as conversation and dialogue.
- 3) Informed Discussion—we will strive to develop a learning community characterized by mutual respect. Attentive listening, openness, and tolerance to promote exchange of ideas and experiences that relate to the topic at hand.

### **Specific Learning Objectives:**

- 1) To understand the historical condition of homelessness, particularly during the late nineteenth century , Great Depression and Postwar eras as a basis for confronting the contemporary situation.
- 2) To approach the problem of extreme poverty and homelessness from an interdisciplinary perspective. This will foster an inclusive approach to learning about poverty and homelessness in the broader context of American culture and society.
- 3) To sharpen students' skills in integrating theory and practice through community service learning at the Center For the Homeless.
- 4) To promote interaction with the homeless and enhance skills in documenting observations and experiences.