Instructor: Michelle E. Padley  
Time: TR 3:30 - 4:45 PM EST, Fall 2021  
REMOTE Carolina Away Class (Zoom)

Fulfills Social and Behavioral Sciences (SS) and Global Issue (GL)  
General Education Requirements

This class investigates how seemingly disparate people and places are interconnected through a process often called globalization. Globalization is sometimes understood as the worldwide integration of national economies or experiences of “cultural diffusion,” but it is much more. In this introductory Human Geography course we will learn to think like Geographers in considering some of the ways globalization works and who it works for. The course will offer theoretical tools, methods, and examples by which we can examine origins and impacts of globalization. In doing so we will cover some of the things that drive contemporary global connections such as foundational global processes, discourses, materials, policies, laws, and economic structures. We will also explore the everyday impacts of globalization, globalization’s effects on gender, race, and class dynamics, processes of urban development, as well as alternative ways of envisioning and enacting global relationships.

By the end of this class students will be able to:
- Articulate how a Geographer might approach questions of global relationships
- Explain foundational processes of globalization
- Understand globalization as a contested process
- Apply evidence from case studies to understand how globalization impacts people and places differently across the globe.
- Identify and use basic principles and vocabulary from human geography to construct an argument

Drawing on insights from cultural, feminist, and urban geography, this course will help students contextualize recent social events and moments in an ever changing global world.