



## Does Civic Engagement Matter?

### Spring 2019 Faculty Seminar

After a year of exploring the conditions for endemic bystander inaction and indifference, the Faculty Seminar invites faculty to join their colleagues for a monthly discussion in Spring 2019, about the other side of the problem: When, how, and if civic engagement works.

A democracy depends on taking prosocial action, from voting to demonstrations to civil disobedience. What were the historical struggles, campaigns, and social movements that promoted political change? Why are public acts of protest effective and when are they inert? Does social media succeed at public engagement? When is the state an ally or an obstacle?

### Spring 2019 Schedule

**Wed., January 30, 3:20-4:20, Human Rights Institute 207. *Refreshments***  
**Dean Casale (English)**  
*Arjuna's Dharma and Hamlet's Duty:  
The Inescapable Ethical Conflicts within Civic Engagement*

**Wed., February 13, 12:30-1:45, Kean Hall Room 127. *Lunch***  
**Dawood Farahi (University President)**  
*Higher Education in 2020*

**Wed., March 27, 3:20-4:20 Human Rights Institute 207. *Refreshments***  
**Emily Filardo (Psychology)**  
*There are No Climate-change Bystanders: The Strange Case of the  
Participant-Observer*

**Wed., April 10, 3:20-4:20 Human Rights Institute 207. *Refreshments***  
**Julia Nevarez (Sociology)**  
*Governing Disaster in Urban Environments: Climate Change Preparation  
and Adaption after Hurricane Sandy*

To RSVP and receive pre-readings, please email Dominique Reminick: [reminicd@kean.edu](mailto:reminicd@kean.edu)

*The Faculty Seminar at Kean University – offering debate and inspiration for 20 years – is cosponsored by the Interdisciplinary Studies Center, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and the Doctor of Psychology in Combined School and Clinical Psychology. The seminar is co-chaired by Drs. Dennis Klein and Donald Marks.*