



UofL's Cooperative Consortium For Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research

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What is Social Justice?

Social justice challenges and proposes remedies for how systems of power activate and reinforce different forms of inequality. It is substantive, distributive, and grounded in liberation movements of the past century.

Social justice in our academic context requires both research and action to:

- Optimize freedom
- Minimize or end discrimination through laws, policies, and practices
- Promote empathy and community as means of greater inclusion
- Recognize and appreciate human diversity
- Increase substantive, equitable access to social, economic, and health resources
- Move toward ending systematic inequalities and enhancing health, social welfare, and equity for all

What is Transdisciplinary Research?

Multidisciplinary research draws on knowledge from different disciplines but each stays within their boundaries.

Interdisciplinary research analyzes, synthesizes, and harmonizes links between disciplines into a coordinated and coherent whole.

Transdisciplinary research **integrates** the natural, social, and health sciences in a humanities context, and **transcends** their traditional boundaries to create new forms of knowledge and to center **community participation**.

What is Community-Engaged Scholarship?

Community-engaged scholarship as practiced by the Consortium is **faculty-led and community-driven**. Pursued in full partnership with the community beyond the university's walls, community-engaged scholarship consists of knowledge discovery, application, dissemination, and preservation.