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HIST/AMER 324A: Poverty, Charity and Welfare in US History

Spring 2018: Dr. Abby Trollinger
St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter

Students in this course spent time working and serving at St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter in order to better understand the causes and effects of poverty in Green Bay, as well as varying attempts to ease the problem of poverty. Students reflected on their experiences through discussion and writing to make connections to the history of poverty and anti-poverty efforts.

"What I'm learning in the class, while it happened in the past, holds true to some things that still happen today. There is still a stigma about poverty in America."

"This course has made me more aware of the poverty and homelessness affecting my own community. I've lived in Green Bay my whole life, but until this class I had never been to St. John's."



"Staff at St. John's told me that the presence of volunteers makes a big impact on the community. Volunteers are a positive source of support for guests (of the shelter) and the staff."

"In class we are able to discuss the issues that go on when someone is living in poverty and the different social issues that arise in poverty. Then we have the opportunity to put our learning into action at St. John's."