

## **FSU Criminal Justice Students Launch Break the Hate in the States Website**

Fayetteville State University (FSU) students in Dr. Emily Lenning's Criminal Justice (CRJC) 370 course, "Hate in the United States," are exploring the issue in a unique way by launching a website that brings awareness to the topic.

This website, designed and created by students, considers the role of hate in U.S. history, U.S. policies, U.S. politics, and the attitudes and behavior of U.S. citizens and state actors. Hate speech, hate ideology, hate groups, hate crimes, and hate crime legislation are all explored in the syllabus component of the site. Made up of a diverse group of students, the site constructors are committed and dedicated criminal justice majors striving to transform hearts and minds.

The CRJC 370 course was a special topics elective course offered by the Department of Criminal Justice in the Fall 2018. The website is the capstone project for the course. Throughout the semester students identified and annotated resources to be included and spent the last several weeks of the course paring down and editing the annotations, designing the website, developing a marketing plan, and planning an invite-only launch party. Eighteen students contributed to the project.

To visit the website, click: <https://breakthehateinthestates.weebly.com/>