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**SPCM1011H FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING (HONORS) COURSE**  
**REVISION PROJECT**

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The proposed project will restructure an existing course, SPCM 1011 Fundamentals of Public Speaking (Honors), with the objective of infusing issues related to global citizenship and awareness within the context of women's lives as we seek to make *Xavier a Site of Global Citizenship*. Students will engage in the study of oral communication by creating speeches from the theme "Speaking about Women around the World". Students will also engage in an oral history service-learning project in order to juxtapose the course theme with domestic women's issues within New Orleans. Students will engage in special, technology-enhanced class sessions that feature lectures/Q&A session with women from various countries through the use of Skype™ technology. Ultimately, students will produce a public symposium entitled "The United Nations of Women: A Symposium on Women Around the World" based on their semester-long experience in understanding diverse women's lives. Connecting to the Xavier mission of "promoting a more just and humane society", this semester long experience will allow students to gain an understanding about (and appreciation for) the unique experiences of women with respect to the intersections of nationality, gender, race and ethnicity as well as how these social locations shape women's lives around the world.