STPEC EVENTS

STPEC’s 40th Year Reunion
For all STPEC students, alumni/ae, instructors and staff
April 13 & 14, 2012

Friday, April 13
1:00-3:00 pm
Activists in the Academy Panel Presentation
For panel details please go to page 2
Campus Center 1001
3:30-6:00 pm
Retirement Celebration for Sara Lennox,
STPEC Program Director
Campus Center Amherst Room
Please join us in congratulating Sara on
38 years of service to the University.

Saturday, April 14
40th Year STPEC Reunion - All Day!
9:00 am - 12:00 midnight
Memorial Hall
Including three panels, lunch,
dinner and a party!
For panel details please go to page 2
Pre-registration is required
To register please use the link
on the STPEC web site
Current STPEC students are welcome and encouraged to attend

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UPCOMING STPEC POTLUCKS
★ April Fools Potluck ★
(not a trick, actually happening)
Sunday, April 1st, 5pm
Tyler's apartment, downtown Amherst
Check with the STPEC Office for more information

★ Northampton Potluck ★
mid-april, exact date TBD
Check with the STPEC Office for more information

STPEC’s RED STAR
End of Semester Potluck Party and Graduation Ceremony!
Friday, April 20
Potluck at 6:30; Red Star at 8:00
49 Fairfield Street, Amherst
(2 blocks north of campus)
All STPEC students, staff, alums, and friends of STPEC welcome!
Come and say farewell to our graduating seniors

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS
We are happy to welcome the following new students to the STPEC Program as of February 2012:

Many thanks to all of the STPEC students and staff who assisted with these meetings!

For more events please see page 4!
STPEC’S 40TH YEAR REUNION PANELS

Friday, April 13
Campus Center 1001

Activists in the Academy
1:00-3:00 pm

Suzanne Bergeron ’83, Director of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan Dearborn
Ramón Borges-Mendéz ’85, Associate Professor of Community Development & Planning, Clark University
S. Charusheela, Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington Bothell
Karen Graubart, Carl E. Koch Associate Professor of History, University of Notre Dame
Renée Heberle, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Toledo

Saturday, April 14
Memorial Hall

Share the Wealth
10:00-11:30 am

Troy Arnold ’92, Fundraising Consultant
Sam Cleaves ’89, Senior Regional Planner, Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Michael Hillard ’80, Professor of Economics, University of Southern Maine
Art Jemison ’92, Deputy Undersecretary for Housing & Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development
Wayne Langley ’79/’05, Director, Higher Education Division, SEIU Local 615
Jessica Riley ’05, Statewide Organizer, CSEA Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

And Justice for All
2:00-3:30 pm

Michael Aleo ’95, Associate Attorney, Lesser, Newman, & Nasser
Marjorie Decker ’94, Honorable Cambridge City Councilor
Al Lizana ’95, Case Manager, Office of Diversity and Equity, University of Connecticut
Amy Marion ’84, Partner, Barket, Marion, Epstein & Kearon
Becca Poswolsky ’08, Field Organizer, Center for New Community
Lynn Robitaille ’96, General Counsel, Texas Forensic Science Commission

Creating Critical Consciousness
4:00-5:30 pm

Sarah Foudy ’91, Independent Producer/Editor
Boyuan Gao ’06, Creative Director, Beats, Flights & Life; Marketing Manager, Housing Works Inc.
Brooke Harvey ’99, Director of Operations and Strategic Communications, Facing History and Ourselves
Kate Hudson ’87, Lecturer, Department of Educational Policy, Research & Administration, UMass Amherst
Peter Thomson ’85, Environment Editor, The World--PRI/BBC
Sabrina Zanella-Foresi ’92, Film Editor
INCOMPLETES IN JUNIOR SEMINAR I: Once again a reminder that STPEC 391H is a pre-requisite for all other STPEC seminars. You will not be admitted to other STPEC seminars until you have completed (with a grade of C or better) STPEC 391H. If you find yourself in an extreme panic due to this policy please come and talk to an Academic Advisor about your situation.

As always, we’re looking for volunteers to help with the new student meetings - it’s fun and easy and a great way to meet new STPEC students! Please see Deborah in the STPEC Office if you’d like to help - or just show up at the scheduled times.

Fall 2012 Registration and Advising Notes
ALL STPEC students will need to come to the STPEC office for advising before they will be able to register on SPIRE.

Don’t wait until it’s your day to start registering - come in early!!!

Katherine Mallory will be on leave for the remainder of the Spring 2012 semester.
Tyler Rocco-Chaffee will be the Interim Chief Academic Advisor during this time.

STPEC students may see Tyler Rocco, Danielle Nelson, Caitlin Gormley, or Alex White for advising times. Sign up sheets for advising times with Danielle, Caitlin and Alex will be posted on the front door of the STPEC Office. To sign up with Tyler please use his google calendar at: http://tinyurl.com/tyler-appointments or e-mail him at: stpecadvising@sbs.umass.edu.

Access to the SPIRE system for registration for Fall 2012 courses begins MONDAY, APRIL 2.

Students are ramped on to the system based on seniority Check SPIRE for your personal access date and time

★ The STPEC Recommended Course List will not be published until April 3rd at the earliest. The Fall 2012 STPEC course description sheet is available now on the STPEC website or from the STPEC Office. If you have any suggestions for courses you would like to see - or not see - put on our lists, please let us know!

★ All STPEC seminars and Junior Writing will be online until Tuesday, May 1st. Please be sure to register before May 1st for the classes you want - after May 1st we reserve the right to take classes offline if they are full or almost full. Once a STPEC seminar is taken offline you will need to fill out a STPEC add request form and wait until September to find out if you are in the class!

★ Sophomores may add themselves to a request list for Junior Writing by filling out a STPEC course add request form in the STPEC Office. The add request form may also be used to request a STPEC course which you have been unable to add on SPIRE for other reasons. On May 1st we will review these written requests and add additional students to courses based on course enrollment size and special student needs. If you do not receive the STPEC course you have put in a written request for, you may attempt to add the course again by filling out an add request form in the STPEC office during the first week of the Fall 2012 semester.

MEETING TIMES FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS
We will be holding meetings for new STPEC majors on April 17-19. To sign up please go to the STPEC home page and click on the New Student Meeting link in the lower left. If you cannot make any of these times please speak to either the Program Coordinator or the Program Director so that they may arrange an alternate time for you.

REMINDER: DIGEST OPTION FOR CRITIC-L !!!
If you would like to receive all critic-l e-mails in just ONE e-mail daily you can enable this option on your account. To do so go to: http://mailman.oit.umass.edu
→ Click on Manage Your Subscriptions
→ Type in your e-mail address
→ If you don't know your list password (NOT the same as your e-mail password!) click Forgot your password and then submit. You will receive your password in an e-mail.
→ Find critic-l on your list of subscriptions and click the O in options
→ Scroll down to set digest mode and click ON
→ Scroll to the bottom and click Submit My Changes
You’re all set! - any problems or concerns please contact Deborah in the STPEC Program Office.

New phone number and e-mail address for Tyler!

Tyler Rocco-Chaffee, Interim Chief Academic Advisor and Internship Director, may be reached at stpecadvising@sbs.umass.edu or 413 545-0137
More STPEC EVENTS!

Identifying Rape as a Weapon of War: from Bosnia to Libya
A talk by Renée Heberle, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Toledo and former STPEC seminar instructor.
Thursday, April 12th 4:00-6:00 pm Campus Center Room 903 sponsored by WGSS, STPEC, and Political Science

Panel Discussion

Violence for Breakfast: Critical Dialogues on our Daily Dose
Thursday, April 26th 7:00-9:30 pm Herter 231 co-sponsored with American Friends Service Committee

This panel will focus on (invisiblized) structural forms of violence, whether property destruction is a form of violence, and the day-to-day violence of consumption and social structures/institutions. Panelists will engage with and respond to some of the recent conversations and debates about violence that have emerged from social movements/forms of protest such as Occupy and the Arab Spring, and increased forms of militarization and repression of dissent generally. Come hear activists and scholars discuss some of these issues, broadening the discussion around violence to include questions of strategy, history, sociology, and discourse.

Certificate Program in Sustainable Food and Farming

Peak oil expert, Richard Heinberg, has suggested that we need 50 million farmers (including backyard gardeners, small organic farms, CSA’s, and large commercial farms) in the U.S. to respond to rapidly diminishing supplies of easily accessible fossil fuel.

In this 15-credit, 5 course certificate program you will learn about sustainable farming methods and the education and policy changes needed to effect a global move to sustainable farming methods. The certificate will help prepare students in three areas of study; Sustainable Farming Systems, Education, and Public Policy and Advocacy.

Credits earned may be applied to the University Without Walls Sustainability Studies degree completion program, the UMass Amherst Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Food and Farming.

For additional information about the certificate program requirement, visit http://www.umassulearn.net/programs/green-programs/sustainable-food-farming.

For more information please contact Professor John Gerber at 413-545-5301 or jgerber@psis.umass.edu.

Student Members of the STPEC Executive Committee for Spring 2012
These students represent your interests! Please talk to them about your concerns.

The Final Full STPEC Executive Committee Meeting will be Friday, April 20, 3:00-6:00 pm in Macher E-23


STPEC BA/MA 5 Year Masters Programs

STPEC students will now be able to graduate in 5 years with a BA in STPEC and either an MS in Labor Studies or an MA in Public Policy.

BA/MS Labor Studies: Coursework provides the skills necessary to work in the labor movement - expertise in organizing, collective bargaining, strategic corporate research, and union leadership - and you will have an opportunity to examine the larger theoretical and strategic issues confronting workers and their unions in the new millennium. Contact Danielle Nelson in the STPEC office for more details.

BA/MA Public Policy: This professional academic program offered through the Center for Public Policy and Administration (CPPA) prepares students for careers as public managers, policy analysts, advocates, and public leaders. Students are encouraged to specialize in a substantive or methodological field of interest. Core courses provide students with a strong analytical foundation, applicable to a wide variety of policy issues. Contact David Mednicoff with questions, mednic@legal.umass.edu.

With a double undergraduate major, STPEC students can also pursue a fifth year Master’s in:

BA/MPH Public Health: Contact Danielle Nelson in the STPEC office for more details.

BA/MA Public Anthropology and Civic Engagement

BA/MA Economics: Contact Jerry Epstein in the Economics Department at gepstein@econs.umass.edu for details.
All About the STPEC Internship Requirement (STPEC 498Y)

All STPEC majors are required to complete a 3 or more credit graded internship with a grade of C or better. If you have not yet completed this requirement, you can do so by registering for STPEC 498Y, section 1. Your official faculty sponsor will be Katherine Mallory, STPEC’s Internship Director. However, Katherine will be on leave until August 31, 2012. In her absence Tyler Rocco-Chaffee will be the Interim Internship Director and will be responsible for approving and advising on all internships. You are responsible for finding your own internship placement, and having it approved by Tyler prior to registering for the course.

Grades for the STPEC Internship requirement are based on your written analysis of your experience and observations. We therefore recommend that you complete at least one semester in the STPEC Program before registering for an internship, so that you have an analytical framework to use as the basis of your written work.

Occasionally we accept prior internships or internships completed through other departments for the required internship. In order for such a course to count, it must be graded, worth three or more credits, and involve at least 100 hours of work.

Regardless of how you plan to fulfill your internship requirement, you must have the Internship Director’s prior approval. Please don’t wait until your final semester to talk to the Internship Director, or you may find that you have to stick around for an extra semester!

Internships as Electives

We welcome and encourage STPEC students to do internships beyond the 3 credits required for the major. The University allows you to count up to 15 internship credits toward graduation. You can earn up to 15 credits in one placement, or you can complete two or more smaller internships. Students doing elective internships may work with the Faculty Sponsor of their choice.

STPEC Student Space

The STPEC “Library” space is available for students to use for studying and meeting while the office is open, or as long as a staff member (paid or student) with a key is present. We ask that students using this space help keep it clean and functional by picking up after themselves and leaving all equipment the way they found it!

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has a wide range of scholarships available including:

**Ansin Study Abroad Fellowships**
$500-$2,000 awards

**Alan L. and Carol S. LeBovidge Undergraduate Research Scholarship**
Supports students doing research with a UMass Amherst SBS faculty member - up to $2,000.

**Merriam Internship Scholarship**
Provides support to undergraduates who take unpaid internships in public policy, law, ecological conservation and/or real estate development. Awards of up to $2,000 for summer or fall semester internships.

Application deadline for most scholarships is Thursday, April 12, 2011

Please go to: [http://www.umass.edu/sbs/academics/undergraduate/scholarships.htm](http://www.umass.edu/sbs/academics/undergraduate/scholarships.htm) for full details.

Talk/Book-Signing with Professors James Smethurst & Steven Tracy
Food For Thought Bookstore
Wednesday, April 25th 6:00 p.m