Spring 2011 STPEC EVENTS

Welcome to New Students
We are happy to welcome the following new students to
the STPEC Program as of December 2010:
Austin Athanas, Sarah Bonner, Kathleen Buckingham,
Max Calloway, Wilson Carroll, Nora Fried, Mike
Geoffino, Gabriel Katz, Laura Kelly, Marissa Robertson,
Madeleine Schnier, Luke Seaberg, Mike Spahr, and
DiJonée Talley.

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

Dean’s Student Advisory Council
Congratulations to Adam Leader-Smith, Elizabeth
Maynard, and Tori Zopf, who have been appointed to the
Dean’s Student Advisory Council of the College of Social
and Behavioral Sciences. Members of the Student Advis-
cy Council meet with the Dean several times each
semester and serve as advisors to the Dean on issues of
academic and campus life. Members also act as liaisons to
visiting alumni and represent the College at occasional
events, such as SBS-sponsored lectures and alumni
gatherings, and meet with prospective students. We know
Adam, Elizabeth, and Tori will represent STPEC well!!

Save the Date!
Making Connections: Life After UMass
STPEC/Women’s Studies/Labor Center
/AfroAm Alumni/ae Networking Event

Thursday April 7  5:30-7:00 pm
Cape Cod Lounge

Numerous alums from STPEC, Women’s Studies, the
Labor Center and Afro-American Studies will come to
UMass to talk with current students about their career/
job/grad school experiences and to share information on
internships and other career opportunities. Join us for
lots of food and informal conversation. These are UMass
graduates who look forward to meeting current students
to help them think about life plans. We will have a wide
range of careers represented from education and law to
medicine and social services and much much more.
Co-sponsored by Career Services.

MEETING TIMES FOR
NEW STPEC MAJORS
We will be holding meetings for new STPEC majors on
February 3rd, 9th, 11th and 14th. Please come into the
STPEC office to sign up for a meeting time (the sign
up sheet will be posted behind the main desk) and
obtain a STPEC Application Form. 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.

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.

T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS
WE GOT ‘EM!!
A reminder that we have both red and black STPEC
t-shirts available for sale in the STPEC office. We also
have a few hooded sweatshirts, in a variety of styles and
sizes. See a staff person if you’d like to purchase one!
★$10.00 per black t-shirt/$14.00 per red t-shirt. Hooded
sweatshirt prices vary according to size and style.
ADD/DROP NOTES

Sara Lennox, STPEC Program Director, will be on sabbatical for the Spring 2011 semester. David Mednicoff, Assistant Professor in CPPA and Associate Director for the STPEC Program, will step in as the STPEC Acting Program Director for this current semester.

For the Spring 2011 semester most STPEC courses will remain on-line. Only STPEC Independent Studies and Internships will be off-line.

★ If you cannot add a class using SPIRE you may request the course by filling out a STPEC Course Add Request Form (available from the STPEC office). If you are on a wait list, be sure to go to the class you are requesting. You will need to have attended the first two class meetings in order for us to consider your add request.

If a course is less than 75% full at the time of your request we will put you immediately into the course. For courses which are over 75% full, requests will be prioritized according to the following guidelines:
1. Special Needs Students (ie. a Junior who is going abroad for a year and who needs to graduate on time).
2. Seniors will have priority over Juniors who will have priority over Sophomores.
3. Students with the same graduation status will be prioritized on a first come first serve basis.

★ To register for an Independent Study, fill out a STPEC Independent Study Form.
★ To register for an Internship, fill out an Internship Study Contract. For more instruction on fulfilling the STPEC Internship requirement, please see page 5.

If you are filling the Internship requirement this semester, don’t forget that we offer an accompanying course, STPEC 494A: Praxis, taught by Katherine Mallory, our Internship Director. To register for STPEC 494A please talk to Katherine in the STPEC Office.

★ Be sure to give your completed form(s) to Deborah Reiter, STPEC’s Program Coordinator (you may leave it/them in her mailbox if she is not available in person).

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.

STPEC Staff and Instructors for Spring 2011:

Acting Program Director  David Mednicoff
Chief Academic Advisor and Internship Director  Katherine Mallory
Assistant Academic Advisor  Danielle Nelson
Program Coordinator  Deborah Reiter
Office Assistant  Tyler Rocco-Chaffee
Junior I Instructor  Sreela Sarkar
Junior II Instructor  James Fiorentino
Junior Writing Instructor  Ethan Myers

and a warm welcome to our senior seminar instructors:

Sayres Rudy will teach STPEC 491H: Occupation as Sovereign Excess;
Vahram Elagoz, a PERI Research Fellow, will teach STPEC 492H: Assaults on the Environment: Responses and Consequences;
Wilson Valentín-Escobar, from Sociology and American Studies at Hampshire College will teach STPEC 493H: Artivism and the Social Imagination.
Sara Lennox, STPEC Program Director, will be on sabbatical for Spring 2011.

UMass SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Scholarships
Each year the Alumni Association presents over $90,000 in scholarships and awards to eligible students.

Leaders in the Making Scholarship
Four $2,000 scholarships for sophomores and juniors with diverse records of achievement in academics and volunteerism.

Life Member Scholarship for Internships
Two $2,000 scholarships given to exceptional sophomores or juniors to help defray the cost of a summer, unpaid, away-from-home internship.

Michael W. Morris Scholarship
One $2,000 scholarship for a student from Lawrence or Lowell, MA.

Senior Leadership Award
Twenty-five $500 savings bonds will be given to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the campus community. Students must be nominated by faculty or staff.

Deadline for most scholarships is Wednesday, February 2, 2010

For more information go to umassalumni.com/students/scholarships.html or visit Memorial Hall.
STPEC Scholarships!
Apply Now!
STPEC will be offering two $1,000 scholarships in the Spring of 2011. The criteria for application is:
1) official current enrollment as a STPEC student
2) applicant must be in good academic standing
3) completion of or current enrollment in STPEC Seminar I (391H) for the Spring 2011 semester.

The application consists of a 3-5 page essay detailing how, as a STPEC major, the student has applied his or her STPEC education to day to day life through campus activities, community service, activism and internships. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY as the essays will be anonymous when reviewed.

Applicants must also complete an application form which must be turned in with the essay. Applications should be turned in ONLY to Deborah Reiter, STPEC’s Program Coordinator, they may be left in her STPEC mailbox in a sealed manila envelope or e-mailed to stpec@sbs.umass.edu.

Deadline for applications is Friday, February 25, and scholarships will be awarded by the end of March. You can find applications online at http://www.umass.edu/stpec/academics/ScholarshipListgs/stpecscholarship.html or in the STPEC office mailboxes.

STUDENTS NEEDED FOR THE STPEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!!

All long range policy decisions for STPEC are made by the STPEC Executive Committee—and student spokespersons have an equal voice!

We’d like to have at least one spokesperson from each STPEC class: 197I, 298Y(4), 391H, 392H, 393A, 491H, 492H, 493H, 494A, and the first year student class. As a spokesperson your job is to collect the concerns and ideas of the students in your class, meet with other STPEC student spokespersons to decide on issues to take to the Executive Committee meeting, present those issues at the meeting, and report back to your constituents about what decisions were made.

Each class will have one vote apiece at the full Executive Committee Meetings, although classes may have more than one spokesperson.

We have two full Executive Committee Meetings scheduled for spring 2011:

   Friday, February 25 from 3:30-5:30 pm
   Friday, April 29 from 3:30-5:30 pm

All Student Executive Committee members MUST attend these meetings!

Please consider volunteering to be a STPEC Executive Committee member - help make democracy happen in STPEC! If you know already that you’d like to be a spokesperson for the Spring 2011 semester please contact Tyler in the STPEC Office with your name and the class you’d like to represent; 545-0043 or tylerrocco@gmail.com.

Other members of the Executive Committee are all the STPEC teaching and office staff paid on a more than one semester basis and faculty associated with STPEC. The full Executive Committee will meet at least twice during the spring semester and can meet more often if its members decide it’s important to do so.

Student Executive Committee members may earn one pass/fail Independent Study credit for their participation on the committee. In order to earn a P students will need to:
   ★ Attend both full Executive Committee meetings
   ★ Attend at least 75% of the Student Committee meetings
   ★ Write a 3-4 page reflective paper on their experiences as a Student Executive Committee member.

Students should speak to Deborah Reiter in the STPEC Office in order to register for credit. The official Faculty Sponsor for the I.S. will be David Mednicoff, Acting STPEC Program Director.

CAREER SERVICES SPONSORED EVENTS
for full info go to: www.umass.edu/careers

Alana Fair
Tuesday, February 8, 1:00-5:00 SUB
Meet all types of employers looking for ALANA students of all majors for fulltime, Co-op and/or Internship opportunities.

Networking Night on Campus
Tuesday, February 8, 6:15-8:00 pm, 10th Fl CC
Employer Meet and Greet. RSVP is required.

Career Blast 2011 Fair
Wednesday, February 9, 10:00-3:00 CC Auditorium

Career Fair Prep Workshops
Tuesday, January 25, CC 165, 12:45-2:00 pm
Thursday, January 27, CC 165, 5:30-6:30 pm
Monday, February 7, CC 168C, 4:45-6:00 pm

RESUMANIA
Friday, February 4, 12:00-5:00 pm

Interviewing Tips and Techniques, Tips for Transitioning to Your First Job
Wednesday, February 9, 6:00-7:00 pm, CC 803
For more information on these colloquiaus please go to: http://www.umass.edu/stpec/academics/courseDesSpring2011.html

**STPEC 291L: Ruptures with Eurocentrism**
Wednesday 4:40-6:15 pm
2 credits, pass/fail Schedule # 19363
The goal of the colloquium will be to look at the thinkers, writers, and artists of the post-WWII period and to find the moments where these white intellectuals began to look toward the movements of colonized people, particularly East Asians, African, African-descended peoples, and their struggles for liberation as not only something to take seriously but something they might follow rather than simply presuming to lead. By examining this particular historical moment, we will call attention to this extremely significant rupture and explore the ways in which it led to radical shifts in the political and cultural frameworks of western thought (i.e. Sartre’s support for Algerian liberation and the introduction he wrote to Frantz Fanon’s “The Wretched of the Earth”). This class will be facilitated by STPEC students Don Lippincott and Kevin Lamory.

MonWed 12:20-1:10
2 credits, pass/fail Schedule # 19566
Is technology changing the relationship between citizens and nation-states? In this course we will investigate that question. We will discuss technological innovations that first enabled national unity and trace subsequent technological innovations that have shaped and continue to shape the state-citizen relationship. We will study innovations in security and surveillance technologies that have helped fortify state controls and discuss the implications of those controls. Conversely, we will also investigate the technological innovations – from cell phones to Twitter - that have potentially empowered citizens. Additionally, we will study recent contemporary issues in human development and the impact of technology upon impoverished communities, as well as the relationship of those communities to their nations. Finally this class will seek to problematize social movement theory in light of technological innovations. We will parse, in depth, the propulsions of recent social movements in China and Iran and attempt to explain the role that technology has played in those movements. DISCUSSION INTENSIVE. This class will be facilitated by Josh Sowalsky who is a Political Science student.

**STPEC 291N: Sustainable Thinking**
Monday 7:00-10:00 pm
3 credits, pass/fail Schedule # 19586
A holistic approach to sustainability, this course is designed to understand the “big picture”. The effects of globalization and rapid development have opened a door of opportunity for humans. As a species, we have only started to realize the consequences of our actions – this course is intended to track the cause and effect and change the cause by addressing our mental modes. The goal of this course is to address the true meaning behind acting “sustainably”, thus before performing an action we need to understand and address its purpose and foundations, only then can we live in a more holistic and balanced world. This class will be facilitated by Adrien Tofighi, STPEC student, and Nicholas Daly, Plant and Soil Science student.

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**Economics 397EC: The Economics of Cooperative Enterprises**
Offered Spring 2011 by Gerald Friedman
Are you interested in worker ownership, social entrepreneurship, alternative businesses, and the solidarity economy? Would you like to critically examine some of the historical and cultural forces that have made many cooperative enterprises thrive? Would you like to learn some economic theory that explains why cooperative enterprises can attain higher levels of efficiency than conventional capitalist firms?

The curriculum for Econ 397EC was developed through a year-long collaboration between the Economics Department, the Valley Alliance of Worker Cooperatives and a wider network of individuals with experience managing cooperative enterprises, including the student-run businesses that play such an important role on our own campus. Highly motivated students without the Econ 103 or 104 pre-req can join the class with the permission of the instructor, who will encourage accessible and interdisciplinary discussion of the assigned readings.

Class assignments culminate with the responsibility to develop (in collaboration with as many as two others students) a detailed business plan for a viable cooperative enterprise.

Successful completion of this course also provides an opportunity to apply for admission to an Undergraduate Certificate Program in Applied Economic Research on Cooperatives (currently in the proposal stage, under consideration by the Faculty Senate). This program will offer the opportunity to participate in an intensive combined summer research/internship program with a local cooperative enterprise.
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 faculty sponsor will be Katherine Mallory, STPEC’s Internship Director. You are responsible for finding your own internship placement, and having it approved by Katherine 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 Katherine’s prior approval. Please don’t wait until your final semester to talk to Katherine, or you may find that you have to stick around for an extra semester!

Want to get more out of your Internship experience? Want some extra help writing your Internship paper? We strongly recommend STPEC 494A: Praxis. This is a two credit graded optional course offered to help students further explore the relationship between theory and practice. This class is intended for students who are either currently fulfilling or have recently completed their STPEC Internship requirement and offers practical guidance on writing the Internship paper. To register please speak with Katherine.

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.

Want to help us RUN THE STPEC PROGRAM?!?

Do you...

★ want to have a voice in your major?
★ yearn for democracy?
★ want something GOOD to put on your resume?

Interning in the STPEC office is one way students can help create a participatory major, support a community conducive to critical thought and social change, and contribute to the continual rethinking and revising of the STPEC major. Office staff duties and projects reflect the needs of the program and the interests of the students and include attending weekly staff meetings, assisting with STPEC office work, working on program publications like the STPEC newsletter, organizing student events, and making weekly program decisions.

STPEC office staff members also learn useful skills like consensus decision-making, meeting facilitation, peer-advising and mentoring, and negotiating bureaucracy.

If you would like to participate in creating the present and future of your STPEC major please talk to Deborah or Katherine in the STPEC Office.

All STPEC Office Staff meetings are mandatory for all office staff members!

The first staff meeting will be on Thursday, January 27 from 12:30-1:30 pm in the STPEC Office (E-27A Machmer Hall). If you cannot make this meeting but would like to participate in Office Staff you MUST contact Deborah beforehand and provide a schedule of times you are and are not available so that we can plan for future meetings accordingly.

NEW 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.
STPEC BA/MA 5 YEAR MASTERS PROGRAMS

Some of you have been asking about these so here’s what we know: 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. We have more hashed out for the Labor Studies option than the Public Policy, see below.

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. Classes open to undergrads this spring:

- Labor 605 Labor Research
- Labor 697F Labor Economics
- Labor 746 Labor Law

Before graduation (with the BA), students must complete 9 credits toward the MS. At least 3 of these credits (or one class) will double count for STPEC and Labor Studies. 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.

David Mednicoff, Acting Director of STPEC, is associated with CPPA. Contact him with questions about classes, prerequisites, the application process and specialization options: mednic@legal.umass.edu.

Applications for the new program are likely to be due on March 1, 2011. If students know they want to apply to this grad program, courses being offered in Spring 2011 that satisfy program requirements are:

- PubP&Adm 608 Statistics
- PubP&Adm 697XX Budgeting and Financial Management
- PubP&Adm 631 Information Technology
- PubP&Adm 697E Globalization (taught by David Mednicoff)

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

BA/MPH Public Health: To be accepted into this program, students need to double major in Public Health as well as in STPEC. We have worked out a grid that will show how students can satisfy the requirements of both programs. Contact Danielle Nelson in the STPEC office for more details.

BA/MA Public Anthropology and Civic Engagement: At the moment students would need to double major in Anthropology as well as in STPEC to be accepted into the program. However, Art Keene, Director of the grad program, would welcome STPEC students into the program, and we are working with him to to find a creative path that would allow STPEC students to pursue this option.

BA/MA Economics: Students acquire a strong background in Economics and consult the Economics Department about classes they can take as undergrads that will count toward the MA. Contact Jerry Epstein in the Economics Department at gepstein@econs.umass.edu for details.

NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

There are also two new Certificates that may be of interest to STPEC students. Neither of these are approved yet but we expect them to be approved and available soon.

Certificate in Sustainability that allows tracks within it: you can choose from agriculture and food systems; energy, climate and water; infrastructure, design and technology; politics and policy; or culture, history and representation. Seven courses total will be required.

Certificate in Cooperative Economics. So far this includes a class called the Economics of Cooperative Enterprises (ECON 397EC) that is being offered both fall and spring this year. This certificate involves significant internship time at a coop and is being developed right now. See page 4 for more information on Econ 397EC.