Save the Date!
For STPEC’s 40th Year Reunion and Retirement Celebration for Sara Lennox
April 13 & 14, 2012

Friday, April 13
1:00-3:00 pm
Activists in the Academy Panel Presentation
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 Alumni/ae Reunion - All Day!
9:00 am - 12:00 midnight
Memorial Hall
Including three panels, lunch, dinner and a party!
Panels:
10:00-11:30
Creating Critical Consciousness
2:00-3:30
Share the Wealth
4:00-5:30
And Justice for All
Current STPEC students are welcome and encouraged to attend.
On-line registration will be available soon!

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!

Welcome to New Students
We are happy to welcome the following new students to the STPEC Program as of December 2011: Rosemary Allen, Andrea Bates, Dan Everton, Evan Heller, Jacob Lecuyer, Christopher Lowe, Rebecca Patt, and Joy Silvey.
Many thanks to all of the STPEC students and staff who assisted with these meetings.

Meeting Times for New STPEC Majors
We will be holding meetings for new STPEC majors on February 8th & 9th. 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.

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ADD/DROP NOTES

For the Spring 2012 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 (i.e. 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 1: 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.

NEW SENIOR SEMINAR SCHEDULED

As many of you know we had to cancel STPEC 492H section 1, Housing Policy due to instructor illness. We’ve replaced this course with:

STPEC 492H, section 2: International Political Economy, Global Health and National Development
Mondays 4:40-7:10 pm Schedule # 71262

This honors seminar will focus on current global health issues within the context of international development and international political economy. It will examine the ideas and principles that have guided some of the actions of developed and developing nations over the years, which have ultimately impacted population health today. We will also examine the question of development and where health is placed in the context of development. As developing nations are faced with the scourge of ill-health, how do they grapple with other forces such as globalization, violence, infectious diseases, debt and inequality? The course will address select global public health problems and international political economic policies to ameliorate them. This course will be taught by Glendene Lemard, who is a Research Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

STPEC Staff and Instructors for Spring 2012:

Program Director           Sara Lennox
Chief Academic Advisor and Internship Director   Katherine Mallory
Office Assistant            Danielle Nelson
Program Coordinator         Deborah Reiter
Office Assistant            Tyler Rocco-Chaffee
Honors Coordinator          David Mednicoff
STPEC 391H Instructor       Sreela Sarkar
STPEC 392H Instructor       Antonia Carcelén
Junior Writing Instructor   Ethan Myers

and a warm welcome to our senior seminar instructors:

Sayres Rudy will teach STPEC 491H: Resistance: Gandhi, Fanon, and Paradigms of Violence;
Glendene Lemard, a Research Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health, will teach STPEC 492H: International Political Economy, Global Health and National Development;
Phil Cox, an Associate Professor of Philosophy at UMass Darmouth, will teach STPEC 493H: The Politics of Law: Critiques of Western Legal Theory and Practice.

Katherine and Deborah now have their own private phone lines and voice mail boxes. If you want to speak to one of them specifically you can call Deborah at 545-6398 and Katherine at 545-0137.
STUDENTS NEEDED FOR THE STPEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!!

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

We’d like to have at least one spokesperson from each STPEC class: 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 spokespeople 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.

Student spokespeople will be required to register for one pass/fail credit, which will be earned by attendance at and participation in the Executive Committee Meetings. STPEC staff will be providing an orientation session for student executive committee members.

We have two full Executive Committee Meetings scheduled for spring 2012:

Friday, February 24 from 3:00-6:00 pm
Friday, April 20 from 3:00-6:00 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 2012 semester please contact Deborah in the STPEC Office with your name, spire id, and the class you’d like to represent; 545-0043 or stpec@sbs.umass.edu.

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.

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, February 2 from 1:00-2:30 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 STUDENT TAUGHT COLLOQUIUM

STPEC 291N: Sustainable Thinking
MonWedFri 1:25-2:15
3 credits, mandatory pass/fail Schedule # tba
Sustainable Thinking is a student-facilitated course that will investigate the challenges of implementing sustainable solutions in various contexts by fostering environmental literacy. We will discuss topics such as energy justice, distribution of resources and wealth, sustainable practices as well as the history of sustainability within modern society. This course will be taught non-traditionally. Students will be encouraged to apply what they learned in the class to their lifestyles. Sustainable Thinking aims to be an experience-based learning opportunity relying on discussions, group projects and hands-on lectures. Majority of class time will be video-taped with student permission in order to create a final “Sustainable Thinking 2012” documentary.

This class will be facilitated by Tierney W. Barker, Psychology major and Mia Shimokana, German major. For more information please contact Tierney at twbarker@student.umass.edu or Mia at mshimoka@student.umass.edu.

Since this class is not yet on SPIRE please contact Mia or Tierney to register. The first class will be held in Prince, on the first floor in The Spot.

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.

LARP Classes with a focus on Sustainability and Environmental issues

LANDARCH 497E-01: ST-Urban Agriculture: Research and Action #71145 (Continuing Education) On-Line
Helena Farrell, Mark Hamlin
Explores innovative urban farming system design through the evaluation of case studies. Students will practice critical research skills including information/data gathering and site analysis and assessment to learn about the challenges and opportunities of sustainable urban agriculture in the context of current events and contemporary issues.

ENVIRDES 591B-01: Sustainable Cities (lecture) #52591 TuTh 11:15AM - 12:30PM
Mark Hamlin

REGIONPL 580-01: Sustainable Cities (seminar) # 52916 MoWe 11:10AM - 12:15PM
Mark Hamlin
'Sustainability' is a concept and approach that has become more prevalent in ecological, economic and equity discussions over the last several decades, yet its historical and cultural roots are far more extensive and complicated than generally recognized. This course will examine and evaluate core principles and practices identified by advocates as well as critics of sustainability, and will address a variety of questions related to sustainability: the appropriate spatial and temporal scale of sustainable planning and design; the full scope of which systems and standards are best suited for achieving sustainable outcomes; the relative roles of 'high' vs. 'low'/'hard' vs.'soft' science and technology paths; expertise relative to efficiency & equity; individual vs. collective responsibilities.

REGIONPL 553-01: Resource Policy and Planning # 52923 Tu 6:00PM - 9:00PM
Flavia Montenegro-Menezes
Examination of natural resource policy formation and the planning process at the local, state, and regional levels; the role of legislatures, the bureaucracy, and citizens' interests in policy formation; the interplay among forces of economics, technology, ecology, and design in the determination of policy goals and planning horizons.

REGIONPL 692F-01: Cultural Heritage and International Urban Sustainability Practices # 71085 Tu 9:30AM - 12:30PM
Flavia Montenegro-Menezes
Cultural Heritage is the material and immaterial inheritance that contributes toward forming our identities as people, communities and nations, and which is also embedded within contemporary society and its practices. This course will provide a comprehensive introduction to the evolution of cultural heritage theories and practices at the international level, particularly focusing on sustainability and the urban environment.
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.

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**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 many scholarships is Monday, February 6, 2012**

For more information go to umassalumni.com/students/scholarships.html or visit Memorial Hall.

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**CAREER SERVICES SPONSORED EVENTS**

**for full info go to: www.umass.edu/careers**

**Alana Fair**

Tuesday, February 7
Meet all types of employers looking for ALANA students of all majors for fulltime, Co-op and/or Internship opportunities.

**Resumania & Career Fair Prep Workshops**

February 3, 2012 - Goodell 511 12-4pm
Come get your resume critiqued, take a 25 minute workshop on Career Fair Prep, and enjoy FREE PIZZA! Workshops will be held at 12 noon and on the hour every hour until 4 p.m.

**On-Campus Networking Night**

February 7, 2012 - Campus Center 10th Floor 7-9pm
Network with employers who will be attending the Career Blast. To register, RSVP by email to: careerevent@acad.umass.edu

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**U.S. Federation of Worker Co-ops**

**worker co-op conference**

June 22-24: , in Boston. If you’d like to be kept on the list for announcements, send your name, organization, email, and phone to Melissa Hoover, melissa@usworker.coop. Or go to http://www.usworker.coop/front.
OCCUPY WALL STREET ROAD TRIP
arrives in Northampton on February 1!
updates at www.occupynorthampton.org

On February 1 and 2, 17 members of Occupy Wall Street will visit the Pioneer Valley for two days as part of a Northeast regional tour in a biodiesel bus. Activities are being organized in each city to share information and build solidarity within the Occupy movement. The trip itinerary is at http://bit.ly/y8DrM0.

On Wednesday February 1 at 6:00 pm there will be film screening of Occupy Wall Street documentary shorts followed by a conversation with local and New York based Occupy activists at the Academy of Music in downtown Northampton.

OWS FILM SHORTS AND DISCUSSION

Occupy Wall Street bus riders are teaming up with Occupy Northampton to screen a unique selection of short independent films that have been produced by activists in the #Occupy movement. The film shorts will be followed by a facilitated discussion and Q & A session with OWS organizers along with representatives of community and activist groups in Western Massachusetts. The curator Nick Shimkin, of No One Can Predict the Moment of Revolution: Films From #OWS, and New York City filmmaker Messiah Rhodes will discuss the increasingly important role that "crowd sourced media" plays in social justice movements. Films include short work from NYC's Meerkat Media Collective ("Occupy the DOE"), Brooklyn Filmmakers Collective ("Right Here All Over"), Rhodes Pictures ("#Occupy Our Homes: Homeowners Speak Out"), Rumur Films ("Month One"), Laura Newman ("The Eviction of Zuccotti Park"), Martha Colburn ("Occupy Wall St. 2011") and documentaries from Occupy Oakland, Occupy Portland, and Occupy London Stock Exchange.

The screening is free. The organizers will happily accept donations at the door to cover costs. Food For Thought Books <http://www.foodforthoughtbooks.com/> will be selling relevant literature in the lobby.

Bread and Roses Centennial Year

The Centennial Year of the Great Lawrence Textile Strike - the Bread & Roses Strike - is upon us. There will be a host of events to commemorate and learn the lessons of this very important two-month event in labor and immigrant history. If you’d like to stay up-to-date on all of the events planned for 2012 please join the Centennial Committee on facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Bread-and-Roses-1912-2012/341113802569909?sk=wall. Highlights for the year will include: the opening of a strike history exhibit on January 12 and a virtual exhibit to go along with it for those of you too far away to come to Lawrence; a symposium on the history of the strike in late April; a Labor Day festival on the Lawrence Common; and an exhibit of the works of artist Ralph Fasanella, who painted truly wonderful large canvases dedicated to the strike's people. Other events include art shows, film showings, and concerts.

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.