Fall 2016 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!!!

★ Advising appointments with Katherine, and DeRoy may be made on-line through the Make an appointment for Academic Advising link on the STPEC homepage - www.umass.edu/stpec.

Access to the SPIRE system for registration for fall 2016 courses began MONDAY, APRIL 4. Students are ramped on to the system based on seniority, check SPIRE for your personal access date and time.

The Fall 2016 STPEC Course Description sheet and STPEC Recommended Course List are available now on the STPEC website.

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 on-line until April 29th. Please be sure to register before April 29th for the classes you want - after April 29th we reserve the right to take classes off-line if they are full or almost full.

★ Praxis: If you’d like to sign up for the regular 3 credit Praxis (494PI) which WILL fulfill the I.E. requirement, you may do so on SPIRE. To register for the 2 credit Praxis (497P) which will NOT count for the I.E. Gen Ed requirement, please speak with Katherine Mallory, STPEC Internship Director.

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MEETING TIMES FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS

Introductory Meetings (with the STPEC Program Director) for new students are ongoing. Please sign up for a time by choosing Academics and then New Student Meetings from the STPEC home page (www.umass.edu/stpec). If you cannot make any of the times listed please e-mail Sigrid Schmalzer at sigrid@history.umass.edu to schedule an alternate time.

SAVE THE DATE!

STPEC RED STAR
End of Semester Potluck Party and Graduation Ceremony!

Wednesday, April 27

Potluck starts at 6:00 ★ Red Star at 7:00 ★★ Party continues after ★★★

Location: Sunderland, MA

(Please check with the STPEC Office for details)

All STPEC students, staff, alums, and friends of STPEC are welcome!

Come and say farewell to our graduating seniors!

Politically Engaged Scholarship

Panel Discussion with Silvia Federici, Alan Goodman, and Márgara Millán

April 14; 4:00-6:00 pm; reception at 3:30

Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Building

Silvia Federici is the author of Caliban and the Witch, professor emerita and teaching fellow at Hofstra University, co-founder of the Committee for Academic Freedom in Africa, and member of the Midnight Notes Collective

Alan Goodman is a professor of Biological Anthropology at Hampshire College and co-director of the American Anthropological Association’s public engagement project “RACE: Are We so Different?”

Márgara Millán is a scholar/activist with Zapatista women and an Anthropology professor at UNAM, Senior Researcher at Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos, Mexico
Did you know...? Depending on the topic, **some STPEC Senior Seminars can be used to fill a STPEC upper level requirement.** For the fall 2016 semester STPEC 491H: *Making Space* may be used to fulfill the Modern Social Theory & Social Movements requirement and STPEC 492H: *Achieving Equality and Social Change*, may be used to fulfill the upper level Political Economy requirement. Senior Seminars used in this way cannot be used to fulfill the senior seminar requirement at the same time.

**STPEC Scholarship Awards**
We had a number of excellent essays submitted as applications for this award. Congratulations to Carly Burgess and Madeline Jackman who will be receiving the Spring 2016 STPEC Scholarship awards.

**STUDENTS NEEDED FOR THE FALL 2016 STPEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!!**STPEC students have the unique opportunity not only to make decisions about their own education, but also to provide leadership and vision to the major itself. The STPEC Executive Committee is the official governing body of the major and is one very important way students are empowered to determine STPEC policy and educational vision. Consisting of STPEC students and staff and supportive UMass faculty, the Executive Committee is a representative body that uses a consensus decision-making process to determine policy. Issues are gathered by students and staff during the semester and presented to the Executive Committee for final approval or direction.

If you are interested in participating in the STPEC Executive Committee for the Fall 2016 semester please check out the syllabus on-line and register for STPEC 291X.

*Spring 2016 Student Executive Committee Members:* Michael Kochneff, Dwight Koulgeorge, Faith Manning, Rony Maza, Aaron McBryar, and Kayla Motley.

STPEC’s final full Executive Committee meeting will be held Friday, April 8th from 3:00-6:00 pm in Machmer W-13.

**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.

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**GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING INTERNSHIP FUND**

Interested in working with a grassroots organization but don’t have the $ to support yourself? STPEC wants to help.

In line with our commitment to support local grassroots organizations working within social movements and the ability of our students to participate effectively in those movements, STPEC is now offering funding for SUMMER INTERNSHIPS to enrolled students who choose to take on unpaid positions at grassroots organizations.

We are partnering with 4 organizations doing exciting and important work on an array of local social justice issues in Springfield and Holyoke. We will prioritize work for these organizations, but will consider funding work in other organizations as well.

If you are interested, please drop by the office to pick up organization summaries and application instructions.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** April 11th.
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 either STPEC 494PI or STPEC 497P Praxis. STPEC 494PI is a 3 credit course which fulfills the I.E. Gen Ed requirement. STPEC 497P is a two credit graded optional course for students who do not need to take the STPEC I.E.

Praxis is an invaluable class which helps 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. Please see Katherine if you have questions.

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.

Labor Studies and Union Semester at the Murphy Institute at CUNY

NY Union Semester is an innovative academic and internship program based out of The Murphy Institute at CUNY School of Professional Studies. For a semester, participants intern with a union or worker organization in New York City while earning an undergraduate or graduate certificate in Labor Studies. Host organizations pay for a monthly stipend, unlimited transit pass and scholarship that covers much of the tuition. For more information please contact sarah.hughes@cuny.edu or go to www.unionsemester.org.

STPEC Students...

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 check out the syllabus, talk to a current STPEC staff member and sign up for STPEC 198Y.
Documenting Punk
11th Annual Social Change Colloquium
April 8, 2016, 1-6PM
Rm. 163, Campus Center

Press release: http://www.library.umass.edu/news/events/punk/

The UMass Amherst Libraries host Documenting Punk: Writing, preserving, watching and listening to the history of an American cultural movement. The 11th annual social change colloquium aims to open a conversation about the documentation of punk.

Keynote speaker Dr. Michael Stewart Foley is the author of Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables and Front Porch Politics, The Forgotten Heyday of American Activism in the 1970s and 1980s. Foley is a professor of American Political Culture and Political Theory at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He is also a founding editor of The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture.

Event speakers also include Ramdasha Bikceem, Byron Coley, Lisa Darms, Michael T. Fournier, Lydia Lunch, Dewar MacLeod, Sara Marcus and Tanya Pearson. For full speaker bios, visit: www.punkhistory.org