Two $1,000 STPEC Scholarships available for Spring 2016

Apply now!

This STPEC scholarship is provided for by the Sara Lennox Scholarship Fund. The award will be based on previous, current and future plans for activism and community service. In order to apply you must be in Good Academic Standing with the University and have either completed or be currently enrolled in STPEC Seminar I for the Spring 2016 semester.

For more details please go to: http://www.umass.edu/stpec/academics/ScholarshipListgs/stpecscholarship.html

Deadline for application is Friday, March 4, and the scholarship will be awarded in early April 2016. You can find applications online or in the STPEC office mailboxes.

Don’t miss this fantastic STPEC Career Class!

STPEC 291CA
Putting Your STPEC Education to Work

Mondays 5:00-6:30 every other week beginning 1/25/16 Schedule # 70121
1 credit, mandatory pass/fail

This course will explore different avenues for putting a STPEC education to work after graduation. It will meet every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30. Students will have the opportunity to meet STPEC alums who have pursued a variety of career paths and will participate in workshops to identify what constitutes “purposeful work” for them and how to find employment that accords with their values and goals.

Taught by Leslie Saulsberry, Ed.D. student in the School of Education at UMass Amherst.

STPEC Staff and Instructors for Spring 2016

Program Director  Sigrid Schmalzer
Associate Program Director  Graciela Monteagudo
Chief Academic Advisor and Internship Director  Katherine Mallory
Assistant Academic Advisor  DeRoy Gordon
Program Coordinator  Deborah Reiter
Office Assistant  Kathy Daly
STPEC Seminar Instructor  Shakuntala Ray
Junior Writing Instructor  Ethan Myers

and a warm welcome to our senior seminar instructors

Omar Dahi, Associate Professor of Economics at Hampshire College will teach STPEC 491H: The Political Economy of Arab Uprisings.

Claudio Moreira, Associate Professor of Communication at UMass Amherst will teach STPEC 492H: Decolonizing Performances (of resistance).

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We are happy to welcome the following new students to the STPEC Program as of November & December 2015:
Nicholas Barrett, Molly Bogusz, Kerry Brock, Amanda Fadum Hall, Aaron McBryar, Kayla Motley, Amy Nickerson, Adara North, Miranda Prevost, Katherine Valett, and Jed Zuraw-Friedland.

MEETINGS FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS are ongoing. If you are a new STPEC major please go to this STPEC webpage to sign up:
http://www.umass.edu/stpec/new-student-meeting-signups

Update on the STPEC NEW DIRECTOR SEARCH

The 2015/16 academic year is the last year of Sigrid’s three-year term as STPEC Director. Aaron McBryar is filling the student slot on the 3 person hiring committee. Aaron, as well as other STPEC Office Staff members, will be keeping STPEC students informed on the progress of this search. There will be opportunities for all members of the STPEC community to interview the candidates and offer their input before a final decision is made.
STUDENTS!
Be part of this exciting spring STPEC conference
(and earn 1 credit!)

**Critical Theory and Social Change: Confronting Racism in the Contemporary U.S.**

**A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP**
organized by the Social Thought & Political Economy Program at UMass Amherst

Thursday, March 24
6:30-9:00 pm Cape Cod Lounge
Keynote Lectures by Mariana Ortega and Touré Reed

Friday, March 25
11:45 am -1:15 pm Campus Center
Breakout Sessions
2:30-4:00 pm Cape Cod Lounge
Closing Plenary

How do we understand the roots of racism and its consequences for people and communities? How do we interpret the different forms racism takes, its relationship to capitalism, and its intersections with other types of oppression? How do we analyze the dynamics between racist ideologies and racist social structures? And how do diverse social and political theories inform the strategies we adopt in anti-racist organizing?

This workshop will begin on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 with back-to-back lectures by two scholars, Mariana Ortega and Touré Reed, who share a commitment to anti-racist organizing but represent different academic disciplines and adopt different theoretical approaches to analyzing racism. On Friday morning, students, faculty, and members of the larger community will engage in small-group dialogues about the tools critical theory offers for anti-racist social movements. We will conclude the workshop on Friday afternoon by coming back together to share what we have discussed, recognize our differences, and identify strategies for moving forward in solidarity.

*For students who want to be involved with this event – you can earn a credit by signing up for:*

STPEC 291T: Critical Theory and Social Change: Confronting Racism in the Contemporary U.S.
1 credit, mandatory pass/fail Schedule # 70404

All three workshop sessions are mandatory for enrolled students. Students enrolled in the class will be expected to complete a set of preparatory readings prior to the workshop, and following the event will complete an analytical paper that engages meaningfully with the readings and presentations.

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**Study in Scotland this summer with STPEC!**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of STPEC’s first summer abroad program:

**STPEC in Scotland**

The program will be held from July 10th through July 29th. Students will be expected to do some preparatory readings and will write a final paper to be submitted after their return to the U.S. After completion of all requirements, students will be awarded 6 credits toward UMass graduation. The program will also count toward 2 of the 5 upper-level requirements for the STPEC major: the Social Theory and Social Movements requirement and the Political Economy requirement.

By designing it as a 6-credit program, we will ensure that students will be able to apply their existing financial aid packages to their summer study, and we will also be encouraging students to apply for grants available on campus to support international travel.

Students will attend lectures and participate in seminar discussions alongside Scottish students and led by prominent scholars who approach issues of social justice and economic equality from a variety of disciplines. Topics will include egalitarianism and social movements, discursive governance, institutional approaches to equality, orthodox and heterodox approaches to political economy, human rights and citizenship, and criminal justice.

The program will also include tours of cultural and political sites, including Stirling Castle, Her Majesty’s Prison Corton Vale, and an overnight visit to the World Heritage site of New Lanark—the utopian socialist center created by Robert Owen in the nineteenth century.

Brochures will be available in the STPEC office. To apply, please contact the International Program Office at 413-545-2710 or email them at abroad@ipo.umass.edu.

Although tailored to STPEC students, the program will also be open to students from other majors, so please encourage like-minded friends to apply!
The Collegian is actively seeking students interested in Journalism, Photography, Graphic Design, and Multimedia. If you are interested in joining the Collegian, come to our Spring All Staff Meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. If you can’t make it that night, stop by our office in room 112 of the Campus Center or contact managingeditor@dailycollegian.com. And to stay up to date with what’s happening on campus visit dailycollegian.com, like The Massachusetts Daily Collegian on Facebook, and follow @MDCollegian on Twitter and Instagram.

Do you love the environment?  
Be an Eco-Rep!

Do you need 2 more academic credits in your schedule? Here is an opportunity to earn 2 credits and share your knowledge with others. Do you want to take a class with less than 15 people where you can meet new amazing friends? Eco-Rep is the class you have been looking for. Discuss subjects like food systems, social justice, pro-environmental behavior and much more, while also participating in and encouraging sustainability outreach on campus. This class is open to students of all years and majors.

Search ENVIRSCI 297F ON SPIRE and enroll today! Questions? Please contact: Rebecca Schmidt, Eco-Rep Co Program Manager; raschmId@umass.edu

Want to build community and create change?  
First and second-year students:  
Apply to CSP by March 4th!

The Citizen Scholars Program (CSP) combines four courses and hands-on engagement with local community organizations such as Amherst Survival Center, The Literacy Project, and Amherst Regional Public Schools. The courses are taken over two years with a small group of committed students, faculty and staff. CSP students explore and take action on topics including systems of privilege and oppression, and structural change through public policy and organizing. They develop pathways for mutual learning and work in areas they are passionate about.

CSP classes can fulfill an SB and U Gen Ed, 4 of 6 classes for the Certificate in Civic Engagement and Public Service, requirements for Honors (including the Thesis/Project), and others.

http://cesl.umass.edu/csp  
facebook.com/citizenscholars  
Want to talk with a current CSP student?  Schedule a time by emailing csp.cesl@umass.edu

Join STPEC Student Executive Committee!

Do you love STPEC and want to deepen your relationship with the STPEC community?

Do you see ways that STPEC could improve and wish that you could do something about it?

Do you want experience working in a consensus-based, anti-hierarchical organizing environment?

If you answered yes to any of these, consider signing up for STPEC Executive Committee (STPEC-291X on Spire)!

Students meet independently on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 to discuss issues arising in the major, organize events, and craft proposals for consideration by the full Executive Committee, which meets twice a semester on Friday afternoons. All students on Student Exec are also members of the full Executive Committee, where they work alongside faculty and staff to arrive at decisions about the program through consensus -- with students having just as much right to propose changes and block decisions as anyone else.

Nowhere else on campus do students have this kind of decision-making power in their majors. But it’s only a student-run major if STUDENTS step up. So please consider joining this semester!

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

Employer Resume Review Day in Goodell
Wed, February 17 1:00-4:00 pm
Walk-in basis for resume reviews. Check in at the Career Services Desk in Goodell 511. Bring a printed copy of your resume

RESUMANIA!
Mon, Feb 22 1:00-4:00 pm Goodell 511 Career Advisors and Peer Advisors will be on hand to review resumes in anticipation of the up-coming Career Fairs. Bring a printed copy of your resume and get professional advice about what works and what doesn’t work.

Resume and Cover Letter Assistance
Walk-in Hours EVERYDAY (Mon-Fri) from 1-4pm in Goodell 511

Diversity Career Fair
Tues, Feb 23 1-5pm Student Union Ballroom

Career Blast 2015
Wed, Feb 24 10am-3pm Campus Center Auditorium
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!

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 internship 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

New York Union Semester is an innovative semester-away program, for both undergraduates and graduate students, who intern with a labor organization in New York City while taking college or Masters’ level courses in Labor Studies. Participants receive a partial tuition scholarship and weekly stipend to help cover their expenses. Please go to http://www.unionsemester.org/ for more information.

National and international internship listings are available from the Peace and Collaborative Development Network: look under “forums” at http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/

Internship Possibilities from Career Services

The Public Service Fellows Internship Program in DC, Paid for a variety of majors, UG’s, grad students and new graduates (seniors) deadline for summer is Feb. 27: http://ourpublicservice.org/about-us/internship-program.php

New England Public Radio (NEPR)
Paid, Springfield, MA. News, production, marketing, digital media Preference for 5-College students. Deadline for summer is April 1:  http://nepr.net/jobs-internships/

How to Find Internships Workshops

Every Monday at 12:30pm in 508 Goodell

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 consider joining the STPEC office staff!

You can now sign up for this class on-line: STPEC 198Y, section 1, Schedule # 69756.
Check the STPEC website for the syllabus (found under the Student tab) or talk to a staff member if you have questions.

All STPEC Office Staff meetings are mandatory for all office staff members!
Staff meetings are held on Mondays from 2:30-4:00 pm in the STPEC Office (E-27A Machmer Hall).
**The Slave’s Cause** by Manisha Sinha  
**Book Launch and Reception**  
February 9th, 2016  4:00 pm  
Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Building  
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Sponsored by the Five Colleges, Inc.  

**UMass Amherst Sawyer Seminar series**  
**Emergent Frameworks in World Political Economy: Revisiting Westphalian and Capitalist Narratives**  
Thursday, March 3 | 5:30-7:30 PM |  
Amherst Room Campus Center  
Sawyer scholars of China, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and International Relations rethink standard accounts of capitalism and the emergence of so-called “modern” states. With Mary Louise Pratt presiding, presenters include Kenneth Pomeranz (U Chicago), John Thornton (BU), Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent U), Siba Grovoglu (Cornell), and others. With thanks to the Mellon and our many co-sponsors at UMass-Amherst, including the Chancellor, the VCRE, SBS, HFA, ISI, IPO, the Graduate School, and CTFD.

**The 2016 English Department TROY LECTURE is co-sponsored by the Mellon Sawyer Series.**  
Thursday, April 7 | 4:30 |  
Bowker Auditorium  
Professor and author Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o  
**Emergent Frameworks in African Studies**  
Friday, April 8 | 10:30-12:30 AM | Location TBA  
Presentations by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o and others.  
Details TBA  
All events have been developed in tandem with the Mellon-funded UMass Amherst Sawyer Seminar series, “Beyond Medieval and Modern: Rethinking Global Paradigms of Political Economy and Culture.”

**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. This program is still in development, please contact Eve Weinbaum: weinbaum@lrrc.umass.edu 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.

**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**  
Scholarships given to exceptional sophomores or juniors to help defray the cost of a summer, unpaid, away-from-home internship.

**Michael W. Morris Scholarship**  
Scholarship for students from Lawrence or Lowell, MA.

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

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