Spring 2016 Registration and Advising Notes

STPEC Spring 2016
Pre Registration Advising has begun!

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!!!

Important Advising Details:
★ Once you have met with a STPEC advisor your STPEC advising hold will be lifted and you will be able to use the SPIRE system for Spring course registration. You MUST meet with a STPEC advisor in order to have course registration access.

★ Advising hours:
DeRoy Gordon: MonTuesWed 1:00-5:00
Tues 11:00-3:00
Katherine Mallory: Tues/Thurs 1:00-4:00
Deborah Reiter: by request

★ We strongly suggest that students make appointments for advising during this busy time. Walk-in students will be assisted when staff are available.

★ For an advising appointment with Katherine Mallory, DeRoy Gordon, or Deborah Reiter, please click on on the advising link on the STPEC home page or go to: http://www.umass.edu/stpec/academics/advisingcontactinfo.html

★ We will try our best to publish the STPEC Recommended Course List by November 12th. The list will also be posted to www.umass.edu/stpec. If you have any suggestions for courses you would like to see - or not see - put on our list, please let us know now!

★ If you find that you cannot enroll through SPIRE in a STPEC course for which you believe you are eligible, please request the course by filling out the STPEC course add request form which is available from the STPEC Office.

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STPEC Executive Committee
For the Fall 2015 semester our student Executive Committee Reps are: Carolyn Black, Michelle Constantineau, Arielle Dameshghi, Emma Hayward, Celia Jailer, Ronan Maza, and Kayla Motley.

If you have issues with/concerns about/suggestions for the STPEC Program please discuss these with a student rep.

The next full Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Friday, December 4 from 3:00-6:00 pm. All STPEC students are invited to attend.

★ Save the Date! ★
Please join us for the

STPEC Red Star
End of semester Potluck and Graduation Ceremony

Friday, December 11th
Potluck at 5:00/Red Star at 7:00
★ Location tba! ★

If you would like to host this event please contact us at stpec@sbs.umass.edu

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★ All STPEC seminars and Junior Writing will be on-line until Friday, December 11th. STPEC Focus Seminars and Junior Writing will be available on-line to STPEC Seniors and Juniors and the STPEC Core Seminars I and II will be available on-line to STPEC Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Please be sure to register before December 11th for the classes you want - after December 11th you may find that you need to fill out an add form and then wait until January to find out if you are in the class!

★ If you are registering for upper level courses to fill one or more of the the five upper level requirements, these classes will not immediately show up in your SPIRE requirement report. The Registrar’s Office has to enter by hand all of the courses on our Course List. Also, Five College courses cannot be entered until after a student has fully registered for the class. And all special exceptions will have to be requested and entered individually by hand. So if an upper level course category is not showing up as filled when it should be - don’t freak out! Just ask your advisor to check on it at your next regular advising appointment.

★ To request an Independent Study, please fill out an Independent Study Form (available from the STPEC Office mailboxes).

★ To request an Internship, please fill out an Internship Study Contract. For more instruction on registering for the STPEC Internship requirement, please see page 5.

★ Praxis: If you’d like to sign up for the regular 3 credit Praxis (494PI) which WILL count for the I.E. Gen Ed requirement you may do so on SPIRE. To register for the 2 credit Praxis (497P) which WILL NOT fulfill the I.E. requirement please speak with Katherine Mallory, STPEC Internship Director. Please note that students who take Praxis for 2 credits (497P) will NOT be able to register for the 3 credit Praxis (494PI) at a later date. So if you need to take your I.E. with STPEC please be sure to sign up for 494PI!!

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

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We are pleased to welcome the following new students to the STPEC Program as of September & October 2015: Michael Baldini, Katherine Brick, Patrick Canning, Lily Cigale, Elliott Eddings, Rachel Farnham, Annie Higgins, Hannah Monius, Hannah Scholnick, and Linnea Thomas.

MEETING TIMES FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS

All STPEC students are required to have a new student meeting with Sigrid Schmalzer, STPEC Program Director.

To sign up for a time please go to: http://www.umass.edu/stpec/new-student-meeting-signups. If you cannot make any of the times available please contact either the Program Coordinator or the Program Director so that they may arrange an alternate time for you.

Update on the STPEC NEW DIRECTOR SEARCH

As many of you know, 2015/16 is the last year of Sigrid’s three-year term as STPEC Director. We are just at the beginning of the search process, but we can announce that Aaron McBryar will be filling the student slot on the 3 person hiring committee. (We are only permitted three people, including one student, for this committee.) Aaron, as well as other STPEC Office Staff members, will be keeping you 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.

INCOMPLETES IN STPEC CORE SEMINAR I

Once again a reminder that STPEC 391H is a prerequisite for all other upper level STPEC courses, except for Junior Writing. In most cases, you will not be admitted to other STPEC seminars until you have completed STPEC 391H with a grade of C or better. If you find yourself in an extreme panic due to our standard policy please come and talk to Katherine or DeRoy about your situation.

Join the STPEC Student Group on Facebook!

http://tinyurl.com/stpecstudents
Introducing STPEC’s first
SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAM
STPEC in Scotland: Studies in Economic Equality and Social Justice

We are delighted to announce the development of STPEC’s first summer abroad program, to be held in Scotland at Glasgow Caledonian University. While STPEC majors frequently engage in study abroad, we are in the process of developing two specific programs - this summer program in Scotland along with a semester abroad program in Argentina - with curricular offerings designed with STPEC students and their interests in mind.

The Scotland program has grown out of a relationship with Professor Sara Cantillon, a feminist economist at Glasgow Caledonian who taught an extraordinarily successful senior seminar on Global Health Inequalities for STPEC two years ago. She was as delighted with STPEC as we all were with her, and when she suggested developing a STPEC summer abroad program, we jumped at the opportunity.

The details (including the specific dates of the three-week trip) are still in process, but we expect to send the call for applications out by January or February.

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. Given the much more affordable tuition rates in Scotland (and just about everywhere other than the U.S.), we anticipate that the total cost to students will be reasonable and affordable.

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. Probable topics 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.

Please be on the lookout for future announcements, and get in touch if you have questions or want to be on the list of people interested in hearing more!

SPECIAL NEW COURSE OFFERING FROM STPEC FOR SPRING 2016
CAREER PLANNING for STPEC students
STPEC 291CA: Putting Your STPEC Education to Work

Mondays 5:00-6:30
every other week beginning 01/25/16
1 credit, mandatory pass/fail Schedule # 70121

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.

Are you feeling OVERWHELMED by too many CRITIC-L EMAILS?
You can select a Digest Option, whereby you will only get one critic-l email per day, by following the instructions below. OR, you can send an email to Deborah - stpec@sbs.umass.edu – and ask her to set your account to Digest.

To select the digest option for critic-l:
Go to: List.umass.edu
Click on Manage your subscriptions
Type in your Email address
Click Forgot your password
Click submit
You’ll get an email that gives a list of all your subscription passwords
Go back to the manage your subscriptions page
Type in your Email address
Type in the appropriate password from the list
Choose Options
Change settings under Digest mode

Student Bridges Program
Student Bridges is a student-initiated outreach program that connects UMass students with local community-based organizations and schools through tutoring-mentoring partnerships, college awareness activities, and policy advocacy. The program has primarily partnered with schools and programs in the Holyoke-Springfield area. For more information: visit www.studentbridges.org - stop by 420 Student Union – call 413 545-1288 – or email umbridge@stuaf.umass.edu.
**Upcoming STPEC Events:**

**Michaelann Bewsee of ARISE for Social Justice**

Monday, November 9  
11:15am-12:45pm  
917 Campus Center

In 1985 a group of women on welfare organized Arise for Social Justice to support the rights of low-income people in Springfield, MA. Twenty-seven years later, Arise continues to work to provide direct services to people in need and to organize Springfield residents—especially poor, homeless, at-risk, unemployed, and otherwise marginalized people—to tackle the deep-rooted causes of poverty in their city.

Arise is currently focusing on three areas, all of which would benefit from the assistance of committed student interns: housing and homelessness; environmental health and climate justice; and reforming the criminal justice system. In tackling these three inter-related issues Arise is helping to create a vision of what a just, sustainable Springfield would look like.

**OUT NOW**

Monday, November 23  
11:15am-12:45pm  
917 Campus Center

Since 1995, Out Now has been the only youth organization in Springfield, MA dedicated to supporting the agency of our queer families. Out Now provides a safe space for queer youth & allies to learn about themselves, create performance art, develop leadership skills, explore the history of the LGBTQ movement, and much more.

Out Now Programs include: Harm Reduction Education, Our Liberation! Theatre, QUEST, Youth Leadership Training, Drop-In Safe Space.

Out Now Campaigns: Community Coalition for Justice, Springfield Pride, Stop the Hate Coalition Help us continue to support and empower LGBTQ youth, and let’s continue to struggle for liberation together!

**VOX: Students for Reproductive Justice**

**VOX is looking for interested students to submit pieces for and/or participate in a STUDENT MONOLOGUE PERFORMANCE**

VOX is a UMass RSO which is allied with Planned Parenthood. VOX’s primary focus is on community education and reproductive justice for all.

VOX is currently planning its very first student monologue performance; Nostras Voces (which is Latin for “Our Voices”). Nostras Voces will be performed in March of 2016. This is a two semester commitment because of the submission and audition dates, however spring semester is when this commitment will really be intensive.

Interested students can submit their pieces or any other questions to nostrasvoces.umass@gmail.com or to hhewson@umass.edu. The submission deadline for pieces is December 1st, and we will be announcing which pieces were chosen by December 7th at the latest. Performance auditions will be held December 7th and 8th.

Submissions should be centered around one or more of a student's identities and a story or experience that is tied to their identities. There aren't any restrictions as far as language or content, although if your piece contains copious amounts of slurs/triggering words, you may be asked to edit. Writers who submit their work are not obligated to perform their piece; we will be auditioning performers in December to match them with pieces that are not being performed by their writer. We will accept monologues, spoken word, slam poetry, songs/music, dance, etc. Pieces should not exceed 15 minutes. Any questions, please contact Haley Hewson, hhewson@umass.edu.

Students who are interested in joining VOX can come to our weekly meetings, Wednesdays at 7:00 in the Student Union Room 407. You can email us at voxumass@gmail.com or check out our page on Facebook.

**CUNY PROGRAMS ON SOCIAL CHANGE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE**

CUNY’s Murphy Institute offers two unique programs that provide students with tools for leadership, scholarship, and advocacy: **New York Union Semester and the Masters of Arts Degree in Labor Studies. NY Union Semester** offers a mentored internship at a union or worker organization, in addition to 4 outstanding classes. In the **MA in Labor Studies**, students examine the history, debates and challenges affecting workers and unions, from an interdisciplinary perspective. More info available at: www.sps.cuny.edu/institutes/jsmi.
All About the STPEC Internship Requirement  
(STPEC 498Y)

All STPEC majors are required to complete a 3 or more credit graded internship before graduation. 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. In order for such an internship to count, it must be graded, worth three or more credits, and involve at least 100 hours of work. In addition you must have written an analytical paper of at least twelve pages based on your experience, which you must submit to Katherine for approval.

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 get approval, or you may find that you have to stick around for an extra semester!

PRAXIS

Katherine will once again be offering Praxis (STPEC 497P (2 credits, does NOT fulfill I.E.) or STPEC 494PI (3 credits, fulfills I.E. requirement). This optional course helps students to further explore the relationship between theory and practice and offers practical guidance on writing the Internship papers. You may register for STPEC 494PI on-line. Students taking STPEC 497P will not be able to take STPEC 494PI at a later date. To register for STPEC 497P 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?

In addition to being a unique academic program in terms of critical focus, we have one of the few consensus-run majors in the nation, where staff and students create the program along side one another. Interning with the STPEC office staff is one way students can help create a participatory major, supporting a community conducive to critical thought and social change, as well as contributing to continually rethinking and revising our 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.

STPEC Office Staff Internship

Register for STPEC 198Y: STPEC Office Staff
2 credits pass/fail

Mandatory weekly meeting time is
Mondays 2:30-4:00 pm.

Additional requirements include 5 hours per week of STPEC Office work time. Please check the syllabus or speak with Deborah or Katherine in the STPEC Office for more details on this internship.

Jobs with The Fund for the Public Interest!

The Fund for the Public Interest is hiring graduating seniors for full-time, Citizen Outreach Director positions.

“The Fund” partners with leading nonprofit groups from around the country, providing the kind of people power it takes to build organizations for the long-term, win hard-fought campaigns, and make real change on some of the most important issues of our day. We are looking for smart, motivated students who want to get their hands dirty and make a real impact on some of the most critical issues facing our society. You can learn more, and submit an application on www.fundjobs.org.
IMPACT National Conference  
*February 18 - 21, 2016  UMass, Amherst*

This is a great opportunity to get experience with conference presentation, build important skills to put on your resume, network with other students and professionals, and share your ideas and research/work at a NATIONAL conference that is being hosted right here at UMASS!

The IMPACT National Conference is an annual gathering of college students from all over the country, professionals in the non-profit sector and campus administrators who are interested in issues of social justice, advocacy, activism, service, civic engagement and social change and want to share best practices, experiences, stories, and resources in their work for social change.

**This year, UMASS is hosting the conference.**

There will be a special conference registration rate for UMASS students who wish to attend the entire conference.

Students are invited to submit Workshop Proposals for the 2016 IMPACT National Conference. You can submit through the online form at [http://www.impactconference.org/workshops/call-for-workshop-proposals/](http://www.impactconference.org/workshops/call-for-workshop-proposals/)

Please submit your proposal(s) by Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time. Proposals will be evaluated and you will be notified of their status by Friday, December 4, 2015.

If you have questions about putting together a proposal for a workshop, please contact Rebecca Bell (rlbell@umass.edu) for assistance.

**Workshop Categories:**
- Service-Learning & Community-Based Research
- Community Service Programs
- Issues & Advocacy
- Leadership & Professional Development
- Alternative Break Programs
- Administrators Track
- Volunteer Management

For more information or to browse workshops from previous conferences, visit [www.impactconference.org](http://www.impactconference.org).

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18th Annual Eqbal Ahmad Lecture  
*Louis Perez and Wayne Smith discuss U.S.-Cuba Relations: Past, Present and Future*  
**November 5 at 4 p.m**  
**Hampshire College Robert Crown Center**  
*free and open to the public*

Professor Louis Perez is considered by many to be one of the most eminent historians of Cuban American relations. His most recent work is The Structure of Cuban History; Meanings and Purpose of the Past. Dr. Perez is the J. Carlyle Sitterson Professor of History and Director the Institute for the Study of the Americas at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Wayne Smith was in the U.S. embassy in Havana when the Cuban Revolution took power in 1959 and remained until it was closed in 1961. One of the State Department’s foremost experts on Cuba, in 1977 President Carter appointed him first chief of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. From 1992 to 2015 Mr. Smith was head of the Latin America Rights & Cuba Project at the Center for International Policy.

The annual Eqbal Ahmad Lecture honors the teaching, scholarship, and activism of the late Eqbal Ahmad, who was a longtime Hampshire College professor. For further information, please email jlcPR@hampshire.edu.

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Career Services Events for November

**Mini Law School Fair**
*Tuesday, November 3rd, 4:00 - 7:00 pm*  
Commonwealth Honors College Events Hall

**International Careers Panel and Networking Event**
*Thursday, November 12, 5:30 – 7:30pm*  
Commonwealth Honors College Events Hall

**Mock Interview Week with Employers**
*November 2 – 6, 2015*  
Career Services, Goodell 511

To register, go to the website [https://www.umass.edu/careers/log-umass-amherst-careerconnect](https://www.umass.edu/careers/log-umass-amherst-careerconnect) and log in to Career Connect. Students MUST have uploaded a resume in the system.

For details on all of these programs please go to:  
[https://www.umass.edu/careers/career-services-calendar](https://www.umass.edu/careers/career-services-calendar)