Fall 2013 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 Tyler may be made on-line through the links on the STPEC home page (www.umass.edu/stpec).

Access to the SPIRE system for registration for Fall 2013 courses begins MONDAY, APRIL 1. Students are ramped on to the system based on seniority, check SPIRE for your personal access date and time. The STPEC Recommended Course List will not be published until April 1st at the earliest. (The Fall 2013 STPEC Course Description sheet is 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!

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MEETING TIMES FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS

We will be holding meetings for new STPEC majors on April 1 & 3. 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 e-mail Sigrid Schmalzer; sigrid@history.umass.edu, STPEC Associate Director to schedule an alternate time.

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.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We are happy to welcome the following new students to the STPEC Program as of February 2013: Ashley Cote, Kayla Petone, Keanu Velez, and Daniel Zeoli.

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

We’ll see you at the

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

Friday, May 3

Potluck at 7:00; Red Star at 8:00
25 Maple Avenue, Northampton
A short walk from the central downtown bus stop.
Plenty of parking available.

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

Come and say farewell to our graduating seniors!

Other Upcoming Events

Brown Bag with Frances Crowe...
Thinking Critically about Knowledge, Power, and Food Activism...
Revisiting the Spanish Civil War...
Zube Lecture: Just Sustainabilities...
Youth Voices in the Arab World...
Arab & North Africa Music Project...
Film Screening: Latinos Beyond Reel: Challenging a Media Stereotype...

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!
Fall 2013 Registration and Advising Notes continued

All STPEC seminars and Junior Writing will be on-line until May 1st. Please be sure to register before May 1st for the classes you want - after May 1st we reserve the right to take classes off-line if they are full or almost full. Once a STPEC seminar is taken off-line you will need to fill out a STPEC add request form and wait until September to find out if you are in the class!

★ Praxis: If you’d like to sign up for the regular 2 credit Praxis (497P) which will NOT count for the I.E. Gen Ed requirement you may do so on SPIRE. To register for the 3 credit Praxis (494PI) which WILL 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. this year please be sure to sign up for 494PI!

STPEC Independent Studies, Internships, and Praxis I.E. will be off-line. Please contact Katherine Mallory to add Internships or Praxis and Deborah Reiter to add Independent Studies.

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

★ To register for an Independent Study, fill out a STPEC Independent Study Form. 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).

Sophomores may add themselves to a request list for Junior Writing by filling out a STPEC course add request form available from the STPEC Office. The add request form may also be used to request a STPEC course which you have been unable to add on SPIRE for other reasons. On May 1st we will review these written requests and add additional students to courses based on course enrollment size and special student needs. If you do not receive the STPEC course you have put in a written request for, you may attempt to add the course again by filling out an add request form in the STPEC office during the first week of the Fall 2013 semester.

Did you know....
Depending on the topic, some STPEC Senior Seminars can be used to fill a STPEC upper level requirement. For this semester both STPEC 491H, TransNational Politics of Memory, and STPEC 492H, Revisioning the New Deal, may be used to fulfill the upper level Social Theory requirement. Senior Seminars used in this way cannot be used to fulfill the senior seminar requirement at the same time.

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.

STUDENTS NEEDED FOR THE STPEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!!

STPEC students have the opportunity as majors 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 2013 semester please speak to Tyler or Deborah in the STPEC office.

Spring 2013 Student Executive Committee Members
Brunet,Gabriel A. - Praxis
Carroll,Wilson T - 493H
Colbert,Joshua Warren - 492H
Feinberg,Robert Matthew – 392H
Kelly,Laura Kathleen - 493H
Lamory,Kevin Edward (at large)
Lynch,Liam Keller - 493H; student staff
Whitcomb-Detmold,Rose - 391H, 491H

STPEC’s final full Executive Committee meeting will be held Friday, April 26th from 3:00-6:00 pm in Machmer E-23.
STPEC Activist Brown Bag Lunch Series

Please join us for the final speaker in our STPEC Activist Brown Bag Lunch Series. The series is open to the general public, so please bring your friends.

Frances Crowe
Northampton Committee to Stop the Wars
April 10th
11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Campus Center 162-175

Tireless activist Frances Crowe will turn 94 years old in 2013. Judges won’t send her to jail anymore, but she keeps risking arrest in her struggles against war and for social justice and environmental sustainability.

Light refreshments will be served, but you are encouraged to bring a lunch.

For more details please see the STPEC web-site: www.umass.edu/stpec

Thinking Critically about Knowledge, Power, and Food Activism

A Half-Day Workshop with Panels, a Light Meal, and Lively Conversation

April 8th, 2013
10:00 am - 1:30 pm
Cape Cod Lounge

Food activists broadly agree that there is an intimate relationship between the political system of corporate capitalism and the dominant forms that agriculture and food distribution take in the contemporary United States, which are characterized by monoculture, reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and glaring inequities in access to nutritious foods. If problematic political systems produce unsustainable and inequitable agriculture and food systems, what are the alternatives? Can changes in political and social relations produce better agricultural practices and access to food? And from the other direction, might novel approaches to farming and food distribution actually foster more democratic and equitable social relationships? This workshop will offer presentations from local scholars and activists engaged in answering such questions using cases from afar and from right here at home.

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Sponsored by Social Thought & Political Economy (STPEC); Center for Agriculture; History Department; Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning & Architecture and Design; UMass Alliance for Community Transformation (UACT)

REVISITING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Sebastiaan Faber on:

Contemporary debates among Spanish historians and intellectuals about how to appropriate, interpret, remember and memorialize the Spanish Civil War (1936-39).

Memory Battles of the Spanish Civil War: History, Fiction, Photography
April 3rd at 7:00 pm
Dewey Common Room, Smith College

Historians behaving Badly: The Perpetual Polemics about the Spanish Civil War
April 4th at 6:00 pm (pizza at 5:30)
Herter 601, UMass Amherst

Sebastiaan Faber is Professor of Hispanic Studies and Chair of Latin American Studies at Oberlin College, Director of the Oberlin Center for Languages and Cultures, and Chair of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives. He is a leading expert on representations of the Spanish Civil War and intellectual debates concerning historical memory in Spain.

Sponsored by Smith College’s Lecture Fund and Programa de Estudios Hispanicos in Cordoba, Spain (PRESHCO), and the University of Massachusetts’ Spanish and Portuguese Department and Social Thought and Political Economy (STPEC) Program.

CPPA SUMMER COURSES

This summer, the UMass Amherst Center for Public Policy and Administration at UMass Amherst is offering two online courses that may be of interest to students and others in the Five College Women’s Studies community.

PUBP&ADM 697S/397S: LGBT Social Science and Public Policy Issues; Session 1: May 20 - June 28
This course analyzes the use of social science research in public policy debates and court cases related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in the U.S. and other countries.

PUBP&ADM 697SM/397SM: Social Movements and Public Policy; Session 2: July 8 - August 16
In this course, we will examine the dynamics of social movements - analyzing the conditions that give rise to them, shape their development, and the ultimate impact that they have on politics and American society.

For more information contact Michal Lumsden, CPPA, mlumsden@pubpol.umass.edu.
Zube Lecture: Just Sustainabilities: 
Re-imagining e/quality, Living Within limits

Julian Agyeman, Professor and Chair, Urban and Policy and Planning, Tufts University
April 25 4:00 pm
Procopio Room Hills 105

Julian Agyeman is the originator of the concept of ‘just sustainabilities,’ the integration of social/spatial justice and sustainability, defined as the need to ensure a better quality of life for all, now and into the future, in a just and equitable manner, while living within the limits of supporting ecosystems.

He is co-founder and editor of Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability. His expertise and research interests critically explore aspects of the complex and embedded relations between humans and their environments, whether mediated by institutions or social movement organizations, and their effects on public policy and planning processes and outcomes, particularly in relation to notions of justice and equity.

Sponsored by The Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, UMass Amherst

“On Protest” A Research Symposium
Saturday, April 13
8:15 am - 6:00 pm
Reading Room, Campus Center
On Protest: a Research Symposium addresses current themes and debates about protest around the world. It is part of the broader set of activities led by the “Theorizing the Tahrir Moments” research group (TMRG) and is linked to the year-long graduate seminar “Comparative and Transnational Perspectives On Protest.” The symposium brings together a set of scholars with whom we will be discussing the theoretical and practical challenges of a global moment of mass political protest and the lessons from prior moments and movements. Likewise, it features independent research conducted by graduate students with an interdisciplinary focus on the Occupy movements in the US, gay pride parades in the US and elsewhere, 15M in Spain, the Icelandic Revolution, the Landless movement in Brazil, the Motherist movement against feminicides in Mexico, and the “Yo Soy 132” movement in Mexico.

For more details please see the UMass Events Calendar.

Film Screening: Latinos Beyond Reel: 
Challenging a Media Stereotype
A Documentary from the Media Education Foundation
Tuesday, April 9
7:00 pm
Thompson 106
A Q&A with Mari Castañeda, who appears in the film and is Associate Professor of Communication at UMass Amherst, will immediately follow. STPEC co-sponsors.
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 497P: 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. Students may also take this as STPEC 494PI, a 3 credit course which fulfills the I.E. Gen Ed requirement. 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, Katherine or Tyler in the STPEC Office.

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/

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You’re all set! - any problems or concerns please contact Deborah in the STPEC Program Office.