A warm welcome to Michael Ash, the new Acting STPEC Program Director, and Sigrid Schmalzer, the new Acting Associate Director.

Michael Ash is also currently the Chair of the Department of Economics. His professional website can be found at: http://people.umass.edu/maash/

Sigrid Schmalzer is an Associate Professor in the Department of History. Her professional website can be found at: http://www.sigrid-schmalzer.org/prof/

The search for our new position of STPEC ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR is on!!!

This year we will be conducting a national search for our new position of STPEC Associate Director. The Associate Director will be a faculty member with a doctorate in a discipline related to STPEC and will teach one semester each of the STPEC Seminar series and one other STPEC requirement. He/she will also be responsible for curriculum and pedagogy, recruitment and outreach, career counseling and grad school advising, and alumni relations and will help the Director with other STPEC-related tasks.

We’ll be conducting this search during the fall and winter months and will keep you posted on how you can participate.

To see the official job listing please click the link on the STPEC homepage: www.umass.edu/stpec.

WELCOME BACK!

STPEC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 13
3:00-6:00 pm
In the STPEC Office

Come meet our new Acting Program Director and Acting Associate Director
Reconnect with Office Staff and other STPEC students
Pizza and snacks provided
Open to all

MEETING TIMES FOR NEW STPEC MAJORS

We will be holding meetings for new STPEC majors on Monday, September 17th through Thursday, September 20th. If you are a new STPEC student 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 Associate 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 good way to meet new STPEC students! Please see Deborah in the STPEC Office if you’d like to help - or just show up!

Join the STPEC Student Group on Facebook!
http://tinyurl.com/stpecstudents
ADD/DROP NOTES

All STPEC seminars are currently available on SPIRE. If SPIRE will not let you add the desired class on-line, please come into the STPEC Office and fill out a STPEC Add Form before the second meeting of the course in order to add it.

- 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, please see page 4.
- Praxis: If you’d like to sign up for the regular 2 credit Praxis (497P) which will NOT count for the I.E. 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!
- 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). **You will also need to have attended the first two class meetings in order for us to consider your add request.**
- Students who would like to serve on STPEC’s Executive Committee should register on SPIRE for STPEC 291X. Please see page 3 for more details.

INCOMPLETES IN STPEC 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 Tyler about your situation.

STPEC Fall Equinox Potluck/Party

**Thursday, September 27th** 7:00 pm
Kevin Lamory’s place in Northampton, on Maple Avenue near the Northampton Brewery.
A great excuse to get out of Amherst, meet other STPEC students, cut loose and enjoy the beginning of another semester.

STPEC Office Staff Internship

To register for STPEC 298Y section 4: STPEC Office Staff, please speak to Deborah Reiter, Katherine Mallory, or Tyler Rocco-Chaffee in the STPEC Office. For more details on the STPEC Student Office Staff Internship, please see page 3 or ask a staff member for a syllabus.

STPEC Staff and Instructors for Fall 2012:

**Acting Program Director**  
Michael Ash

**Acting Associate Program Director**  
Sigrid Schmalzer

**Chief Academic Advisor and Internship Director**  
Katherine Mallory

**Assistant Academic Advisor**  
Tyler Rocco-Chaffee

**Program Coordinator**  
Deborah Reiter  
Eve Weinbaum

**Junior Writing Instructor**  
Ethan Myers  
Antonia Carcelén  
Sreela Sarkar

**Seminar I Instructor**  
Antonia Carcelén

**Seminar II Instructor**  
Sreela Sarkar

**and a warm welcome to our Senior Seminar Instructors:**

**Preston Smith**, an Associate Professor of Politics at Mount Holyoke College, will teach STPEC 491H: Urban Political Economy;

**Michael Aleo**, practicing employment, civil rights and personal injury lawyer, and STPEC alumnus, will teach STPEC 492H: Public Policy Perspectives from the Left, Right, and Center: The Constitution, the Congress, the Courts, and the Blogs;

**Anna Schrade**, a Five College Associate and cultural anthropologist focusing on European minority cultures, will teach STPEC 493H: Art, Activism and Minority Cultures in Contemporary Europe.

WANT TO JOIN THE STPEC OFFICE STAFF?
The first STPEC Office staff meeting will be on **Thursday, September 6 from 2:30-4:00 pm in the STPEC Program Office**. If you’d like to join the STPEC office staff (and help run the STPEC Program for academic credit) please see page 3 for more details or talk to Deborah, Katherine or Tyler in the STPEC Office.
STUDENTS NEEDED FOR THE STPEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!

STPEC students have the opportunity as majors not only to make decisions themselves 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.

Students wishing to serve on Executive Committee should register for STPEC 291X, 1 credit, pass/fail. Please read the course syllabus before registering for this credit. The syllabus is available in the STPEC Office or on the STPEC website under People in STPEC/Executive Committee. In order to receive a P in this course, students will need to attend ALL of the student and full executive committee meetings, which are listed on the syllabus and on SPIRE, and meet the responsibilities outlined in the bylaws and on the syllabus.

Serving on Executive Committee is a great way to network, gain experience, and have a real impact on your education. You will learn real, transferable skills pertaining to meeting facilitation and participation, make decisions horizontally with faculty and staff, as well as add a valuable credential to your résumé. Students in 291X are expected to serve as a link between the Executive Committee and the STPEC student body. This connection is essential to building a strong, active, and informed STPEC community.

Course requirements
1. Attend the orientation session to be held at the first meeting of Student Representatives.
2. Attend all Student Representative and Executive Committee meetings.
3. Review the minutes of the previous Executive Committee or Student Rep meeting.
4. Deliver weekly announcements to your designated STPEC course.
5. If enrolled in a STPEC course, facilitate a 15 minute forum prior to both full Executive Committee meetings.
6. Adhere within reason to past or documented Student Representative and Executive Committee protocol.

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.

So, if you would like to participate in creating the present and future of your STPEC major through advising, envisioning, collaborating and working with our educational counterparts, you please talk to Deborah, Tyler 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, September 6 from 2:30-4:00 pm in the STPEC Program 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.

ATTENTION NEW MEDIA MAVENS AND SOCIAL NETWORK NEPOTS!
Information on (hopefully) every STPEC event will be posted on the STPEC FACEBOOK FAN PAGE! Search for STPEC on Facebook and “like” us to get updates!
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 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. 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 talk to Katherine, or you may find that you have to stick around for an extra semester!

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. This course will offer practical guidance on writing the Internship papers. You may register for STPEC 497P on-line. Students taking STPEC 497P will not be able to take STPEC 494PI at a later date. To register for STPEC 494PI 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.

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

Move to Amend New England!

Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30, 2012
First Churches of Northampton
29 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060

This event will bring you together with Move to Amend activists and supporters from throughout New England and the surrounding region, and will be a valuable opportunity to:

- Receive training in the skills you’ll need to organize more effectively in your community and beyond;
- Strategize how best to build this movement on the local, state, regional, and national levels; and
- Network, brainstorm, and cross-pollinate with other Move to Amend groups and supporters in the New England region.

For more information and the convergence schedule: http://movetoamend.org/events/western-ma-move-amend-new-england-regional-convergence

Looking for an internship, fellowship, grant, volunteer opportunity or job?

Check out the Peace and Collaborative Development website: http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/

This site is managed by a STPEC alum!

A SOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS:

STPEC SWEATS and Ts

Just a reminder that we still have STPEC t-shirts (both black on red and red on black), and a few leftover sweatshirts, for sale in the STPEC Office. See a STPEC office staff member if you want one!
Bill McKibben, Jail Notes: The Fight for the Planet Starts to Quicken
The Second Annual Immanuel-Grace Lecture
Friday, September 7, 2012    7:00 p.m.
Johnson Chapel, Amherst College

A renowned author, speaker, and activist, McKibben popularized the term “global warming” and founded 350.org, the online network that organized history’s largest environmental protest. Heralded in 2012 by TIME magazine as “one of environmentalism’s most powerful voices,” McKibben was the subject of a recent front-cover article in The Boston Globe Magazine, entitled, “Can This Man Save the Planet?”

Truth and Reconciliation, History and Justice
Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series
Fall 2012
Presented by the History Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Events include:
Symposium: Indigenous Peoples and Truth and Reconciliation
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 10:00-12:30 & 2:00-4:00
Keynote Speaker: James Anaya - U.N. Special Rapporteur on Indigenous People
Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:00-8:30
Panel: Truth and Reconciliation in Comparative Perspective
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 4:00-6:00
Lecture: “Exploring Community Healing in the Aftermath of Violence: Learning from Rwanda”
Monday, Oct. 15, 7:00-8:30
Facing the Truth (film on South Africa TRC)
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:00-9:00
Greensboro: Closer to the Truth
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:00-9:00
Lecture: Seeking Truth, Justice, Equity and Healing in Greensboro, N.C. 
Thursday, Nov. 1, 7:00-8:30
Panel: Is the U.S. Ready for Truth and Reconciliation?
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 4:30-6:30
Capstone Panel: History and Truth, Reconciliation and Justice:
Wed., Dec. 5, 4:00-6:00

For more information please go to: http://www.umass.edu/history/about/feinbergseries.html

CLIMATE ACTION NOW conference
Fast Forward Future
Sept 9, 2012    1:00-5:00 pm
First Congregational Church, Amherst

This follow-up conference will include workshops on sustainability, anti-corporate and anti-nuclear organizing, and divesting from fossil fuel companies along with a break-out group on student organizing specifically aimed at getting the colleges to divest of stocks in nuclear energy, coal, oil, and gas. If you are interested in participating please contact organizer Tom Davies at tdavies@amherst.edu or check out the website at http://climateactionnowma.org/

CRITIC-L: STPEC ON-LINE
Not yet on the STPEC discussion list-serv? You can use this list to discuss hot topics, find jobs and internships, references and help in courses, or just chat with other STPEC students. The STPEC Office will also be using the list to inform you about events and other announcements. Some of the many departmental decisions we will have to make may end up being discussed on-line as well. To sign up for critic-l send your request to stpec@sbs.umass.edu. This list is for STPEC students, alums, staff and instructors only.

Stonewall Center Open House
Thursday, Sept. 6, 5-7 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Kick off the school year by visiting the campus LGBTQA center and meeting new and returning lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students and allies. Vegetarian dinner provided.

Glow-Out Party
LGBTQ and Ally Welcome Back Dance
Friday, Sept. 7, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Fine Arts Center Lobby

Free, with glow bracelets and glow in the dark fabric pens provided (wear something washable). Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing
Wednesday, Sept. 12, Noon-3:30 p.m.
101 Campus Center

No appointment necessary and no blood is involved, just oral swabs. An HIV test will take about 20 minutes. Testing is conducted by Tapestry Health. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.
The Writing Program will be giving a placement test, Sept. 4 at 6:00 pm in Bartlett 206. This test is a pre-req for enrollment in English Writing 112. Registration for the test is not required. For more information please go to: http://www.umass.edu/writingprogram/