UMass CALLS and CEPA
Outline

- Why Leadership and Engagement?
- UMass CALLS
- CEPA
- Conclusion and Questions
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

- The wealthiest 62 people in the world have about the same amount of wealth as half of the world’s population (Oxfam 2016 report)
- The wealthiest 1% have more wealth than the rest of the world put together.
- (Oxfam 2016 report)
- School to Prison Pipeline
- Criminal Justice System
- Record Student Debt

ECOLOGICAL CRISIS

Toxic Waste, Deforestation, Water Quality and so on.
“We change through our collaborations...the important stuff for life on earth happens in those transformations, not in the decision trees of self-contained individuals” (Tsing 2016).

“Collaboration is work across difference, yet this is not the innocent diversity of self contained evolutionary tracks. The evolution of our “selves” is already polluted by histories of encounter; we are mixed up with others before we even begin any new collaborations. Worse yet, we are mixed up in the projects that do us the most harm. The diversity that allows us to enter collaborations emerges from histories of extermination, imperialism, and all the rest” (Tsing 2016).
Engaging Communities and Developing Leaders

We know CE and Leadership Development works

- Students Learn More (Gallini and Moely 2003)

- Learn “higher order” skills (Cress 2004)
  - “Soft Skills” that employers covet

- Social and emotional skills; develop desires for social change (Bernacki and Jaeger 2008).
1) Social Change Orientation

2) University and community partnerships, not just resources

3) Authentic Relationships—learn how we are interconnected through difference and power

Openings and pathways for all students
UMass Community Action Through Leadership, Learning, and Service

- Lead UMass + Volunteer UMass = UMass CALLS

- Rearticulate and Integrate (Social Change Orientation)

- Grow the program: numbers, increase collaborations, deepen student learning experiences (Strong Partnerships and Authentic Relationships)

- Create openings and a trajectory: meet students where they are
Decenters the individual and centers collaboration and social change

- Individual competencies and values developed in concrete projects

- Interpersonal (intersubjective) transformations happen in shared projects
Programs and Projects

- General Volunteer-Service Placement and Connection
- Mass Impact
- Community Service Resources Fair
- Leadership Reception
- Take The Lead
- Women's Leadership Breakfast
- Leadership Conference
- Service Reception
- Alternative Spring Break: Inequality and Poverty

New
- GTC Volunteer Days
- Stone Soup Volunteer Days
- Alternative Spring Break: Food Justice
- Clinton Global Initiative University
- Global Pathways Student Panels
- MLK Day Film Screening and Dialogue
- Public Health-Honors College-UMass CALLS Independent Studies
- CESL Foundations Course

In Process
- GTC Youth Leadership Day
- UTAC Leadership Development
- CESL Foundations Course
- Dubois Homestead
GARDENING THE COMMUNITY

STONE SOUP
Intentionality and Direction

- Story of Steve
- Leadership Conference

Collaborate for Change 2016
Student Leadership Conference Saturday, February 27
#BlackLivesMatter
Boston Labor Council

Kandace Montgomery is an unapologetically fierce black, queer, feminist, organizer who is done with intentional oppression placed on her people for the sake of corporate profit and to uphold white supremacy. Now, she is part of the lead team of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and is working with all the amazing, powerful, beautiful black folks across the region and nation to shut down business as usual, heal and build collectively, and demand that ALL Black Lives Matter.

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Search "Leadership Conference on Campus Pulse Registration link is on the page umassamherst.collegiatelink.net/organization/volunteerumass/calendar/details/120833

Questions:
Agency of the SGA

- SGA
- SLSO
- CEPA
Student Driven
Training and advocacy agency
Mission
- Fosters a campus environment that is inclusive of and responsive to the diverse needs of students from different cultures and backgrounds.
- Utilizes grassroots direct action organizing, policy, and research to engage students in dialogues to propose alternatives to the administration.
“When you teach people to advocate for themselves, they will learn to advocate for others.” – Septima Clark
Education, Leadership, & Action

- Create Entry Points & Pathways for Involvement
- Build Campus Partnerships
- Encourage Engagement with the Administration
- Participation in National Student Organizations
- Build Networks
- Focus on Intersectionality
- Sharing Model of Change

- Core Teams
- Trainings
- Internships & Academic site placements
- Lobby Day
- Million Student March
- Leadership Conference
- Institutional Advisory Boards
- Feedback on institutional policies
- Student coalition space
- Calling-In Call-Out Culture
- United States Student Assoc.
- National Student Power Summit
- DIVEST Student Network
- IMPACT Conference
- Student Activist Research Conference
Alumni – Where are they Now?

- Advocating for worker justice
- Educating in low-income communities
- Organizing for labor rights
- Addressing the housing crisis
- Working for Immigrant rights
- Leading national campaigns on student debt
- Supporting reconciliation between Israel & Palestine
- Working as Legislative Aides
Conclusion

- Centers on creating collaborations
- Develop individual competencies
- Allow students to articulate personal and shared values
- Support interpersonal transformations to occur through shared projects
Questions