

# SOCIAL SCIENCE MATTERS

## PERSPECTIVES ON RESISTANCE

A series of presentations showcasing social science contributions to critical issues facing society



### PANEL: THEORY AND PRACTICE OF DIRECT ACTION

September 17, 2015, 6:00pm (Reception), 6:30pm (Panel) | Cape Cod Lounge, UMass Student Union

Karen Gladden and Rose Smith (Springfield No One Leaves), Vanessa Gonzalez (activist and social worker), Randy Kehler (organizer and activist), Paki Wieland (organizer and activist)

Sponsor: Social Thought and Political Economy

### THE STATE OF RESISTANCE STUDIES - THE FIELD AND ITS CHALLENGES

September 23, 2015, 12:00pm | Hadley Room, UMass Campus Center 10th Floor

Stellan Vinthagen, Endowed Chair in the Study of Nonviolent Direct Action and Civil Resistance and editor of the Journal of Resistance Studies

Sponsors: Sociology and the Psychology Peace and Violence Program



### THE UPRISINGS - A MULTIMEDIA LECTURE

October 15, 2015, 6:00pm | ILC 350 Screening Hall

Maple J. Razsa, ethnographer and filmmaker and the author of "Bastards of Utopia: Living Radical Politics After Socialism"

Sponsor: Anthropology

### BUILDING CULTURAL POWER

October 20, 2015, 4:00pm | Amherst Room, UMass Campus Center 10th Floor

Rashad Robinson is the executive director of ColorOfChange, the nation's largest online civil rights organization

Sponsor: The Center for Public Policy and Administration



### THE DOUBLE REVOLUTION: WOMEN, THE MIDDLE EAST AND GLOBAL FEMINISM

October 26, 2015, 4:00pm | Amherst Room, UMass Campus Center 10th Floor

Mona Eltahawy, columnist on Arab and Muslim issues and global feminism and author of "Headscarves and Hymens: Why the Middle East Needs a Sexual Revolution"

Sponsor: Journalism



### I'LL MAKE A MAN OUT OF YOU: REDEFINING STRONG FEMALE CHARACTERS

November 4, 2015, 4:00pm | UMass Student Union Ballroom

Anita Sarkeesian, pop culture media critic and the creator of Feminist Frequency

Sponsors: Communication, Computer Science, English, Sociology, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



### RETHINKING OCCUPY: 99 PERCENT POLITICS AND 1 PERCENT POWER

November 19, 2015, 5:00pm | Campus Center, Room 904-08

Michael Gould-Wartofsky, author of "The Occupiers: The Making of the 99 Percent Movement" New York University Department of Sociology

Sponsor: Labor Studies

### RESISTANCE IN SYRIA AND THE ONGOING POLITICAL AND HUMAN CRISIS

November 2015, Time and Location TBA

Omar Dahi (Hampshire College Professor of Economics) and Steven Heydemann (Former VP, Applied Research on Conflict, U.S. Institute of Peace; Smith College Professor of Middle Eastern Studies). Moderator: David Mednicoff (UMass Amherst Director of Middle Eastern Studies)

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### 2016 SPRING SERIES

This themed series, underwritten by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will continue in the spring with speakers **Lionel Perez**, **James Crotty**, **Anwar Shaikh**, **Nancy Folbre**, **David Kotz**, **Paul Amar** and other distinguished social scientists sharing their perspectives on resistance.

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