

Summer Institute on Civic Engagement & Political Activism  
June 13-24, 2005

## Program

### Sunday June 12

- Noon-6:00 Registration and Dorm Check-in [Williston Hall]
- 5:00-6:30 Dinner [Valentine Hall]\*
- 6:30-8:00 Dessert Picnic in Campus Quadrangle
- 8:00-9:30 Informal Gathering [Williston Hall, First Floor Lounge]
- “Why we are here and what do we expect to learn?”*
- Julie Ajinkya**, New Voices Fellow/Grassroots Outreach Coordinator, Foreign Policy in Focus, Institute for Policy Studies

### Monday June 13

- 9:00-10:30 Orientation Session [Alumni House]
- Amrita Basu** and **Kristin Bumiller**, Amherst College
- 10:45-12:00 Seminar
- Mobilizing Democracy*** (See reading list)
- Amrita Basu** and **Kristin Bumiller**
- 2:00-4:30 Keynote Speaker [Alumni House]
- Francis Fox Piven**, CUNY Graduate Center
- Introduction: **Martha Ackelsberg**, Government Department, Smith College
- 6:00-9:00 Dinner [Kristin Bumiller’s House]
- Welcoming Address: **Anthony Marx**, President Amherst College

## Tuesday June 14

- 9:00-10:30 Seminar [Alumni House]  
***Democratizing Communities: Poverty, Criminalization and Epidemic***  
(See reading list)
- 11:00-2:00 Speaker [Alumni House]  
**Phill Wilson**, Executive Director, Black AIDS Institute  
Lunch with Phill Wilson [Lewis-Sebring]
- 2:00-6:00 Community Trip to Holyoke, MA  
**CEPA (Centro de Educacion, Prevencion y Accion)**
- 8:30-9:30 Informal Gathering [Williston, First Floor Lounge]  
*"Identifying Activists: Who am I and what difference does it make for my activism?"*  
**Julie Ajinkya**

## Wednesday June 15

- 10:30-Noon Seminar [Alumni House]  
***Theories of Participatory Democracy***  
(See reading list)  
**Amrita Basu and Kristin Bumiller**
- 1:00- 2:30 Organizing Workshop [Fayerweather Hall]  
(See supplemental syllabus)  
**Marshall Ganz**, JFK School of Government, Harvard University  
Session 1: Introduction: Learning, Leadership, and Organizing
- 3:00-4:45 Organizing Workshop [Fayerweather Hall]  
Session 2: Relationships
- Working Dinner Meetings: What do we care about?
- 7:00-8:30 Facilitation Meetings [Fayerweather Hall]

## **Thursday June 16**

- 9:00-11:00 Organizing Workshop [Fayerweather Hall]  
Session 3: Interpreting Why: Values, Motivation, Narrative
- 2:00-4:00 Session 4: Interpreting How: Resources, Deliberation, and Strategy
- 6:30-8:30 Dinner [Alumni House]

## **Friday June 17**

- 9:00-11:00 Organizing Workshop [Fayerweather Hall]  
Session 5: Action: Making it Happen!
- Noon—Saturday morning Students carry out “actions”

## **Saturday June 18**

- 1:00-3:00 Organizing Workshop [Fayerweather Hall]  
Session 6: Conclusion: Reflection, Leadership Development, Evaluation
- 6:00-7:30 Dinner [Kristin Bumiller’s House]
- 7:30-9:00 Performance [Webster Studio Three]

### **Climbing Poe Tree**

## **Sunday June 19**

- Open Recreational Outings in Local Area
- 7:30-10:00 Film [Fayerweather Hall]  
*“The Revolution Will Not Be Televised”*

## Monday June 20

9:00-10:00

Global Citizenship Workshop [Alumni House]  
(See supplemental syllabus)

**Amrita Basu, Kristin Bumiller, and Julie Ajinkya**

Session 1: Overview and Issue Identification

10:00-11:30

Seminar [Alumni House]

***Globalizing Democracy, Media and Networking***  
(See reading list)

**Amrita Basu and Kristin Bumiller**

2:00-4:30

Speaker [Alumni House]

**Rinku Sen**, Communications Director of Applied  
Research Center and Publisher of *Colorlines*

6:00-8:00

Dinner with Rinku Sen [Lewis-Sebring Dinning Hall]

8:30-9:30

Informal Gathering [Williston Hall, First Floor Lounge]

*"Focusing Activism: Sorting Out Political Priorities,  
Building Communities"*

**Julie Ajinkya**

## Tuesday June 21

9:00-11:00

Speaker [Alumni House]

**Sarah Mersha**, Executive Director, Direct Action for  
Rights and Equality, Providence RI

11:30-12:15

Global Citizenship Workshop [Alumni House]

Session 2: Local and Global Connections

1:30-5:00

Students work on group projects

7:30- 10:00

Film [Williston, First Floor Lounge]

### **Wednesday June 22**

- 9:00-11:00 Speaker [Alumni House]  
**Rebecca Wasserman**, American Rights at Work
- 1:30-3:00 Global Citizenship Workshop [Alumni House]  
Session 3: Information and Networking
- 3:00-Evening Students work on group projects

### **Thursday June 23**

- 10:00-Noon Speaker  
**Phyllis Bennis**, Institute for Policy Studies
- 1:30-2:30 Global Citizenship Workshop [Alumni House]  
Session 4: Strategic Planning
- 3:00-5:00 Students work on group projects

### **Friday June 24**

- 10:00-Noon Global Citizenship Workshop [Alumni House]  
Session 5: Final Presentations of Group Projects
- 1:30-3:00 Final Presentations of Group Projects (continued)
- 3:00-4:00 Evaluation of the Institute [Alumni House]
- 6:00-8:00 Closing Dinner [Lewis-Sebring Dining Hall]  
Closing Keynote  
**Catharine Newbury**, Five College Professor of Political Science and African Studies  
*“Murderous Ethnic Violence and Human Rights Activism in Africa”*

\*Unless otherwise noted all meals are served in Valentine Hall according to the following schedule: Breakfast 7:00-8:30; Lunch 11:00-1:15; Dinner 5:00-6:30.