

Summer Institute on Civic Engagement & Political Activism  
June 11-24, 2006

**Program**

**Sunday June 11**

- 12:00-6:00 Registration and Dorm Check-in [Appleton Hall]  
 5:00-6:30 Dinner [Valentine Hall]\*  
 6:30-8:00 Dessert Picnic in Campus Quadrangle  
 8:00-9:00 Informal Gathering [Appleton Hall First Floor Lounge]

**Hilton Kelly**, Amherst College

**Monday June 12**

- 10:00-12:00 Workshops [Alumni House]  
*What are our activist agendas and how can we advance them?*  
 Facilitators: **Amrita Basu** and **Kristin Bumiller**, Amherst College  
 12:00-2:00 Lunch with **Vijay Prashad** [Terrace Room]  
 2:00-4:30 Presentation/Question and Answer Session [Alumni House]  
*Student Activism Concerning Immigrant and Diasporic Issues*  
**Vijay Prashad**, Trinity College  
 6:00-9:00 Dinner [Kristin Bumiller's House]

**Tuesday June 13**

- 10:00-12:00 Presentation/Question and Answer Session [Alumni House]  
*AIDS Activism in a Transnational Perspective*  
**Phill Wilson**, Executive Director, Black AIDS Institute

- 12:00-2:00 Lunch with **Phill Wilson** [Alumni House Picnic]
- 2:00-4:00 Workshops [Alumni House]
- What's Left of the Left or How do we develop links between issues, identities, and regions of the world?*
- Facilitators: **Phill Wilson** and **Kristin Bumiller**
- 6:00-8:00 Pizza Dinner with **Phill Wilson** [Alumni House]
- 9:00- 10:30 Film: *Born Into Brothels* and *Terrors of the Night Fairies* [Appleton, First Floor Lounge]

**Wednesday June 14**

- 10:00-11:30 Presentation/Questions and Answer Session [Alumni House]
- Feminist and Anti-Feminist Movements*
- Facilitator: **Amrita Basu**
- 11:30-1:00 Lunch Speaker, **Carrie Cuthbert**, Amherst College  
*What's to Gain? Building the Movement for Human Rights in the United States* [Terrace Room]
- 1:30-3:00 *Activists for Social Justice Respond to Criminalization*
- Facilitator: **Kristin Bumiller**
- 3:15-5:00 **Information Technology and Activism Seminar** [Webster 102]
- Facilitated by **IT Staff**, Amherst College
- 7:00-8:30 **Groundwork for Group Projects** [Webster 220]
- The participants will form groups for the purpose of working on projects designed to promote activism and sustain long-term connections beyond the Institute.
- Facilitators: **Amrita Basu** and **Kristin Bumiller**

## Thursday June 15

10:00-12:00

Presentation/Question and Answer Session  
[Alumni House]

*Student Activism Concerning Darfur*

**Eric Reeves**, Smith College  
Lunch with **Eric Reeves** [Alumni House]

12:00-2:00

2:00-4:00

Workshops [Alumni House]

*What is the role of student activism in social movements and political change?*

Facilitators: **Eric Reeves** and **Amrita Basu**

7:00-8:30

Informal Session in Appleton Hall

*Community Based Initiatives: What are the dangers and the possibilities?*

**Hilton Kelly**, **Preston Smith**, Mt. Holyoke College,  
**Scott Laidlaw**, Amherst College, and **Mistinguette Smith**, Western Mass. Food Bank

## Friday June 16

10:00-12:00

Workshops [Webster 220]

*Institutionalizing Activism: How does it come about and is it desirable?*

Facilitators: **Amrita Basu** and **Kristin Bumiller**

12:00-2:00

Lunch Break

2:00-4:30

Work on Group Projects

4:30-5:00

Each group will meet for progress reports with **Kristin Bumiller** and **Hilton Kelly**

9:00- 10:30

Film [Appleton, First Floor Lounge]

## **Saturday June 17**

- Open Recreational Outings in Local Area
- 5:30-7:30 Dinner at *Taste of Amherst*
- 7:30-9:00 Performance [Frontroom, Campus Center]

### **Climbing Poe Tree**

## **Sunday June 18**

- Open Recreational Outings in Local Area
- 7:30-10:00 Film: *"The Revolution Will Not Be Televised"*  
[Fayerweather 115]

## **Monday June 19**

- 9:00 AM Bus Leaves for Cambridge, MA [Outside Valentine Hall]
- 12:00-5:00 Visit to State House with the **Union of Minority Neighborhoods**, **Horace Small**, Director
- 6:00-7:00 Reception and Buffet Dinner, Kennedy School, Harvard University
- 7:00-9:00 Organizing Workshop [See Supplementary Syllabus]
- Facilitator: **Marshall Ganz**, JFK School of Government, Harvard University and **Margaret Post**, Brandies University

Session 1: Introduction: Learning, Leadership, and Organizing

## **Tuesday June 20**

- 9:00-12:00 Session 2: Building Community: Relationships
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch Break
- 2:00-3:00 Session 3: What's at Stake: Values, Motivation and Narrative
- 3:30-6:00 Session 4: Mobilizing Power: Resources, Deliberation, and Strategy
- 6:30-8:30 Dinner Break (on your own)

### **Wednesday June 21**

8:30-10:00 Session 5: Action: Making it Happen!

Students carry out “actions”

2:00-4:00 Session 6: Conclusion: Reflection, Leadership Development and Evaluation

4:30 PM Bus Leaves for Amherst

6:30 PM Informal Dinner in Dorms

### **Thursday June 22**

10:00-12:00 Presentation/Question and Answer Session  
[Alumni House]

*Transitioning to Democracy: The Human Side of Activism*

**Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela**, University of Capetown

12:00-2:00 Lunch with **Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela** [Lewis-Sebring Dining Hall]

2:00-5:00 Work on Group Projects

7:30- 10:00 Film: *Long Day's Journey Into Night* [Appleton, First Floor Lounge]

### **Friday June 23**

10:00-12:00 Presentation of Group Projects [Converse 207]

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break

1:30-3:00 Presentation of Group Projects (continued) [Converse 207]

3:00-4:15 Wrap-up Workshop [Converse 207]

*How does student activism replenish democracy?*

Facilitators: Kristin Bumiller and Amrita Basu

4:15-4:45 Evaluation of the Institute

6:00-8:00 Alumni Dinner [Lewis-Sebring Dining Hall]  
2005 Summer Institute participants will be our honored guests

**Saturday, June 24**

9:00-12:00

Check out of Appleton Hall

\*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.