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OPENING PLENARY | 7:00 pm – 9:00pm | McConnell 103 Auditorium

**Confronting Capitalism & Climate Crisis: How Did We Get Here, and What Can We Do About It?**

with Frank Cincotta (Arise for Social Justice), Emily Kawano (Wellspring Cooperative & US Solidarity Economy Network), and Robert Pollin (Political Economy Research Institute and UMass-Amherst Economics) and music by Ben Grosscup (singer/songwriter, People's Music Network for Songs of Freedom and Struggle)

*This opening plenary will address the key questions framing the institute’s theme of “Confronting Capitalism & Climate Crisis: ‘What economic systems and policies are at the root of climate change and its unequal impacts? How can we transform those economic systems and policies to build an economy that is more just, equitable, democratic, AND sustainable? What economic myths are we up against, and how can we fight them? How are struggles for social, economic, racial, and environmental justice interconnected, and how can we build connections to combat these diverse struggles locally and worldwide?*

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WORKSHOP 1A | 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Seelye 101

**Crisis in Greece: Film Viewing of Agora Documentary and Q&A**

with Michael Ash (UMass-Amherst Economics & Public Policy)

*Viewing of the new documentary film Agora, which focuses on the roots and impacts of austerity in Greece. The viewing will be following by a Q&A discussion with Professor Michael Ash, co-author of the paper “Does High Public Debt Stifle Economic Growth?”, which famously debunked austerity economics.*

WORKSHOP 1B | 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Seelye 110

**Yes, People Care: What it takes to build an urban environmental justice movement**

with Michaelann Bewsee (Arise for Social Justice)

*It’s not that people don’t care, it’s that they don’t know how to make a difference. Learn some strategies for movement-building.*
WORKSHOP 2A | 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Seelye 101

**Ending Mountaintop Removal: A Gateway for Transition to a More Just and Sustainable Economy**

with Tricia Shapiro (author of *Mountain Justice*)

*After a brief introduction to mountaintop removal coal mining (what, where, what its effects are), we’ll see film excerpts showing MTR in action and local efforts to end it. We’ll then connect ending MTR with broader movement toward sustainability, focusing our discussion on four areas: 1) are civil disobedience tactics effective here and now? 2) avoiding violence in a time of great transition; 3) the power of walking away from ways of living that aren’t working well for us; 4) effectiveness of a “big tent” in which very different people using different tactics and approaches support one another’s efforts.*

WORKSHOP 2B | 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Seelye 110

**Talking About Basic Income Grants: An Idea, a Movement, an Antipoverty Strategy for People Currently Living in Poverty, and a Way to Prevent Future Poverty For All**

with Ann Withorn (UMass-Boston Public Policy), Jason Murphy (Elms College), and Michaelann Bewsee (Arise for Social Justice)

*Basic Income -- the proposal that the political society can and should provide an unconditional basic income guarantee (BIG) for all -- has a long history. Today, a broad based movement is growing to promote Basic Income, as both a practical policy goal and an essential element of economic and social justice -- especially in Europe and parts the "developing" world. In the US, there is increasing interest in promoting Basic Income also, as a means to systemically address poverty and increase income inequality for all. Workshop facilitators Jason, Michaelann and Ann hope that by sharing our experiences with anti-poverty and Basic Income advocacy, we will allow participants to raise questions, and surface doubts about Basic Income -- as an idea and a practical proposal. We hope to share possibilities about how BIG might connect with labor, feminist, anti-racist, and environment activism. Finally, we hope that workshop participants will bring their own insights from economic justice organizing to the discussion.*

PLENARY | 7:00 pm – 9:00pm | McConnell 103 Auditorium

**Cooperative Paths to Fossil Fuel Freedom: Stories from Community Energy Co-ops in the Co-op Power Network**

with Lynn Benander and Temistoclese Blessed Ferreira (Co-op Power)

*Where can we now access affordable, clean energy? How can we build more affordable, community-owned clean energy and increase access to it? How can we build good green jobs in resilient community enterprises? In this participatory workshop, you’ll learn how you can support your community to steward its energy resources for the common good, build its local economy, share what you’re learning and build a clear multi-race, multi-class path forward to fossil fuel freedom.*
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WORKSHOP 3A | 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Seelye 101

**Fossil Fuel Divestment: Strategies, Tactics, and Framing of a Powerful Movement**

with Jessica Debski ([Divest Salem State University from Fossil Fuels](https://www.diveststudents.org)) and Noel Healy (Salem State University)

*Howard Zinn once said, “Small acts, when multiplied by millions, can transform the world”. How does this statement relate to the current climate change movement? How can individual citizens and students play an effective role in confronting one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century? This workshop explores the power of collective action by examining the student-led fossil fuel divestment (FFD) movement. Through providing an overview of the FFD movement within US higher education we critically analyze arguments for and against divestment and present various FFD strategies and policy options. We outline how you can start/expand a FFD campaign at your school/institution. The workshop concludes with an open discussion on how FFD can connect with larger climate and social justice movements.*

WORKSHOP 4A | 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Seelye 101

**Intersectionality & Climate Justice: Building Broad Based, Cross-Issue Movements**

This participatory workshop will explore both the commonalities between diverse struggles and the ways they could be mutually supportive of each other. Workshop leaders will bring the perspectives of their own work, organizing efforts, and other relevant topics to the intersection of race, class, gender, ethnicity, and the environmental/climate justice movement. What kinds of connections - both in analysis and in strategy - do your organizations make between different forms of oppression and between different economic/racial/LGBT/climate justice struggles? Through discussion and small group work, we'll explore coalition building and ways to build a just transition.

PLENARY | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | McConnell 103 Auditorium

**Food Grabs vs. Climate Justice: How capitalists and climate deniers are locking up access to land and sea, and how Food Sovereignty movements are creating real climate solutions**

with Sara Mersha ([Grassroots International](https://www.grassrootsinternational.org)), Niaz Dorry ([Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance](https://nwamallonline.org/)), Betsy Garrold ([Food for Maine’s Future](https://foodformainesfuture.org/)), and Seth Macinko (Department of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island)

From land, water, and oceans to seeds and fish, corporations are increasing their control of the natural resources. How does this impact our food system and what is the relationship to the causes of climate change? Most importantly, what are organizing groups of family farmers and fisherpeople doing to address these threats, and build movements towards the kinds of solutions that challenge corporations, put food systems in the control of communities, and cool the planet? Join us for an exciting dialogue about local, regional, and international work for food sovereignty and climate justice!

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**WORKSHOP 5A | 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Seelye 101**

**Solidarity Economy & The Climate Crisis**

with Zara Serabian-Arthur ([SolidarityNYC](https://www.solidaritynyc.org/) & [Meerkat Media Collective](https://meerkatmedia.org/)) and Olivia Geiger ([Center for Popular Economics](https://www.centerforpopulareconomics.org/) & [SolidarityNYC](https://www.solidaritynyc.org/))

Thought leaders across the world, from Naomi Klein to the Pope, have asserted that building and strengthening cooperatives, owned and controlled by the people rather than profit-seeking corporations, should be a key element of any strategy seeking to address the perils of worldwide inequality and climate change. This workshop will place those individual cooperative enterprises within the context of the solidarity economy - an economy that recognizes our inherent interdependence, and meets human needs through economic activities that reinforce values of justice, ecological sustainability, cooperation, and democracy. Looking at examples from NYC and beyond, workshop participants will become familiar with the diversity of practices and institutions that make up the solidarity economy - from worker coops to barter networks to participatory budgeting - and will
explore together how these individual enterprises might, when joined together in networks and alliances, help move us more powerfully towards a just transition.

WORKSHOP 5B | 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Seelye 110

The TPP and its cousins: Corporate Persons vs. Human Persons
with Mehrene Larudee (UMass-Amherst Economics)

This workshop will help participants understand the Trans Pacific Partnership and its predecessors such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, as well as other agreement being negotiated with European countries and others. The workshop will emphasize the non-trade aspects of these types of agreements, and their impact on democracy, the environment, and inequality of income and power.

OPEN MIC NIGHT & Hip Hop Performance | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Seelye 106 Aud

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Climate Policy for the People
with James K. Boyce (Political Economy Research Institute & UMass-Amherst Economics)

The case for climate policy typically is made on grounds of protecting future generations. This framing of the problem neglects real opportunties for designing effective climate policies that benefit people who are alive today. Two key ways that climate policy can bring substantial immediate gains are via the air quality benefits from reduced burning of fossil fuels and via the recycling of the rent created by carbon pricing.
Speaker & Musician Bios


Lynn Benander has worked since 1996 to develop sustainable energy resources in the Northeast based on a community-ownership model. She has worked with membership groups in New England and New York representing more than two million people, interested in building affordable sustainable energy resources. As Manager of Co-op Power, she has supported the development of five solar installation businesses, Energia - a multi-family/commercial building energy services company in Holyoke MA. She has also supported the development of affordable, sustainable energy products and services for Co-op Power's members and supporters. In the future, this cooperative will go on to partner with communities around the Northeast to build solar, wind, alternative fuel and other community owned sustainable energy resources in the region. Co-op Power currently provides a wide range of energy products and services, including discounts on conservation and efficiency services, solar hot water and solar electric installations, heating oil, and a wide range of other products and services.

Michaelann Bewsee is a co-founder of Arise for Social Justice, a low-income rights organization based in Springfield. She is a single mother of two, a lifelong activist and a poet. She serves on the Jobs with Justice Executive Committee and is president of the board of directors of the Rainville, a 47-unit SRO for people leaving homelessness of which Arise was central to the founding.

James K. Boyce is a professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he directs the program on development, peacebuilding and the environment at the Political Economy Research Institute. His latest book is Economics, the Environment, and Our Common Wealth (2013).

Frank Cincotta is a 24 year old lifelong Springfield, MA resident who began volunteering with Arise for Social Justice in 2013, and was hired as an Environmental Justice Organizer in early 2015. The Arise Environmental Justice Committee is a member of the Springfield Climate Justice Coalition, a coalition of around 20 community organizations in Springfield that are organizing to influence the mayor to implement a climate action resolution that was passed through city council last year.

Jessica Debski holds a double major in geography and English at Salem State and serves as a representative for the Divest Salem State from Fossil Fuels student group. Jessica recently won the David Frost award for best paper at the 2014 NESTVAL conference.

Niaz Dorry is the coordinating director of the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance. She & her dog, Hailey, live in Gloucester, Massachusetts - the oldest settled fishing port in the U.S. Her dog Hailey is one of the lucky dogs who survived Hurricane Katrina and is Niaz’ daily reminder of all the fishing communities that are yet to be rebuilt since the Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and other disasters. Following her work on environmental justice issues as a Greenpeace toxics campaigner, Niaz began working with small-scale, traditional, and indigenous fishing communities in the U.S. and from around the globe as a Greenpeace oceans and fisheries campaigner. She then went on to working on advancing the rights and ecological benefits of the small-scale fishing communities as a means of protecting global marine biodiversity independently. Time Magazine named Niaz as a Hero For The Planet for this work. Niaz' work and approach have been noted in a number of books including Against the Tide, Deeper Shade of Green, The Spirit’s Terrain, Vanishing Species, The Great Gulf, Swimming in Circles, A Troublemaker’s Teaparty and The Doryman’s Reflection. She is a graduate of the Rockwood Leadership Program’s Leading From Inside Out.

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as a young artist Tem Blessed committed himself to building something constructive as opposed to being destructive. Seeing hip hop change and evolve throughout the years, Tem wanted to concentrate on making the world a better place. That led him to go green and lobby for a more sustainable world in addition to a better future for all of our children. Tem believes that in the music industry, sex, drugs and violence catches headlines for all the wrong reasons. With more and more new hip hop artists losing sight of importance that comes with sending a message, Tem keeps his music inspiring as well as energizing. Read more about Tem Blessed and listen to his music at: http://temblessed.com/about-tem/

Betsy Garrold - After working for 30 years as a Registered Nurse and Nurse Midwife Betsy Garrold retired and began devoting herself full-time to writing and political activism focusing on food issues especially local farming and food rights. An accomplished and energetic political activist with a solid history of achievement in the non-profit sector she currently serves on several boards including Food for Maine's Future, the Belfast Co-op and the Maine Green Independent Party. She is a worker-owner at the Fedco Seed Cooperative. During the legislative session she lobbies for the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund. In her spare time she blogs at thepopulistfarmer.wordpress.com and farms at her homestead The Shire in the dairy country of midcoast Maine.

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For 35 years I was Professor of Social Policy teaching adults at the College of Public and Community Service, UMass. Boston. This allowed me to teach, write, speak and organize -- mainly with poor women and local activists. We opposed poverty, racism and injustice of all sorts. We found ways to help people "speak their truths" and afflict the comfortable. Now I'm engaged in what I call my "Radical ReEntry," even more directly focused on income inequality. Join me.
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Global Economy Classes

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