COURSES FOR MINOR IN PUBLIC PRAXIS/SPRING 2012

The Minor in Public Praxis is in process of being revised to require 6 courses (18 credits) from among four categories: Public Praxis 1** (combining PP1 with the category of Human Rights) as a CORE/REQUIRED course; Human Values and Choice; Affluence and Poverty, and Public Praxis 11 (capping). Only one course listed here, without a specific experiential component, may count for the minor (see Project-keepers for status of course as this may change; need project-keeper permission). The courses listed must be taken with the faculty listed (or added praxis-oriented section).

Public Praxis 1** (revised), required core course of minor, encompasses Human Rights, knowledge and analysis of current world events/issues, praxis theory & public work toward public good; social movements & entrepreneurship; the multiplicity of human efforts toward a just and humane world; the theory of nonviolence and both civic and religious nonviolent actions; achievement of solidarity among class participants and those with whom students work. The course is offered thematically. In spring 2012, the PP1 course is listed as PP1: Resistance, Hope & Human Rights.

Note: Mar may be taking students to Calcutta during Winter Break to attend a seminar at the University of Calcutta on human trafficking (includes anti-trafficking work) and to participate in the Sree Durga dump Project (part of Public Praxis’ Calcutta Children’s Project). See Mar if interested.

PUBLIC PRAXIS 1** (Human Rights)
REST 320/Soc 320 Public Praxis 1: Resistance, Hope, & Human Rights – Mar Peter-Raoul

HUMAN VALUES AND CHOICE
PHIL 103 World Views and Values – Mar Peter-Raoul
REST 300 Judaeo-Christian Scriptures – Brother Frank Kelly
REST 245 Jesus & Discipleship – Brother Frank Kelly
SOC 220 Sociology & Religion – Bruce Luske
ENSC 392 Campus Environmental Sustainability – Richard Feldman
PSYC 222 Community Psychology – Robin Torres
REST 209 World Religions – Marie Ronconi
ENG 117 College Writing 11 – Joseph Zeppetello
ARAB 293 ST: Women in the Arab World – N. Hajjaj
POSC 245 Politics of Prejudice – JoAnne Myers
POSC 110 American National Government – Lynn Eckert/JoAnne Myers
In addition to the courses listed above, students should also be encouraged to speak to their professors and to the Public Praxis ProjectKeepers about the possibility of adding a Praxis component to an existing course that would allow it to qualify for credit toward the Public Praxis Minor.

* May be taken for either category, Public Praxis1 or Affluence & Poverty, but can only count once. During the transition to the revised minor, both minors who have taken a Human Rights course and non-minors, can take this course under Affluence & Poverty.

**Public Praxis1 – as required, core course of the minor in public praxis will include:


THEORY AND PRACTICE OF NON-VIOLENCE – study of the prodigious work on non-violence theory and practice (both civic and religious) of Harvard scholar Gene Sharp; the civil rights movement in the U.S., other non-violent social movements; 1984 non-violent revolution in Philippines; Gandhi’s theory and work in India; Denmark during Nazi occupation.

WORLD CONTEXT – becoming conscious of egregious poverty, inequality, slavery, trafficking, genocide, torture, Israeli/Palestinian conflict, terrorism, with consideration of moral imperatives AND projects, programs, individuals, governments, Colleges and Universities, the
United Nations, working to rid the world of poverty, trafficking, slavery.....aiming to advance a more humane world.

PUBLIC/GLOBAL PRAXIS WORK – students will participate in experiential public praxis work, learn socio-political and economic analysis, write critical public documents to inform public consciousness, compose effective advocacy letters, hold round-table discourse on current work, initiate and craft public events such as the 2010 campus-wide Haiti Solidarity Day.