

**Marist Praxis Project for Public Citizenship  
Praxis/Citizenship Sites – 2008-2009**

The following contacts would welcome student participants, but students may also propose original praxis work, or choose to explore a religious tradition outside of the student's own tradition. Especially valuable at this moment in history would be to explore Islam – both a scholarly and experiential exploration (research, attending a mosque, and interviewing practitioners, including an Imam). If you are doing praxis work as part of a Praxis/Public Citizenship course, please discuss your selection briefly with your professor and then call the appropriate contact. A commitment of at least twelve hours of public experiential work per course throughout the term is the usual requirement. While requirements vary from course to course, please remember that Praxis/Public Citizenship work requires an integration of experiential work with written work that includes critical reflection, scholarly references, multi-layered analysis, course connections, and some form of public-directed writing. For additional questions speak with your Instructor. If you are interested in the **Minor in Public Praxis/Citizenship** please contact a Praxis Project-keeper, Bruce Luske x2981 or [Bruce.Luske@Marist.edu](mailto:Bruce.Luske@Marist.edu) or Mar Peter-Raoul x2181 or [Mar.Peter-Raoul@Marist.edu](mailto:Mar.Peter-Raoul@Marist.edu).

**Citizenship Watch:** Meeting time to be determined with interested students. Usually 9-10p in FN 105 one evening a week. Campus and community-wide invitation to watch critical **film** and participate in Round-table discussions on civic matters of importance. The intention is to gain civic awareness among *Citizenship Watch* members and in some way to inform wider public consciousness. Contact Dawn Condit at [DawnJoyCondit@Yahoo.com](mailto:DawnJoyCondit@Yahoo.com) or Anthony Antonecchia at [Anthony.Antonecchia1@Marist.edu](mailto:Anthony.Antonecchia1@Marist.edu).

**Scenic Hudson:** Poughkeepsie, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 200. Environmental projects and fieldwork. Lisa Lynch, 473-4440 x117.

**Salvation Army:** Adult Rehabilitation Center, 570 Main St. Work alongside community people helping with thrift store, working in warehouse. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Henry Hampton, 471-1730.

**Rural and Migrant Ministry:** Hudson Valley, 360 Noxon Rd. Service projects and advocacy for migrant workers. Rev. Richard Witt, 485-8627 [RcyriiWitt@aol.com](mailto:RcyriiWitt@aol.com).

**Progressive Coalition:** Poughkeepsie. Political advocacy for social well-being. Joel Tyner, 876-2488. [joeltyner@earthlink.net](mailto:joeltyner@earthlink.net) Bring your own cause.

**Peace Events:** Amenia World Peace Sanctuary, 26 Benton Rd., Wassaic. Help organize monthly peace events. This group works with the UN and brings entertainers & artists together with local community. Jamie Anson 877-6093, [Jami@WorldPeace.org](mailto:Jami@WorldPeace.org).

**Operation Christmas Child:** Work at local collection center November 13-20 or Students can enlist others and make shoeboxes of items for poor children to be given at Christmastime. Might collaborate with colleges throughout the Northeast. Contact Northeast Office: Dana Stark 518-357-2284, 2568 Western Ave. Altamont, N.Y. Also see [SamaritansPurse.org](http://SamaritansPurse.org)

**Marist Computer Project:** Campus. Recycle computers and mentor new owners Prof Don Kelly 2618 OCCASIONAL semesters. For tutoring other students in computer science contact Prof. Helen Hayes x2603

**Interfaith Vigil:** 144 Franklin Street. Poughkeepsie, NY. Sharing prayers, songs, readings, contemplative silence, and concerns. One-hour weekly, Fri. 11-Noon Dr. Mar Peter-Raoul, x2181.

**Hillcrest House Shelter:** First Congregational Church, 269 Mill St. for required orientation, then to the shelter for overnight stays, but not for help with meals. Linda Malave, Project Director, 452-5197.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Renovate and build housing for selected families. Usually Saturdays. Marist Club Phone, x7910. Dutchess County, 221-0126.

**Grace Smith House:** Poughkeepsie. Support activities for abused women and children: sort clothes & toys, upkeep, delivery, yard work, etc., child care. No client contact. Weekdays & Evenings. Laurie Benton, Shelter Director, 471-3038.

**Good Counsel, Inc.:** Shelter for Women, 38 N. Clinton. Tutor and/or help with craft workshops, child care. Computer mentors & GED tutoring needed. Weekday Evenings & Saturday Mornings. Carolyn Garrett, House Director 452-2944 ext. 101

**Global Outreach (Spring):** Work with Marist Brothers at one of their global ministry locations. Spring Break. Campus Minister Katie Sullivan x2359, and Bro. Frank Kelly, x2275.

**ADVOCACY - Krieger After-School Program** Krieger Elementary, 265 Hooker Ave . Creative work and mentoring with community/inner city youth, grades K-6. Site Coordinator, Roberta Petrone, 845.518.1805 or 845.452.1110 x3125. Funding was recently cut and children who need the program the most are not getting it. Roberta Petrone desperately needs help in continuing this program and would like all the students she can get. This is a great opportunity to really get involved, create an activity with the kids, and have fun. **ADVOCATE FOR PROGRAM FUNDING WITH LEGISLATORS AND RAISE PUBLIC CONCERN.** Google - Lights On Alliance for After School Programs and Champions for Change sites.

**Crisis Pregnancy Support:** Carenet Pregnancy Center, 226 Church Street. Help with multiple tasks, shop garage sales, sort clothes, make posters, newsletters, etc. 471-9284.

**Clearwater:** Hudson River Sloop, 112 Market St. Environmental advocacy, education, and celebration. Weekdays 9-5, Occasional Weekends. Contact: **General Volunteer Opportunities:** Adrienne Pettit [adrienne@clearwater.org](mailto:adrienne@clearwater.org) 845-454-7673 x101. **Volunteering on the Sloop:** Brian Mohan [brian@clearwater.org](mailto:brian@clearwater.org) 845-454-7673 x105

**Campus Ministries:** Marist College, Byrne House. Various service projects in local schools, day care, YMCA, soup kitchen, and weekend City Plunge in Lawrence, MA or Bronx, NY. Please call early in the semester--*before* mid-term. Mostly weekdays, some evenings and weekends. Campus Minister Katie Sullivan x2359,

**Beulah Soup Kitchen:** Beulah Baptist Church, 92 Catherine St. Help cook, serve meals, set up tables, lay out donated clothing, and clean up. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Doris Brown, 471-1883.

**Astor Early Childhood Programs:** Astor Center, 50 Delafield St. Assist teaching staff in preschool classrooms. Mon.-Thu. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dawn Castoe, 452-7726 or Martha Nichol, 452-7726.

**After School Program:** *Catherine Street Community Center*, 69 Catharine St. Assisting with educational and recreational activities for elementary age children. Mon.-Fri. 2:30-6:00. Kathleen Murphy, 473-2272.

**Project Marist Meals:** M-R evenings. Transport Marist meals to Hillcrest shelter. Charlie Soechtig x5116. Needs a coordinator. Interested?

**Lunch Box (Dutchess Outreach):** help serve at daily soup kitchen. 29 N. Hamilton Street (around back). Carol Beck 454 3792.

**Calcutta Children Project:** adopt the Sree Durga dump where children sort through garbage, without shoes, to collect plastic and “valuable” stuff to sell for supper. Exchange pictures, talk with kids on phone, collect items/funds to ease their poverty, get to know Christopher Ratan Das, whose humanitarian heart beats across the world and who does what he can for the destitute children. Contact: Dr. Mar Peter-Raoul, Mar.Peter-Raoul@Marist.edu.

**The Workers’ Rights Law Center of New York, Inc. (“WRLC”):** A non-profit law office located in Kingston that provides free legal services to indigent low-wage workers in nine counties in the Hudson Valley region. The WRLC’s work is focused in the areas of wage and hour laws, workplace safety, anti-discrimination laws, civil rights, and human rights, including labor trafficking. Contact: Lara Kasper-Buckareff (Attorney) (845) 331-6615 [lbuckareff@wnylc.com](mailto:lbuckareff@wnylc.com)

**Liberty Partnerships Programs:** Offering comprehensive pre-collegiate/dropout prevention programs and services to youth in Urban, Rural and Suburban communities of Western New York, Finger Lakes, Central New York, Southern Tier, North Country, Mohawk Valley, Capital District, Mid-Hudson Valley, NYC and Long Island. Contact: Susan Repko (845) 454-4199. Fax: (845) 454-9195. [susan.repko@marist.edu](mailto:susan.repko@marist.edu)

**SEED:** Environmental stewardship student group at Marist College. Contact: Jackie Boer, [Jacalyn.Boer1@marist.edu](mailto:Jacalyn.Boer1@marist.edu) or Melissa Ginsberg, [Melissa.Ginsburg1@marist.edu](mailto:Melissa.Ginsburg1@marist.edu)

**Fox P.A.W.:** Volunteers at the Dutchess County Animal Shelter and Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary. Contact: Maxine Presto at [Maxine.Presto1@marist.edu](mailto:Maxine.Presto1@marist.edu)

**Food Not Bombs:** Food Not Bombs is a movement striving to end hunger and food waste while bringing people of various classes, races, cultures, sexes and political/world views together. Together with Marist students and Poughkeepsie residents we gather food weekly and cook on Saturdays for a potluck style meal at various locations in Poughkeepsie (usually the lunchbox at the Family Partnership Center). here is the website if you like <http://www.foodnotbombs.net/> Contact: Suzanne Sweetnam, [susweetnam@vassar.edu](mailto:susweetnam@vassar.edu)

**Green Teen:** Volunteers welcomed after school to garden, cook, and learn about the food system with community youth (Wednesdays from 3:15 to 6). Contact: Bria White, [bhw34@cornell.edu](mailto:bhw34@cornell.edu)

**The Poughkeepsie Farm Project:** Volunteer farming at a non-profit, 10 acre, vegetable, fruit, and herb, urban farm in Poughkeepsie. hours for Sept. : (M,W, F 2-5) (T,R 7-10) (Sat 6:30-9:30, 10-1) Oct. and Nov. : (M,W, F 2-5), (T, R 8-11), (Sat 10-1). Contact: Wendy and Asher **Burkhart-Spiegel**, [wendyandasher@hotmail.com](mailto:wendyandasher@hotmail.com)

**Catharine Street Community Center:** Poughkeepsie’s oldest community center. Participation welcomed for Morning and Afterschool educational, cultural, and health program sessions. 2 years college experience required. Contact: Kathleen Murphy (845) 473-2272 ext. 14 .

**Real Food Challenge:** is focused on building a nationwide movement around changing the food system, if you would like to get involved but are unsure of where to start, visit the ideas page (<http://realfoodchallenge.org/action-ideas>) The Real Food Challenge is sponsoring a national month of action for student leaders and they’d love to have you involved. As we witness a growing obesity epidemic, soaring food prices, labor abuses in the fields, and the degradation of our land and water, it’s becoming obvious that our food system is in crisis. Government and big business have failed to step up to the challenge,with business-as-usual prevailing. Real change is coming from the grassroots and students are leading the way! Contact: Hannah Kullberg, 503-970-8045.