The Civil Liberties and Public Policy program:

Summer Leadership Institute

Photos (clockwise from top left): Serena Garcia, Mia Mingus, and Marlene Gerber Fried in a discussion about global carrying capacity; Gwendolyn Carter and Maxwell Ciardullo mapping out their strategies for resilience and sustainability; Alanna Butler and Kira Laffe during a picnic at a nearby lake; and Gwendolyn Carter, Hadley Smith, Cara Page, Laura Kaplan, and Alanna Butler during an interactive exercise on population control.
Thank you for your interest in the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program’s Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), part of the New Leadership Networking Initiative (NLNI).

The sixth NLNI Summer Leadership Institute will be held from Tuesday, June 21 through Friday, June 24, 2011, at Rensselaerville Meeting Center in Rensselaerville, NY. For participants without professional development or travel funds through their own organizations, CLPP will pay for travel and lodging.

NLNI’s mission is to support, connect and train new leaders who are building a diverse reproductive justice movement. As with other CLPP projects, NLNI takes a broad understanding of reproductive justice that emphasizes the intersections of reproductive rights and other aspects of social justice. SLI provides time out from daily on-the-job urgencies and offers the opportunity for strategy and project design. SLI further deepens the skills-building process by engaging current NLNI members and past Institute participants as mentors and presenters. In addition, SLI features intergenerational exchange through “Lifetimes of Activism” sessions in which life-long activists discuss the strategies, challenges and success of their work.

In practice, the 2011 SLI will be an activist’s mini-retreat that is intended to incubate, inspire, enhance, and advance projects and collaborations addressing the current fronts of struggle within the reproductive justice movement. The 2011 SLI will provide an opportunity for activists, organizers, and advocates to bring their projects or collaborations – in process or newly conceived – together with others from across the country. Participants, trainers, and mentors will provide each other with valuable input to help move projects and collaborations forward. SLI will feature trainings, facilitated reflection exercises, and intergenerational mentoring in order to support project and collaboration development over the course of the week. Participants will leave with an Action Plan to move their project or collaboration forward in various ways.

To propose a project or collaboration for support through SLI, please submit an application using the attached forms, listing up to three individuals who are available to attend the retreat together. The application deadline is Friday, April 29, 2011, with selections made by May 4th. We will give preference in selection to people who have attended a previous NLNI meeting, especially those who can illustrate their project or collaboration is an outgrowth of participation in NLNI, and to people who have never attended a previous Summer Leadership Institute. (Not meeting these criteria will not preclude you from eligibility.)

This year, since the application process is collaborative, we only require one application per project or collaboration; each member of the collaboration or project team must co-sign a Statement of Commitment which is included in the application. We also request that when possible, someone in a support role to each collaborator (at their organization) sign a Statement of Support, also included in the application.

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 29, 2011**

Submit a complete copy of your application including a cover sheet, project description, personal statements, résumés, statement of commitment and statements of support by Friday, April 29, 2011, by postal mail, fax, or email. Please do not staple the pages together.

Please send your completed application to: Corinna Yazbek, CLPP Hampshire College 893 West St. Amherst, MA 01002 Email: cyazbek@hampshire.edu, Fax: 413.559.5826
Application Cover Sheet

Names, titles and organizational affiliations of up to three collaborators:

1. ____________________________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________________________

Email addresses and/or phone numbers:

1. ____________________________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________________________

1. Gender: ___________ Age: ______ Race/Ethnicity: ________________________________

2. Gender: ___________ Age: ______ Race/Ethnicity: ________________________________

3. Gender: ___________ Age: ______ Race/Ethnicity: ________________________________

Title of project: __________________________________________________________________________________

Brief description of project (approximately 225 words):
I. Project Description: Please write 2-3 pages about the project or collaboration you’d like to work on at Summer Leadership Institute. This should include:

- An overall description of the project or collaboration, including its history, current status, and future goals.
- Current opportunities and obstacles you’re facing (these can be political, fiscal, cultural, etc.).
- Identify the specific ways you hope your project or collaboration will evolve over the course of the week from the trainings and time spent working in person together at SLI.

II. Personal Statement: Please write for each collaborator a one-page statement to tell us about yourselves and why you’re interested in participating in the Summer Leadership Institute. Your personal statement should answer the following questions:

- What drives you to do this work?
- What do you hope is your future in the reproductive justice (or related) movement? Where would you like to be in 5 years?
- Why do you want to participate in the Summer Leadership Institute? What do you hope to gain from it? What would you bring to it?
- If you are a current NLNI member, how long have you been a part of the network? What impact has NLNI had on your work, your thinking, or your development as an advocate or leader?

III. Résumé: A copy of each collaborator’s current résumé (one page), which includes current and past activist work, paid and volunteer.

IV. Participant Statement of Commitment: A commitment agreement is included with this application and must be signed by everyone applying to come to the SLI as part of your collaboration or project.

V. Sponsor Statement of Support: A statement of support is included with this application and one copy for each applicant should be signed by the applicant and someone in a support or supervisory role to them at their organization. This is to help ensure each participant is supported to continue working on their project or collaboration after the SLI.

For CLPP use only:

Date received: ______________ Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No Accept: ☐ Yes ☐ No
PARTICIPANTS’ STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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CLPP seeks to nurture, support, and help sustain leaders who will achieve this wider vision of justice. Therefore, CLPP requires Institute participants to commit to taking their collaboration or project back home in some way appropriate to their organizations, communities, and movements. Following the Institute, and periodically over the next year, CLPP staff will contact participants to find out how this experience has affected participants and their work as described in their project or collaboration proposal.

For accepted applicants without professional development or travel funds in their budget, CLPP will pay all travel expenses and conference fees that include training, lodging and all meals at the retreat center.

Please complete the sections below:
We, the undersigned, agree to bring a project or collaboration to SLI 2011 in order to further develop it over the course of the Institute. We understand that after SLI, CLPP staff will contact us to inquire about the status and growth of our project or collaboration. By signing this agreement, we agree to support each other’s efforts to collaborate on the project described in the application.

1. ____________________________________ X ________________________________
   Printed name of applicant                              Signature of Applicant

2. ____________________________________ X ________________________________
   Printed name of applicant                              Signature of Applicant

3. ____________________________________ X ________________________________
   Printed name of applicant                              Signature of Applicant

Please contact Corinna Yazbek with any questions regarding this agreement at 413.559.5859 or by email at cyazbek@hampshire.edu.
SPONSOR STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
*Please complete one Sponsor Statement of Support for each person applying to come to SLI.

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As part of this agreement, CLPP requests all member organizations to provide paid leave for staff who have been selected to attend the Institute, so that they do not have to use vacation time to work on their project or collaboration.

Please complete the sections below:

I, ________________________________________________ [print sponsor name and title]

agree to support the participation of ___________________________ [print participant name]

in the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program’s Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) from June 21-24, 2011, at the Rensselaerville Meeting Center in Rensselaerville, NY.

By signing this agreement, I agree to support the participant’s efforts over the next year to move forward the project or collaboration the participant is bringing to work on during the 2011 SLI. I also agree to provide information to CLPP staff over the next year regarding the participant’s progress in implementing their Action Plan.

X ___________________________________________ X _________________________________

Signature of Sponsor

Signature of Applicant

Dated: _____________ Dated: _____________

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