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CLPP and PopDev Host 26th Annual Reproductive Justice Conference

Two campus-based non-profit groups, Civil Liberties and Public Policy (http://clpp.hampshire.edu) and Population and Development (http://popdev.hampshire.edu), will hold their 26th annual activist conference at Hampshire College on April 13-15, 2012. The conference, From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom, will focus on broadening the fight for reproductive health and rights through connections with many social justice issues. Approximately 1,000 community activists, students, and national and international leaders are expected to attend.

More than 150 speakers and 75 conference workshops will highlight successful examples of activism and discuss how struggles for reproductive and sexual rights are intricately linked to movements for economic, social, and environmental justice. Topics of workshops and strategic action sessions include abortion access in the U.S. and internationally, climate justice, anti-foreclosure activism, media making and storytelling, the politics of population control, and organizing around the 2012 elections.

The three-day conference begins Friday afternoon, April 13, at Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College. Friday workshops will run from 4 to 6 p.m., and will be followed by Breaking Silences: An Abortion Speak Out, at 7:30 p.m. Workshops and plenaries continue on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon. For a list of conference speakers and workshops, or to register, visit http://clpp.hampshire.edu/conference. Conference registration is offered on a sliding scale.

Student conference co-coordinators are available for interviews: contact Lauren Casey or Yasmine El Baggari at 413-559-6834 or clpp@hampshire.edu. Conference speakers are also available for interviews upon request. Speakers include advocates working in diverse communities across the U.S. as well as Germany, Bolivia, Korea, Canada, Dominican Republic, Mexico, U.K., and multiple First Nations communities including Tewa and Lakota.