

URPE Newsletter

Union for Radical Political Economics

2005 URPE Summer Workshop/Retreat

Alternatives!

August 20-23, 2005

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 3:00 - 4:00 Steering Committee Meeting
- 4:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS AND CONTINUES ALL WEEKEND
- 5:00 RECEPTION/INTRODUCTION TO URPE
- 6:00 - 7:00 DINNER
- 7:00 - 9:00 **PLENARY 1: POLICY ALTERNATIVES**
- Policy Implications of No Child Left Behind.* Susan Williams McElroy, Professor of Economics, University of Texas at Dallas
- Be Utopian. Demand the Realistic.* Bob Pollin, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Co-director of the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI)
- Labor Policy: What are the Questions?* Gil Skillman, Professor of Economics, Wesleyan University. Author most recently with Joyce Jacobsen of *Labor Markets and Employment Relationships*
- 9:15 - 11:00 Music, Entertainment

SUNDAY AUGUST 21

- 7:45 - 8:45 BREAKFAST
- 8:50 - 10:50 **PLENARY 2: RESTRUCTURING SOCIAL RELATIONS**
- The Transformative Moment: Personal Healing and the Restructuring of Economic Relations.* Julie Matthaei, Professor of Economics, Wellesley College

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URPE

The Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE) is a membership organization of academics and activists who share an interest in a radical analysis of political and economic topics. Founded in 1968, URPE's members use this analysis to advance various progressive political and social agendas. URPE publishes the *Review of Radical Political Economics*, runs a set of presentations at the academic professional meetings of the Allied Social Science Associations, sponsors a resource/speakers bureau called *Economy Connection*, and holds a Summer Conference on political and economic topics at a family-friendly summer camp in Connecticut. Its members are active in a wide array of professional and activist projects.

The URPE Newsletter

The **URPE Newsletter** is published quarterly by the Union for Radical Political Economics. The Newsletter is a place for URPE members to publish shorter articles and speeches as well as make announcements of upcoming events that might be of interest to other members. Articles and announcements can be sent to the Newsletter Editor in the body of an e-mail message, or as an attached file; send to paddyquick@aol.com, or by regular mail to: *Paddy Quick, Economics Department, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn NY 11201.*

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Deadlines for submission to Newsletter are January 7 for Winter issue; April 7 for Spring issue; July 1 for Summer issue, and October 7 for Fall issue.

(Plenary 2 - continued)

Commodity Fetishism: A Concept for Organizing Sweatshop Labor. John Miller, Professor of Economics, Wheaton College

Re-embedding the Rural Economy: Social Capital, Economic Justice, and Environmental Stewardship. Héctor Sáez, Professor of Economics, Community Development and Applied Economics Program and Environmental Program, University of Vermont

11:00 - 12:00 Morning Workshops and Panels

Site A: *Reading the Business Press.* Danny Luce and Paddy Quick

Site B: *From Edward Bellamy to the Computerized Job Market: Century-Spanning Proposals for Full Employment and a Shorter Work-Week.* Jenny Brown

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH

12:00 Women's Caucus meeting (over lunch)

1:00 - 1:50 RECREATION. Swim, boat, hike, relax with your friends, enjoy life and the beautiful camp

2:00 - 3:00 Afternoon Workshops and Panels

Site A: *A Monopoly Model of Accounting Fraud.* Laura Ebert

Site B: *Agents for Socialism and Community: Flirting with Aristotle* (co-organized with the AESA) Ted Burczak and Philip Kozel

2:30 - 4:00 Business Meeting (including vote on proposed bylaws amendment - see below.)

4:15 - 5:45. DAVID GORDON LECTURE

THE FUTURE WITHIN THE PRESENT: Seven Theses for a Robust 21st - Century Socialism.

David Laibman, Professor of Economics, Brooklyn College and Graduate School CUNY, and Editor of *Science & Society*

6:00 - 7:00 DINNER

7:00 - 9:00 PLENARY 3: ALTERNATIVES TO CAPITALISM

How Do We Begin to Get Serious About an American Transitional Strategy? Gar Alperovitz, Professor of Political Economy, University of Maryland. Author most recently of

Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming Our Wealth, Our Liberty and Our Democracy

New Possibilities for a Democratic Planned Economy. Allin Cottrell, Professor of Economics, Wake Forest University

Participatory Economics. Robin Hahnel, Professor of Economics, American University.

Author most recently of *Economic Justice and Democracy: From Competition to Cooperation*

9:15 - 11:00. Music, Entertainment

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:45 - 8:45 BREAKFAST

Morning Workshops and Panels

9:00 - 10:15

Site A: *A Class Analysis of Socialism and Communism: What was the USSR?* (co-organized with the AESA). Steven Resnick and Richard Wolff

10:30 - 11:45

Site A: *A Student Centered/Constructivist/Contextual Learning Model: Unemployment/Outsourcing/Globalization.* Ed Ford and Dan Leclerc

Site B: (goes to 12:00) *Literature as Political Economy.* Julian Markels and Patty Lee Parmalee

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH

12:00 Graduate Students Meeting (over lunch)

1:00 - 2:30 RECREATION. Swim, boat, hike, relax with your friends, enjoy life and the beautiful camp.

Afternoon Workshops and Panels

2:30 - 3:30.

Site A: *Conceptualizing the Working Class When it is Unemployed*. Marie Duggan

Site B: *Rural Development and Neoliberalism in Central America*. Michael Courville

3:45 - 4:45

Site A: *Unions and Globalization*. Stephan Edel

Site B: *Living Simple and Confronting Consumerism*. Germai Medhanie

5:00 - 6:00

Site A: *Documentaries as an Agent for Social Change*. Joan Sekler

Site B: *The Future of New Immigrants Then and Now. A Case Study, New Haven*. Germai Medhanie

6:00 - 7:00 DINNER

7:00 - 9:00 **PLENARY 4: GRADUATE STUDENTS AND HETERODOX ECONOMICS**

9:15 - 11:00 Radical Folk Music

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:45 - 8:45 BREAKFAST

Morning Workshops and Panels

9:00 - 10:15

Site A: *The Job Market for Economists*. Laurie Nisonoff and Paddy Quick

Site B: *Cuba Update*. Susan Metz and Al Campbell

10:30 - 11:45

Site A: *Marxism and Today's Economic Problems*. Al Campbell, David Laibman and Fred Moseley

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH

END OF CONFERENCE - SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The following proposed amendment will be submitted to the URPE membership for a vote on Sunday August 21, 2005 at the Summer Conference Business Meeting. The URPE bylaws mandate a discussion of any proposed amendment, and a formal call for such a discussion was made in the Spring 2005 Newsletter. Considerable discussion had taken place prior to this, and all comments relating to the proposed amendment were printed in the Spring Newsletter. These comments are also available on the URPE website (www.urpe.org). No additional comments have been received since then. Members who wish to contribute to the discussion by having their contributions posted on the urpe website should send them to: al@economics.utah.edu

Current Language

Art. VIII, D. Election to the SC and the [Editorial] Board shall be held at the annual membership meeting unless an alternative procedure is announced at least sixty days in advance of the elections. All current members are eligible to vote in both elections.

Proposed amendment to the by-laws: (Substitute language in italics)

Art. VIII, D. *Elections of members of the SC and Editorial Board shall be held by mail ballots distributed to all members. A call for candidates and list of vacant positions will be made available to members at least 60 days before the election closes; candidates will be announced to all members at least 30 days before the deadline for voting.* All current members are eligible to vote in both elections.

URPE News and Announcements

REPORT FROM THE URPE STEERING COMMITTEE

Steering Committee Elections

There will be four (4) vacancies on the 12-person Steering Committee to be filled by elections this summer. Three of these positions are at-large and one is the Women's Caucus position. The term of office is 3 years. The continuing members (with the dates of their terms of office) are:

Cyrus Bina (04-07)
Lester Henry (03-06)
Paddy Quick (03-06)

Al Campbell (03-06)
Doug Koritz (04-07)
Alfredo Saad Filho (04-07)

Graham Cassano (04-07)
Laurie Nisonoff (03-06)

Thanks to those who are leaving the Steering Committee, Peter Bohmer, Robert Kemp, Patty Lee Parmalee and Ellen Frank (Women's Caucus Rep), for their service.

URPE members wishing to run for election to the Steering Committee must submit a statement of under 1000 words. The statement must include all 7 of the following items:

- (a) Your name and an address at which you can be contacted (by email, postal mail and/or telephone.)
- (b) Name of one URPE member who is nominating you.
- (c) Years during which you have been a member of URPE.
- (d) Highlights of work and avocations
- (e) Highlights of academic/activist accomplishments.
- (f) Your own ideas regarding the most important tasks for the Steering Committee in the upcoming and subsequent years.
- (g) The amount of work you expect to be able to do for URPE and any specific tasks that you would like to work on.

The procedure for electing the Women's Caucus representative is understood to be the responsibility of the Women's Caucus.

In response to the concerns of members who are unable to attend the Summer Conference, elections for at-large positions will take place through mail ballot. Nominations for at-large positions will be accepted up to the end of the URPE Summer Conference, August 22, 2005. Elections will take place through a mail ballot which will be sent to all members immediately following the Summer Conference. The mailing will include the statements of all nominees.

RUN FOR THE URPE SC!

The Steering Committee always needs people with ideas on how to strengthen our fight against mainstream economics and against the unjust society it justifies. We need people with energy and time to carry out their ideas. In particular right now for the new Steering Committee we need someone very interested in working with graduate students to involve them in URPE and make URPE even more relevant to their needs, and we need a Treasurer, someone to continue the process of tightening up URPE's finances to free up the resources we need for the many opportunities we have in today's world. But please don't think that is all we need—we need people looking to carry out any project to strengthen URPE, strengthen the fight against mainstream economics, and strengthen the fight for economic justice.

REPORT FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR OF THE REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS

2004 GOLDEN PENCIL AWARD

Hazel Dayton Gunn

I am pleased to announce the recipient of the "prestigious" 2004 Golden Pencil Award: John Willoughby of American University. The Golden Pencil is the much coveted award that goes to the editorial board member who, in the opinion of the managing editor, has contributed the most to the journal above and beyond the normal work of the editorial board. John has served a total of 10 years on the board (and 3 on the steering committee). A seemingly mild mannered Clark Kent sort of person, he is among the first to respond to a call for help. His real contribution in recent history is as an ambassador of peace while serving on two special issue collectives: Iran and globalization. Both collectives had rather strong personalities (reviewers as well as authors), and on more than one occasion John managed to calm volatile situations. One reason John rejoined the editorial board was to promote articles dealing with the Middle East and Africa, and to this end he has been successful. Our thanks to "our man in Washington," John Willoughby.

BOSTON ASSA TOUR AND PANEL

Hazel Dayton Gunn

The RRPE sponsored Boston ASSA tour destination will be the Lowell National Historical Park, which preserves and interprets the history of the American Industrial Revolution through historic cotton textile mills. A bus will depart the URPE conference hotel on January 5, 2006, at 1p; during the approximately 50 minute drive to Lowell, Ron Applegate, a labor historian who worked at UMass/Lowell before moving to Cornell's Industrial and Labor Relations School, will give us some background information on what we are to see. Once on site, Gray Fitzsimmons, a historian with the National Park Service, will lead our group through the exhibit. On our way back into Boston, Gil Skillman of Wesleyan University will entertain and enlighten us with labor songs accompanied by his guitar. We should be back in the city by 4p.

Following the bus tour there will be a roundtable discussion (4p-5:30p) on the state of labor today. Randy Albelda of UMass/Boston will moderate. Panelists are Thea Lee (AFL-CIO trade lobbyist), Jim Green (UMass/Boston labor historian), Susan Moir (Director of the Labor Research Center at UMass/Boston), and Chuck Turner (Boston City Councillor and labor activist for workers of color).

If you wish to participate in the tour, please send \$30.00 to Hazel Dayton Gunn, Managing Editor RRPE, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, 106 W. Sibley Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. I am still working on ideas for an appropriate restaurant for dinner following the panel. We hope to see you in Beantown.

Thanks. Hazel

SYLLABI

It is getting to the beginning of a new semester, and those of you who teach and who modify your syllabi as you go along (or even write them as you go along!) should have them about finished for the new semester. Please send them to me now (before you forget!). We are slowly building up a healthy base of syllabi on our web site that we can all draw on when we set out to teach some heterodox topic that we have not taught before.

In solidarity,
Al [Al@economics.utah.edu]

Update on Economy Connection, URPE's Resource/Speakers Bureau

by Ruthie Indeck, Coordinator (201-792-7459 or soapbox@comcast.net)

More Talks on Social Security

The URPE website now has a page of Social Security Resources! It includes books, articles, descriptions of talks, music, websites and organizing tools. See www.urpe.org/social_security.htm. If you have given a talk on Social Security or if you are willing to do so in the future, please contact Economy Connection. And if you have written articles, or have come across terrific articles by other people, please send the articles or links to them.

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"Social Security was the most brilliant and enduring creation of the New Deal, and is now the prime target," said Sumner Rosen on April 20 at a Staten Island Town Meeting hosted by activist and Wagner College History Professor Emeritus George Rappaport. Under the New Deal the government was considered to be the "protector of those who need protection against the capitalist economy." Sumner said that "demography is not destiny," and that it was foolish to make economic projections 40 years ahead. The real problem, Sumner asserted, is that there are too few workers with jobs at decent pay, and there is too little job security. If we put Social Security at risk, retirees will become another large flow of workers to the low-income labor market. Sumner called the US the "world champ in poverty and inequality" among the developed countries. Those who are attacking Social Security now, he said, are the same people who promoted the idea of Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq. "These are people for whom ideology trumps reality all the time." The genius of their strategy of promoting voluntary accounts is that it separates workers from other workers, and divides the generations, rather than strengthening a social contract.

The other two panelists, representing diverging viewpoints, were Lois Aronstein, NY State Director of AARP, and Philip Swagel of the American Enterprise Institute and formerly of the White House Council of Economic Advisors. Lois said that Social Security is strong, and not currently in crisis, but that it needs shoring up for the future. AARP supports increasing the wage base to include richer workers, diversifying investments of the Trust Fund, and encouraging individual accounts above and beyond, but not as part of, Social Security. Philip felt that Social Security is presently handing out empty promises. His solution is to institute progressive indexing in which benefits will grow more rapidly for poorer people, and to slowly increase the retirement age to 70. He is in favor of "voluntary" private accounts – suggesting that people who don't want them "just say no."

"I'm glad you talked about capitalism. Nobody mentions it these days!" said a New York City Council staff person to Paddy Quick. At Michael Meeropol's suggestion (Michael's testimony helped pass a resolution to protect Social Security in Springfield, MA), three EC members testified

before the Committee on Civil Service and Labor of the NYC City Council on May 12 in favor of a similar resolution. The resolution is still in committee.

A major theme of Paddy Quick's testimony was the basic difference in values between those who are attacking Social Security and those who want to preserve it. She opened by stating that "The Bush administration's proposals on Social Security constitute an assault on the basic principle that a society should be structured to ensure a decent standard of living for all of its members." Quoting Milton Friedman, Paddy noted that ever since Social Security was instituted during the New Deal, rightwing conservatives have been trying to dismantle it, and the same people would also like to dismantle Medicaid and Medicare.

Predicting Social Security's impending bankruptcy is fraudulent, Paddy said—the second "Big Lie," similar to Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction—but dangerously convincing: "A large proportion of young workers, such as the students I teach, have become convinced by the use of this word 'bankruptcy' that they will receive *zero* social security benefits when they retire." Paddy pointed out that many of Social Security's early advocates were capitalists frightened by the Great Depression – they saw the program as a way to preserve capitalism. They devised an insurance system that doesn't go far enough. Paddy concluded with suggestions on strengthening Social Security: in addition to refusing any cuts or retirement age increases, make it universal (including undocumented workers and those who do household labor), fund it with general revenue if necessary, and restore the estate tax and use the extra revenue to increase Social Security benefits.

Doug Henwood began his testimony by declaring that "the bankruptcy projections are bogus," and went on to offer a wealth of data challenging the Trustees' gloomy demographic and economic projections. "If we're really facing a 75-year near-depression, we should be having a conversation about that." He closed with a comparison of the visions of society held by the privatizers and those who support the system as it is: "Behind Social Security is a vision of solidarity between people of all ages, races, and incomes. Do we really want to throw scores of millions of older people on the mercies of a volatile and pitiless stock market? Or do we want a society in which our elderly are guaranteed that they won't have to decide between buying food and buying medicine?"

June Zaccone, who is on the Executive Committee of the National Jobs for All Coalition, emphasized the relationship between employment and the health of Social Security: "The more people at work and the better their pay, the more funds flow into the Social Security Trust Fund through the payroll tax." Social Security supports local economies, she said, even during a depression, because people have money to spend. She talked about the impossibility of predicting

the condition of Social Security decades into the future, and warned that making unnecessary cuts would be politically dangerous – it would weaken popular support for Social Security. She also questioned Bush's description of the Trust Fund as “worthless IOU's” – if the US can pay back foreign governments, why not US seniors?

See the link to the full text of Paddy, Doug and June's testimony on URPE's Social Security web page.

On April 17, URPE and *Dollars & Sense* co-sponsored a panel on Social Security at the 2005 Left Forum. Amy Gluckman chaired the panel, which included Trudy Goldberg, Doug Henwood and Chris Rude. And NYC URPE presented a similar panel at the Brecht Forum on May 25, which included Doug Henwood, Paddy Quick and Mike Whitty. *For descriptions of these panels, see the URPE Social Security web page.*

Military Spending and the Iraq War

Sheila Collins has created a very impressive powerpoint presentation, with 38 slides, entitled “Permanent War: The Domestic Economic Costs of Empire.” The slide show covers many topics in great detail: the huge size and multiple aspects of military spending; the social programs that are cut as a result; financial benefits to military-related companies, as well as irregularities, scandals and political influence involved in their operations; the huge human cost in lives, health, jobs, poverty, inequality, etc.; and externalities such as harm to the environment and the economy. The slides are colorful and clear, and they come with a script. You can download this presentation at www.educatorstostopthewar.org/permanentwar.htm.

Sheila presented this slide show to seniors studying economics at a high school in Mount Vernon.

At the 1976 Democratic Party convention, Fritz Efaw, a Vietnam War resister, was nominated to be the running mate of Ron Kovic, a Vietnam vet. Fritz defines this as “a moment of triumph; a moment that tied together Vietnam vets and draft resisters,” in spite of the attempts of right wingers to keep the two communities apart. “People that do the fighting are patriotic people, and people who oppose war are patriotic as well,” said Fritz.

On June 6, Stony Brook radio host Morton Mecklosky engaged Fritz in a passionate discussion of the human suffering caused by war, and the parallels and differences between the Vietnam War and the current war in Iraq. One constant stressed by both Fritz and Morty is the long-lasting physical and psychological effect of war on soldiers, their families, and the civilians living in war zones. Morty expressed outrage at the idea that the US *chose* both the Vietnam and Iraq wars, and that the current “war on terror” could go on forever. “We're living in an Orwellian world,” he said. Fritz talked about the economic reach of the military: “It's not just the military-industrial-complex; militarism dominates the entire economy. The US is able to get away with its outrageous global behavior because a stage of corporate capitalism has been reached in which both parties

are dominated by big money interests. It's not just a question of defeating Bush, it's the system itself.”

Fritz currently teaches political economy at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. He has been an active member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War for over 30 years, and was a plenary speaker at the 2003 URPE Summer Conference.

On April 16, URPE and *Dollars & Sense* co-sponsored a panel called *The Global Geopolitics of Oil* at the 2005 Left Forum. Rina Garst chaired the panel, which included Michael Klare, Tom O'Donnell and Michael Tanzer.

In the Classroom

“There's no way anyone could survive on less than a minimum wage, since even a minimum wage is too little to live on,” commented a Maryland high school senior during an April classroom discussion on whether the minimum wage is a good idea. The discussion was led by guest speaker Jessica Todd, an American University graduate student. She talked about the varying social and political philosophies surrounding the minimum wage, and presented the pros and cons. While the minimum wage can increase income, reduce poverty and protect workers, the classroom discussion centered around whether it is the most effective way to reduce poverty. Jessica brought handouts, and EC followed up with a list of further readings.

Calls for Resources

What percentage of an industry's market must be dominated by a small number of companies for that industry to be considered non-competitive? This question was posed by Rachel Burton, Frances Moore Lappé's research assistant, and fifteen URPE members gave their views. The consensus was that although there are government formulas, it's more useful to observe the real-life behavior of the industry. A noted Vietnam veteran and anti-war activist contacted EC to find resources and data that reveal the egregious effects of national military and security policies on local communities. EC suggested organizations, websites, experts in the field, and internet tools – including the National Priorities Project's running tally of the cost of the war compared to community projects that are losing funding; and “Permanent War,” the powerpoint presentation by Sheila Collins mentioned above. A New York tenant activist was trying to locate an accountant or economist to analyze the effects on rents of various accounting methods a landlord could use. A journalist specializing in African American media ownership was looking for a radical interpretation of what is going on in the economy. The author of a forthcoming book on how people are making themselves over to fit into the current job market contacted EC for economic background material. And a grad student from an area of Pennsylvania devastated by the decline of the steel industry contacted EC with a wide variety of questions about labor markets, wages, class differences, and general economics.

THE SUMMER CAMP: ITS BENEFITS AND ITS COSTS

The URPE Summer workshop/retreat will meet at Camp Chinqueka in Bantam, Connecticut. The camp is on a beautiful lake and conference participants can swim (with life-guard provided) and boat. The camp also has tennis courts and a soccer field. Many people enjoy hiking in the area. Children are welcome, and people who register before August 10 will be provided (at no additional cost) with professional child-care from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with breaks for meals. (URPE is one of the most child-friendly organizations in the United States.) The cabin accommodations are “basic”—double-bunk beds (with firm mattresses) in cabins with bathroom facilities— people should bring their own pillows and sleeping bags. URPE organizes cabins in many ways to accommodate all the people who attend: single gender and mixed gender cabins, a cabin for kids (whose parents approve), and even a cabin for “snorers.” The camp facilities for handicapped people are not ideal, but most people can be accommodated, and the most accessible cabin is reserved for people with difficulty walking. Those who have special needs are asked to contact the URPE National Office. The camp food is rated “very good” by past conference attendees. Both vegetarians and vegans will enjoy the meals that are regularly prepared by the camp’s kitchen staff. Again, anyone with special needs is asked to contact the National Office.

Directions to the camp can be obtained from our web-site (www.urpe.org) or by contacting the National Office. The camp is about 90 minutes from New York City.

The fees listed below for the URPE Summer Conference include the conference, lodging in communal cabins or in self-provided tents, and meals. Conference fees are determined on a sliding scale (see below for suggested classifications.) Check-in for the conference begins at 3 pm on Saturday, August 20, and continues throughout the conference. The conference ends after lunch on Tuesday, August 23, 2005.

	<i>Very Low Income</i>	<i>Low Income</i>	<i>Middle Income</i>	<i>High Income /Institution</i>
ADULTS				
Entire 3 days/3 nights:	\$140	150	200	307
Daily Rate:	45	55	75	115
SPECIAL RATE for STUDENTS :	75			
CHILDREN ages 12-18				
Entire 3 days/3 nights:	70	95	125	185
Daily Rate:	25	40	50	65
CHILDREN ages 3-11				
Entire 3 days/3 nights:	50	60	80	105
Daily Rate:	20	25	30	40
MAXIMUM FAMILY RATE				
Entire 3 days/3 nights:	250	310	460	610

Children under age 3 are free.

TRAVEL SUBSIDY

This subsidy will be paid at the conference to those who submit plane ticket receipts showing travel within two weeks of either starting or ending date of conference. Subsidy would be based on air fares only. The form of the subsidy will be: 30% of air fare over \$100, with a maximum subsidy of \$100

$$\text{Thus subsidy} = (\text{air fare} - \$100) \times .3$$

Lodging off-site. For those of you who prefer lodging off-site, there are many bed and breakfasts and hotels in the area, although they are on the expensive side. We will post a list of lodgings in the area on our website <www.urpe.org>. If lodging off-site, subtract \$10 per night per person (\$30 for the entire conference.)

Sliding Scale

Number of household members	Very Low Income	Low Income	Middle Income	High Income
1	\$0-9,100	\$9,101-15,150	\$15,151-35,000	over \$35,000
2	\$0-10,100	\$10,101-19,150	\$19,151-50,000	over \$50,000
3	\$0-12,100	\$12,101-23,150	\$23,151-55,000	over \$55,000
4	\$0-14,100	\$14,101-28,150	\$28,151-60,000	over \$60,000

SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please return to:

URPE National Office, Gordon Hall, University of Massachusetts, 418 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01002-1735.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Summer address and phone if different (Give applicable dates): _____

1. Income level (circle one): Very Low Low Middle High/Institution

2. Number of people registering:

Age group: Adults Children, 12-18 Children, 3-11 Children under 3

3. Childcare needs? Specify ages of children needing child care:

Please note: Child care is guaranteed only to those who register for the conference before August 10

3. Number of people needing vegetarian food _____

4. Will you be attending? (circle one): Entire conference Selected day(s)

Date and approximate time of arrival _____

Date and approximate time of departure _____

4a. For day visits, circle day(s) and meal(s) in attendance:

Sat. dinner Mon. breakfast /lunch/ dinner

Sun. breakfast /lunch/ dinner Tues. breakfast /lunch

5. Lodging preferred (circle one): Co-ed cabin Single sex cabin Space for pitching tent

6. Are you an URPE member? (circle one): Yes No No, but will become one by paying dues now!

7. STUDENTS! CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SPECIAL RATE _____

8. Payment form for all registrations:

Total conference fees (see page 17) _____

(Conference fee includes costs of conference, lodging, and meals)

New URPE membership with RRPE and newsletter (\$55/\$30 if low income) _____

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Special: If lodging off-site, subtract \$10 per night per person, \$30 for entire conference* (_____)

TOTAL DUE: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (minimum deposit required): _____

BALANCE DUE UPON ARRIVAL: _____

A non-refundable deposit of \$30 per adult plus any membership fees must accompany this registration.

Checks payable to URPE. *Off-site lodging discount not available for scholarship recipients.

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Amount received: \$ _____ Total

\$ _____ # adults: _____ # days _____ or entire conference _____ scholarship Yes/ No

\$ _____ # ch12-18: _____ # days _____ or entire conference _____

\$ _____ # ch2-11: _____ # days _____ or entire conference _____

Dues: \$ _____

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