

# URPE Newsletter

## URPE SUMMER CONFERENCE

Camp Deer Run, Pine Bush, NY  
**Friday, Aug. 11–Monday, Aug. 14, 2006**

Register by July 28 for discount.  
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### **NATIONALISM, INTERNATIONALISM, AND NATURE**

**Friday, August 11**

7 – 9 pm. Plenary 1

#### **Latin America: Breaking the Mold**

*Where Does Mexico Go from Here?* David Barkin, Professor of Economics at the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco. His most recent book (2006) is *La Gestión de Agua Urbana en México*. For those who do not read Spanish, *Wealth, Poverty and Sustainable Development* is a recent book that reflects a similar ecological approach.

*Chávez, Chavismo and Latin America's Lefts.* Fred Rosen, a long-time central figure in NACLA (North American Congress on Latin America). His most recent book is an edited collection, *Latin America After Neoliberalism: Turning the Tide?* (The New Press, 2006)

*Financial Capitalism and the Economic State of Emergency in Brazil: Abandoning the Developmental Perspective.* Leda Paulani, Professor of Economics at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Current president of the SEP (URPE's corresponding Political Economy organization in Brazil)

**Saturday, August 12**

4:30 – 6 pm. **DAVID GORDON LECTURE.**

*Changes in U.S. Capitalism Since the Reagan Era: Where Are We Now?* Michael Reich, Professor of Economics, UC Berkeley and Director, Institute of Industrial Relations.

7 – 9 pm. Plenary 2: **Wars and Natural Resources**

*Resource Wars.* William K. Tabb is Professor of Economics at Queens College, City University of New York. His most recent book is *Economic Governance in the Age of Globalization* (Columbia University Press, 2004).

*A War for Expensive Oil: What's Itching the Bully in the China Shop?* Wadi'h Halabi currently serves on the Economics Commission of the Communist Party USA.

*Metal Mining of the Long Twentieth Century: Excavating the link between war and capitalist industry.* Salimah Valiani is a researcher in the Social and Economic Policy Unit of the Canadian Labour Congress.

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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. 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 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 [jbrown72073@cs.com](mailto:jbrown72073@cs.com), or by regular mail to: *Jenny Brown, 1701 NE 75th St., Gainesville, FL 32641.*

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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.

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**Sunday, August 13**

7 – 9 pm. Plenary 3. **Katrina: Race and Class**

*The Role of Race in Katrina: Illumination or Mystification.* Preston Smith, Professor of Politics at Mt. Holyoke College.

*Alternative Policies for Rebuilding New Orleans.* Linwood Tauheed, Professor of Economics and Black Studies, University of Missouri, Kansas City.

*The Political Economy of Neighborhood Planning in Post Katrina New Orleans.* Khalil Tian Shahyd, Doctoral Student in Political Ecology at the University of Delaware.

#### **Panels and Workshops**

(As of July 4. See website for updates.)

*Developments in Marxian Value-Theory*  
**David Laibman and Gil Skillman**

*Feminism and the critique of commodity production*  
**Paddy Quick**

*Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in the US Labor Market*  
**Marie Duggan**

*Socialism and the political economy of contemporary China* **Sidney Gluck**

*Healthcare Finance and Class: The Role of the American Corporation* **Robert Kemp**

*Guramylay: Growing the Green Economy*  
**Julie A. Matthaei, Germai Medhanie, and Zaira Sherifova**

*Demand Side Policies for Sustainable Development*  
**Leanne Ussher and Laura Ebert**

*Grassroots Labor Organizing*  
**Salimah Valiani and Ethan Drozd**

*The Contradictory Imperatives of New Deal Banking Reform* **Ellen Russell and David Brennan**

*Editors of Capitalism, Nature, Socialism on nuclear energy, National Guard, and World Bank* **Irwin Sperber, Karen Charman, and Tom Burgess**

*The Future of Immigrants—A Light at the End of the Tunnel?* **Alex Julca and Germai Medhanie**

*URPE Reports on the World Social Forum*  
**Dave Shukla, Mathew Bradbury, Germai Medhanie and Julie Matthaei**

*Ecological Economics as Theory and Practice*  
**David Barkin**

**The URPE Summer conference/workshop/retreat will take place this year at Camp Deer Run in Pine Bush, New York August 11-14.** (Please note that Summer Conference dates and location are different from last year.) The camp is set in a beautiful area of New York at the foot of the Shawangunk Mountains. The camp has a swimming pool (with a life-guard on duty for about 8 hours per day), a volleyball/badminton court, basketball hoops, and a children's playground area. There are spectacular hiking trails nearby.

Children are welcome, and people who register by Friday July 28 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.)

Most accommodation takes the form of rooms with 2-4 double-bunk beds, although there is a very small number of single and double rooms. Pillows, bed linens and towels are provided, together with a light quilt. People may want to bring an extra blanket. All rooms have access to bathrooms and showers. Allocation of rooms will be made on the basis of need for those who register in advance, and otherwise on a first-come, first-served basis. Rooms will be categorized in many ways to accommodate all the people who attend: single gender and mixed gender rooms, a room for kids (whose parents approve), and even a room for "snorers." Attractive, quiet tent sites are also available. The camp facilities for

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handicapped people are not ideal, but most people's needs can be accommodated. Those who have special needs are asked to contact the URPE National Office.

The chefs at the camp have been trained by the Culinary Institute of America and use locally grown ingredients when possible. All meals will include a vegetarian option; vegan meals will also be available on request for those who register before July 28.

Directions to the camp can be obtained from our web-site ([www.urpe.org](http://www.urpe.org)) or by contacting the National Office. The camp is about 90 minutes north of the George Washington Bridge in New York City. Camp Deer Run is located off route 52, west of Pine Bush, NY. Transportation by Shortline bus is available from New York City.

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**The camp wants an early estimate of the number of people who will be at the conference. *So please register by July 28th.* See registration fees and form pages 10-11.**

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The fees for the URPE Summer Conference include the conference, rooms (including bed linen), and meals (from Friday dinner to Monday lunch). Conference fees are determined on a sliding scale. Check-in for the conference begins at 4 pm on Friday, August 11, and continues throughout the conference. The conference ends after lunch on Monday, August 14, 2006.

The camp's pride in its culinary skills means that they are particularly concerned to get an early estimate of the number of people who will be at the conference. The penalty for late registration is thus higher than in previous years, but the regular registration fees are substantially the same as in 2005.

Registration form and fee information can be found on pages 10-11.

## REVIEW OF *THE REVIEW*: 2005

In 2005 we received 45 manuscripts (not counting ASSA papers) of which 11 were accepted, for an acceptance rate of 24%. Thirty-seven book reviews were submitted, 30 of which were accepted, for an acceptance rate of 81%. We actively encourage submissions from URPE members and ASSA presenters.

Individual subscriptions continue to rise, from 248 in 2003 to 283 in 2005. Of these, 26 were new subscribers at the student rate in 2005. The journal is now available at book stores in major cities and some college book stores.

We continue to produce special issues on a regular basis. Possible upcoming topics are: Regime Changes in South American, the Political Economy of Water, and the Finance and Rentier Economy or the Rise of Finance Capital.

We are interested in compiling a Web site list of voluntary projects for radicals in retirement. Suggestions should be sent to Hazel Dayton Gunn ([hg18@cornell.edu](mailto:hg18@cornell.edu)). We have in mind efforts that connect with our radical principles, for domestic or international work.

The *RRPE* section of the URPE Web site is now in the able hands of Enid Arvidson. She is working with a site designed to rehab our site and make it more attractive and useful.

## 2005 GOLDEN PENCIL AWARD

The Golden Pencil award is given annually to the editorial board member who, in the opinion of the managing editor, has done the most for the *Review of Radical Political Economics* above and beyond the normal activities associated with their editorial tasks. This highly coveted award was presented to Don Goldstein at the April editorial board meeting in New York City to much fanfare. Don has been on the board since 1988 with one brief hiatus. During his 17 years as a board member Don has exhibited wise counsel, subtle leadership, and diplomacy. He is that rare individual who uses intelligence, reasoned thinking, and kindness to help guide the journal. He is a true asset to the *RRPE* and URPE. Our heartfelt thanks to Don Goldstein.

## URPE Steering Committee Elections

There will be four (4) vacancies on the 12-person Steering Committee to be filled by elections this summer. The term of office is 3 years.

The continuing members (with the dates of their terms of office) are: Cyrus Bina (04-07); David Brennan (05-08); Graham Cassano (04-07); Bilge Erten (05-08); Doug Koritz (04-07); Paddy Quick (04-07); Leanne Ussher (05-08); Jenny Brown\* (05-08) \*Women's Caucus representative

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
- (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 or projects that you would like to work on.

All statements should be sent to both Jenny Brown (editor of the URPE Newsletter) and Al Campbell (webmaster). All statements will be posted on the URPE website ([www.urpe.org](http://www.urpe.org)).

Elections for at-large positions will take place through mail ballot. For members who did not submit their statements by July 1, nominations for at-large positions will be accepted up to the end of the URPE Summer Conference, August 14, 2006. Elections will take place through a mail ballot which will be sent to all members. The mailing will include the statements of all nominees.

As indicated in the Spring URPE Newsletter, statements received by July 1 are printed here:

**Scott Carter, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The University of Tulsa, [Scott-carter@utulsa.edu](mailto:Scott-carter@utulsa.edu):**

*Years during which you have been a member of URPE.* I have not been an URPE member too long, only officially one year. Although a "newbie," I am however very familiar with the organization and its (our) work.

*Highlights of work and avocations.*

I consider myself a member of the American working class who has been able to attain a high level of education. My formal graduate training in economics at the New School for Social Research has given me a strong foundation in heterodox and especially Marxian political economy. My time at the New School coincided with serious student unrest and agitation to the highest levels of power at that institution of which I am proud to say I was a part. Thus from early on I have understood and have attempted to act upon the importance of praxis and humbly would like to think of myself as striving (albeit imperfectly no doubt) to become organic in the Gramscian sense. My basic avocation is for the American working class to attain sufficient consciousness to help move forward the necessary progressive agenda needed in order to evolve.

*Highlights of academic/activist accomplishments.*

In terms of academic interests and accomplishments, I consider myself a Marxian economist who has a tremendous interest in the unpublished papers of Piero Sraffa. To that effect in June of 2005 I received a grant to study at the Sraffa Archives housed in the Wren Library, Trinity College, Cambridge University, UK. I have already drafted one paper based on archival research and am currently working on another. Another research interest is my work on empirical issues in cross-country functional income

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distribution, the work of my dissertation (Ph.D., 2004). I am in the process now of submitting manuscripts based on this work and look forward to some feedback in six months or so time.

In terms of activist accomplishments, as a graduate student I was a member of the Mobilization for Real Diversity, Democracy, and Economic Justice that caused such havoc at the New School in the academic year of 1996-1997. The basic tenets of that mobilization called for holding the New School administration accountable to the racist and exploitative working conditions at all levels of institutional life, from the then-subcontracted Security Guards to the revolving door “Visiting Scholar” treatment of faculty of color. This was not your mama’s student uprising! The end result of all of this forced the administration to adopt actual changes in the way the institution functions – changes that I think all sides now will agree were very much needed. Three specific changes that resulted from this uprising are: (i) the direct hire of the Security Guards, (ii) the creation of a university-wide Ombudsperson, and (iii) the establishment of four fulltime faculty lines for scholars of color. Also for many years I was an active member in Chinese Staff and Workers’ Association (CSWA) and I was a founding member of National Mobilization Against Sweatshops (NMASS). I am proud to have participated in the class struggle in New York’s Chinatown for so many years and it was on those streets my ropes were learned.

*Your own ideas regarding the most important tasks for the Steering Committee in the upcoming and subsequent years.*

The Steering Committee has the important task of articulating the overall function and direction of the organization. Concrete tasks involve developing more fully the website, becoming more deeply involved in contributing to and/or developing scholarly conference and workshop activity, and reaching out to non-academic elements of the progressive movement both domestically and abroad.

*The amount of work you expect to be able to do for URPE and any specific tasks or projects that you would like to work on.*

Although I have recently been hired on a tenure-track line, a position that will necessarily involve a lot of scholarly output on my part, I see the coming years as the most event-filled in my life. I look forward to settling down into my new position and organizing my time appropriately in order to give the organization the time required to get the tasks done. I will be in attendance for all major URPE functions and maintain close email contact with the other members of the steering committee. One particular task that I would like to work on is that of outreach to mainstream media. Consistent with my philosophy, I think that it is important for our organization to reach out to non-academic progressive organizations to help provide some analytical perspective and/or context of and for the current crisis in global capitalism.

**Al Campbell, Professor of Economics at the University of Utah, [Al@economics.utah.edu](mailto:Al@economics.utah.edu):**

As URPE members know, we are in the middle of several transitions—a new Summer Camp, likely a new problem around the AEA reducing our number of allowed slots at the URPE at ASSA formal meetings in January (starting in 2008), and of greatest change, the departure of our long time Office Manager Germai (who has taken on many responsibilities that SC members will now have to oversee). While I actually had intended to leave the SC this year (and move on to doing other URPE projects), I think that as one of the few people on the SC who have been on a long time, I would serve URPE best by passing on as much “institutional memory” to the incoming SC and new Office Manager as possible, before being put out to graze. Hence I am running for another term.

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

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

### New URPE Web Page on Iran Crisis

Inspired by our panels on Iran at the 2006 Left Forum and the Brecht Forum, and by EC's acquisition of a digital voice recorder, the URPE website now has a page on Iran: [http://urpe.org/Iran\\_Crisis.htm](http://urpe.org/Iran_Crisis.htm), The Political Economy of the Iran Crisis. It includes mp3s of the Brecht Forum panel as well as a WBAI show based on the 2006 LF panel, produced by Leili Kashani and Anjali Kamat of WBAI's "Global Movements, Urban Struggles." Leili and Anjali are using our Brecht recordings to produce additional radio programs on Iran. The web page also includes articles, books and websites, mainly (but not only) focused on the work of URPE members. *See more on Brecht panels below.*

### American Foreign Policy in Bethlehem, PA

Last October Angel Bas, a regular participant in the weekly "Update" program for seniors at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA, contacted EC with a passionate desire for speakers who would oppose Bush's policies. EC then contacted Elaine Schadler, Program Manager and Instructor at the college's Center for Adult Learning. She was eager to learn of new speakers, and while EC did not have economists who could get to Bethlehem early in the morning, Edan Dhanraj, new URPE member from Bethlehem, recommended several political science professors. Faramarz Farbod, Professor of Politics at Moravian College, spoke to 62 seniors on May 30 about "American Foreign Policy in the Third World."

Faramarz described his talk: "In my presentation I argued that the US was both a republic and an empire, and that the latter was endangering the former more and more, and especially in the critical conditions that had emerged in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. ...I also argued that the US empire is not an accidental empire, nor is it a reluctant one, or for that matter an exceptional one, or a benevolent one. ... I also

discussed two cases of US interventionism in the 1950s (the 1953 coup in Iran, and the 1954 coup in Guatemala), and followed through with some thoughts on the long-term consequences of each intervention for the people in each of these nations, as well as for the region and the world as a whole."

While about 80 percent of the audience was sympathetic to Faramarz' positions, his talk also generated some controversy: "The 'heated' objections by the few in the audience revolved around the theme that I was portraying the US as the bad guy in the world whereas it has been Osama bin Laden and the Moslems who had waged war against the US. Also, one person was visibly upset at my contention that the US had intended to occupy and recolonize Iraq. Another person wanted to know which other country has done more good things in the world for other countries and people than the US has."

Program organizer Elaine Schadler appreciated the "75-plus minutes of historically rich, provocative information that stimulated multiple reactions among the Update members" and commented that "it's not unusual to have a group of dissenters when we have a subject that some may consider controversial. ... I think it was good controversy and we should have more of it."

Faramarz also participated in URPE's Brecht Forum panel on Iran—you can hear his talk on the new Iran Crisis web page on the URPE website (*see box*).

### URPE at the Theater: *Pocket Full of Change*

NYC's Brecht Forum recently hosted *Pocket Full of Change*, a politically-charged performance piece that combines jazz, clowning, dance and physical theater. Ashley Sparks, the "community liaison" for The Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble, contacted Economy Connection in her search for activists and educators to lead post-performance political discussions. URPE members Jack Hammond and Max Fraad Wolff each led a discussion, and EC put Ashley in touch with Molly Klopot of the Granny Peace Brigade for a third evening.

Sam Thielman describes *Pocket Full of Change* in his review in *Backstage*: “The show itself has no real narrative thread; it’s simply a collection of politically charged music, dance, and spoken-word pieces with a freeform bent. The unity and the punch come from the company’s ability to politicize even the simplest routines: Two clowns (Julie Pasqual and Donna Bouthillier) giving another clown (Brian Duguay) a water gun and then getting squirted does not necessarily sound like a surefire metaphor for U.S. arms sales to al-Qaida. In context, however, there’s no way to miss it.”

The play raises a number of contemporary issues in an anti-capitalist context, including critiques of powerful corporations, ‘friendly fascism,’ and stifled media. And the theater company, Strike Anywhere, is itself consciously structured as a cooperative, non-hierarchical model. The post-performance discussions were designed both to illuminate the issues further, and to encourage activism. Ashley was very enthusiastic about the URPE-led discussions. She reports that “Saturday there was a good dialogue that was split between talking about the issues of consumerism and the way the show was developed. Sunday night’s conversation stayed centered around different political issues and less on the aesthetics of the art. It was charged around the question of ‘what can we as individuals do?’ The audience generated several actions.” On another evening Molly Klotz inspired the audience with the recent anti-war activities of Granny Peace Brigade members who had marched to the Times Square recruitment center to enlist in the Army to fight in Iraq. They were subsequently arrested, went to trial, and finally found “not guilty,” all with much media attention. On the evening I attended the performance, the discussion centered around immigration, Iran, and the media.

*Backstage* gave URPE rave reviews: “*Pocket Full of Change* puts its limited funds where its mouth is, practically begging the audience to stay for the mini-symposium afterwards (ours was headed up by economist Max Wolff and well worth the extra time).”

### Investment 101 Revisited

Due to popular demand, Max Fraad Wolff gave a re-

peat performance in May of his “Investment 101” seminar for members of the Legal Services Staff Association who had missed the first one. LSSA (UAW Local 2320) represents attorneys and legal workers in the offices of Legal Services for New York. As he did last December, Max presented some basic guidelines to successful retirement investing (such as making this a life-long priority, rather than a one-time decision), and mentioned a number of factors he feels are important in making investment decisions. (*For a description of Max’s December presentation, see the Winter issue of this Newsletter on the URPE website.*) During both his initial presentation and the discussion period, Max stressed the importance of paying attention to the general condition of the economy: if the value of real estate is unsustainably high and therefore likely to fall, then one shouldn’t put all one’s money into real estate. Union members asked questions about Social Security, which Max said is the most solvent part of the US government. It was meant to be insurance, he said, not an investment scheme, and should not be compared to the stock market. The discussion moved to Medicare and Medicaid, which are next on the neoliberal chopping block.

### URPE at the Brecht Forum

Our season opened the day after May Day with a panel on the **Organizing Potential of the Retail Sector**. Our speakers, David Bensman, Mathias Bolton, Jeffrey Eichler and Liza Featherstone, and moderator Edan Dhanraj, brought both scholarship and personal work and organizing experience to the discussion. Our panelists felt that the retail sector (including stores, warehouses and shipping) is an important area to organize, especially since manufacturing has declined in the US and importing for retail has soared. They described the changes that have taken place over the years, including the decline in levels of unionization and the transformation of warehousing and shipping. Jeff inspired the audience with his union’s recent success in organizing a chain of Brooklyn shoe stores, which was made possible by involving the broader community.

On May 16 Faramarz Farbod, Reza Ghorashi, Fatemeh Moghadam and Tom O’Donnell tackled one of the most challenging issues of the day—what is be-

hind the hostility between the US and Iran—and gave background information that can help us stop the next war: **Oil, Nukes, Mullahs, Democracy and U.S. Hegemony: The Political Economy of the Iran Crisis.** Tom felt strongly that oil is the driving force for the US, and talked about the economic devastation the US sanctions on Iran have caused. The panelists talked about possible motivations, possible political responses, the experience of being an Iranian both in the US and in Iran, the oppression of workers in Iran, and how Iranian women have fared in recent years. They detected a strong similarity between Bush & Friends and the Iranian leadership: both are using the fear of war to control their respective populations. *Hear these presentations and read papers by Tom and Reza on the new URPE web page on the Iran Crisis. (See box on previous page).*

Our third panel, on June 1, was **The Political Economies of Palestine and Israel: Under-Explored Aspects of the Conflict.** Jerry Joffe and Karen Pfeifer shared their knowledge and experience of the Middle

East. Jerry's talk was inspired by his participation last summer in a fact-finding tour of Palestine, sponsored by Faculty For Israeli-Palestinian Peace. Karen has taught about the economics of the Middle East at Smith for many years. Both arrived armed with maps of the region. Jerry's talk included a discussion of the many obstacles to Palestinian development, including the high degree of control Israel has over the Palestinian economy through laws limiting what Palestinians can produce and export, transportation blockages, and the decline in the number of Palestinians allowed to work in Israel. Karen's talk focused on Israel, and was divided into four sections, starting from the present and working backwards: the economic impact of the Intifadas on Israel's economy; the current state of the Israeli economy, including high unemployment; the dramatic transformation of Israel's economy during the 1990's, with its increased integration into the world economy and its turn towards neoliberal domestic policies; and capital/labor relations in Israel.



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(See below for suggested income ranges)

	Low Income	Middle Income	High Income /Institution
ADULTS			
Entire 3 days/3 nights:	150	200	300
Daily Rate:	60	80	120

SPECIAL RATE for STUDENTS : 75  
(Entire 3 days)

CHILDREN ages 3-18 (There is no fee for children under age 3.)

Entire 3 days/3 nights:	75	100	150
Daily Rate:	30	40	55

**REGISTRATION FEES**  
**FOR THOSE REGISTERING AFTER JULY 28**

	Low Income	Middle Income	High Income /Institution
ADULTS			
Entire 3 days/3 nights:	170	220	320
Daily Rate:	65	85	125

SPECIAL RATE for STUDENTS : 95  
(Entire 3 days)

CHILDREN ages 3-18 (There is no fee for children under age 3.)

Entire 3 days/3 nights:	85	110	160
Daily Rate:	35	45	65

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<b>Number of household members</b>	<b>Low income*</b>	<b>Middle Income</b>	<b>High Income/ Institutional</b>
1	Less than \$18,000	\$24-38,000	More than \$38,000
2	Less than \$24,000	\$24-48,000	More than \$48,000
3	Less than \$28,000	\$28-56,000	More than \$56,000
4 or more	Less than \$32,000	\$32-64,000	More than \$64,000

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

2. Number of people registering: Age group: Adults Children aged 3-18 Children under 3  
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3. Childcare needs? Specify ages of children needing child care:  
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5. Days attending : Entire Conference  
Selected days (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Lodging Do you need special accommodations? Yes / No  
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Checks payable to URPE) \_\_\_\_\_

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