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LIFE ON THE RESERVATION:

My Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) internship with the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center

BY ELLEN GATTOZZI

Pulling into Lake Andes, South Dakota to begin my RRASC internship I realized exactly what “small town” means. The area of Lake Andes is less than one square mile—so small that there is not a single traffic light near the town. The “business district” consists mostly of empty storefronts converted into homes, a grocery store, a gas station and a pharmacy. About a half mile down the main highway is the tribal housing of the Yankton Sioux (Ihanktonwan Oyate in the Dakota language) reservation—a few streets of trailer shaped houses that are either boarded up or in disrepair next to powwow grounds. The reservation itself is about 62 square miles (although the tribe is currently involved in defending its jurisdiction) and subject to extreme rural isolation that even I experienced during the ten short weeks of my internship that seemed to fly by.

My time in Lake Andes was divided between working at the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center and working and living at the Women's Lodge, a domestic violence shelter. At the Resource Center, which sits four blocks from the center of town, I spent forty hours a week along with three other interns working upstairs on various projects while downstairs the food pantry was open and the Dakota language immersion program was in session. The children in the program brought an incredible spirit to the Resource Center where they learned the Dakota language, drumming and various songs. The program exists in order to preserve culture as elders pass away and tradition and language are lost. Additionally, the



Students gathering from the Dakota language immersion program.

program creates a sense of Native pride in the children aged 3-14 despite the immense racism in Lake Andes.

The majority of my time at the Resource Center was spent conducting a survey of the Indian Health Service to find out where Plan B or emergency contraception is available over-the-counter (OTC) and during the delivery of sexual assault

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What Is The Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program (CLPP)?

The Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program is a reproductive justice organization dedicated to the leadership development of students and activists. CLPP organizes for advocacy and education around reproductive justice, which is the connection of reproductive health to all social justice causes. These include abortion, contraception, economic justice, racial justice, queer rights, immigrants' rights, incarceration, sex workers' rights, HIV/AIDS, and many more.

PROJECTS

CLPP Community Student Group The CLPP student group consists of young activists from the Five Colleges and broader community who are looking to develop their skills to organize for reproductive and social justice. During the Fall semester, the CLPP student group participates in "Activist 101" trainings, meets weekly to dialogue and discuss current issues, and takes an active role in organizing CLPP events. During the Spring semester, the student group works as the driving force behind the annual reproductive justice conference.

Annual Reproductive Justice Conference CLPP's annual April conference for students and community activists connects young people to reproductive rights organizations and campaigns locally, nationally, and internationally, and provides them with information, analyses, and "how-to" organizing to bring back to their own campuses and communities. The conference presents a broad range of workshops, including: International Reproductive Rights Roundtable, Trans 101, Abortion Access in the U.S., Economic Justice in the U.S., HIV/AIDS: The Urgent Need for Action, Immigrant Rights, Women in Prison, and Youth Activism. Join us this year, April 4-6, 2008!

Summer Internship Program The Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) is a paid summer internship program that places students from several Western Massachusetts colleges with reproductive rights and social justice organizations in the U.S. and abroad.

New Leadership Networking Initiative (NLNI) NLNI is a training and leadership building network for young reproductive justice activists. NLNI members work at a wide range of reproductive rights and social justice groups and, through their participation in the network, create new relationships and collaborations that are energizing and expanding the reproductive justice movement.

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services. The Indian Health Service (IHS) is the primary care provider for the majority of American Indians and Alaska Natives but has a history of inadequately providing care and abusing its power, especially when it comes to women's reproductive health. In the 1970s many Indigenous women were sterilized without their knowledge or consent and throughout the years Depo-Provera and Norplant have been administered without informed consent, proper documentation or follow-up. It was therefore not surprising to find that IHS is also lacking in its availability of Plan B, especially as an OTC drug. This only continues to illustrate the perpetual failure of IHS to properly and adequately provide services to American Indian and Alaska Native women, specifically in regard to developments in women's reproductive health.



The most current project of the Resource Center is their new online streaming radio station. Tune in for hours of music and news straight from the Ihanktonwan Oyate. www.nativeshop.org.

Indian and Alaska Native women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime) although no amount of theory could have ever prepared me for my work at the Women's Lodge.

At the Lodge I shared a room with the three other interns. We all got along well and made a great team, each bringing our own strengths and personalities to the table. We went on adventures to the river after work together and on the weekends we drove an hour north to go food shopping and to the movies. The support we provided for each other was essential to decreasing the intensity of being on call and living in a domestic violence shelter where we were advocates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, whether or not we were officially on call. Interacting with residents on a regular basis was a huge part of the job from which I learned the most, whether it involved playing with a one year old, talking with a ten year old or listening to a mother talk about her current custody case. Women and their families were in and out and sometimes the shelter was bursting at the seams while other times the other interns and I were all alone watching movie after movie together. Every day was unpredictable and work was literally non-stop.

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The reservation itself is...subject to extreme rural isolation that even I experienced during the 10 short weeks of my internship that seemed to fly by.

The shortcomings of IHS are also highlighted in the recently released report from Amnesty International, *Maze of Injustice: The Failure to Protect Indigenous Women from Sexual Violence in the US*, which was part of my orientation at the Resource Center and set the tone for my internship this summer. I spent the first few days in Lake Andes reading handbooks of tips and information about advocacy and domestic violence and the many reports the Resource Center has conducted over the years. The reading helped to solidify my understanding of the importance of the work I was involved in this summer (as Amnesty reports one in three American

Amnesty International's report, *Maze of Injustice – The Failure to Protect Indigenous Women from Sexual Violence in the USA*, is available at www.amnestyusa.org/women/maze/

Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps Summer 2007 Interns

BY JOHANNA RINCÓN

The Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) is a program of the Civil Liberties & Public Policy Program. Each year we award students from local colleges with paid summer internships at reproductive rights and social justice organizations around the world. In 2007, we opened the program for the first time to students attending Greenfield and Holyoke community colleges. We selected twenty nine students for the Summer 2007 program and collectively they completed over 10,000 hours of service!

Here is a look at a few of our RRASC interns:

Supriya Sharma

Mount Holyoke College '10

Major: English and Politics

Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal

RRASC Internship: Choice USA - Washington, DC

As a national pro-choice organization, Choice USA gives emerging leaders the tools they need to organize, network, and exchange ideas to build a youth-centered pro-choice agenda and mobilize communities for reproductive freedom.

Why did you apply to the RRASC program?

I've always been drawn to opportunities where I get the chance to work with people my age around issues that are important to me – it's amazing how much I learn from them in the process! After seeing RRASC program fliers on campus and going in to CLPP to inquire about the summer internship, I knew that this would be a great opportunity for me to learn about and work in the field of reproductive justice. Although I had very little background on working around reproductive justice issues, I

was determined to learn more, and was ecstatic when I found out that I would be going to DC to work at Choice USA.

What was the best part of your internship?

What I liked best about my internship was that I was given a variety of tasks in the field and development sectors of Choice USA and wasn't weighed down by incessant typing work. I got to work on action kits for our campus chapters, research legislation around reproductive justice issues, seek foundations that aid youth organizations, and so much more. The organization also gave interns the opportunity to go to various events, two of which were the US Social Forum and the Take Back America Conference (where I got to see Democratic presidential hopefuls speak!). Of course, getting to work with the Choice USA staff and fellow interns, all of whom are amazing women, made the whole experience even more enriching.

What are you up to now?

I am currently working on an independent study about the effects of US policy on the reproductive rights of women in Nepal. Through this, I hope to get a better understanding of

the problems that are faced at a more structural level and try to research ways for proper implementation of international funding. Recently, I also got the chance to facilitate a Reproductive Justice 101 workshop at Hampshire College with fellow RRASC Ellen Gattozzi, which was a great experience!

Sarah Grossman

Hampshire College '08

Major: Women's Health, Public Health and Dance

Hometown: Haddonfield, NJ

RRASC Internship: Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health - Chicago, Illinois

The Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health's (ICAH) mission is to promote a positive approach to adolescent sexual health and comprehensive support for young parents.

What was the best part of your internship?

The best part of my internship was the very last week of being at ICAH. All of the work I had done during the months of June and July led up to this amazing week-long activist training camp for youth, called Action Out Loud. Youth from all over the city of Chicago came each day and I learned just as much, if not more, from them, as they learned from those of us who led the camp. Each day was filled with workshops and activities that focused on and explored reproductive justice through a variety of issues such as sexual health, parental consent, teen parenting, HPV and condom access, power and identity, as well as how to go about being an activist. Spending such an intense amount of time together brought us

together very quickly, and we shared both lighthearted and fun moments as well as moments of challenge and frustration.

Overall it was incredibly inspirational and so empowering to see such young people come together, all with amazing stories, lives, and goals. I was completely moved by the incredible work that these teens have done, their abilities, their drive, and their commitment to the reproductive justice movement. It was from them that I truly learned and finally understood what it is to be an activist.

If you had to do it again, would you be a RRASC?

Yes, definitely, it was one of the best, challenging, learning, educational, and enjoyable experiences I have had thus far in my life.

What is your advice for future interns?

Go with an open heart and willingness to work really hard, but also with the faith that you will receive everything and more that you put in. Be open to change.

Melissa Estrella

Smith College '08

Major: Government/ International Relations

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York & Dominican Republic

RRASC Internship: Center for Reproductive Rights New York City

The Center for Reproductive Rights engages in international, regional, and national-level advocacy, policy analysis, legal research, public education, and international litigation with the goal of advancing women's equality throughout the world and ensuring that all women have access to a full range of freely chosen reproductive health services.

Why did you apply to the RRASC program?

I applied to RRASC because I became interested in reproductive rights while abroad in Haiti. I knew this program would give me the opportunity to work or gain a better understanding of reproductive rights internationally.

What was the best part of your internship?

The best part of my internship was the opportunity I had to meet lawyers in the international field. I truly enjoyed



Celebratory intern dinner honoring the 2007 RRASC's.

working with them and under their direction. Also, I enjoyed creating a movie entitled, "Access Denied: A Global Perspective on Reproductive Rights within Indigenous Communities" as part of my research project.

What is your advice for future interns?

Do well in all tasks, even the smallest task you can imagine. It makes all the difference in the world.

Petrolin Kelly

Holyoke Community College '08

Major: Liberal Arts

Hometown: Springfield, Massachusetts

RRASC Internship: African American Women Evolving Chicago, Illinois

AAWE is dedicated to helping Black women and girls realize optimum reproductive and sexual health and collectively effecting social change.

Why did you apply to the RRASC program?

My sociology teacher Prof. Heridean passed around the internship pamphlet one day in class and encouraged us to apply and/or at least check it out. Initially I knew nothing about CLPP and RRASC but it seemed like a great opportunity to go to a new city for the summer. I went to the website and discovered there were several organizations which had causes that affect me as a young black woman. I found organizations that had topics that I cared about and could see myself doing. The rest was history!

What was the best part of your internship?

I loved every part. My host organization was amazing, the city was great, and I learned so so so much. SisterSong and the seminars were a great learning experience in its own. I attended my first rally. Really just being able to create your own body of work was very empowering and finding out that it doesn't take much to make a positive impact in your community.

What is your advice for future interns?

Enjoy each and every day because it goes by really fast, network with all the people you meet, and set up a work plan from day one. Arrive with an open mind and be a sponge.

Samantha Young

Smith College AC '10

Major: Economics

Hometown: Washington DC

RRASC Internship: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center – New York City

The LGBT Community Center provides a home for the birth, nurture and celebration of our organizations, institutions and culture; cares for our individuals and groups in need; educates the public and our community; and empowers our individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potential.



Bethany Tabb (Third Wave), Nicole Diaz (NLIRH) and Arielle Neal (PEP) in NYC

What was the best part of your internship?

Seeing that a community college student was as capable as the "real" college students. Seeing what I was capable of given the opportunity. Working with Miriam Yeung and the amazing staff at the LGBT Community Center.

What did you do during your "free" time?

Everything NYC had to offer. Concerts, shows, art galleries, museums, bike riding, free kayaking, walking tours, parties, bars, karaoke, tattoos.

What is your advice for future interns?

Why not? Try it you have nothing to lose and real world experience is very valuable.

Arielle Neal
Mount Holyoke College '10
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Nashville, TN

**RRASC Internship: Pro-Choice Public Education Project
New York City**

The Pro-Choice Public Education Project (PEP) is dedicated to engaging young women between the ages of 16-25 around the critical issue of reproductive freedom.

Why did you apply to the RRASC program?

I found out about the RRASC program through a friend and was becoming more interested in reproductive justice issues. Applying for an internship through RRASC seemed like a great way to go straight to the center of the movement and find out what it was all about.

What was the best part of your internship?

There are so many answers to this question! I interned for the Pro-Choice Public Education Project and I loved the interactions I had with the women who worked there; it was inspiring to see how such intelligent women decided to contribute their time and energy to educating other young women. I also loved that I got to do a project that was really catered to my interests, giving me a certain freedom to learn much more thoroughly about a section of reproductive justice that I think is often overlooked (that of the reproductive health needs of LGBTQ communities).

What is your advice for future interns?

I was originally hesitant because I was unsure where I fit into the reproductive justice and rights movement, but this was the perfect experience to figure that out. Go in with an open mind and trust the RRASC program's ability to match you with an organization that will be a good fit. Also, use your internship for all it's worth. From my experience, the people who you're interning for really want to engage you in the work as much as they can, and they have a lot to share and pass along. From a more practical standpoint, keep in mind throughout your internship what you do and don't like about the particular kinds of tasks, organization and location you're working in. I discovered a lot about what I specifically want and am looking for in a future career through this experience.

Helen (Xiaojia) Hua
Smith College '10
Major: Government, Education
Hometown: Louisville, KY

**RRASC Internship: National Asian Pacific American
Women's Forum – Washington, DC**

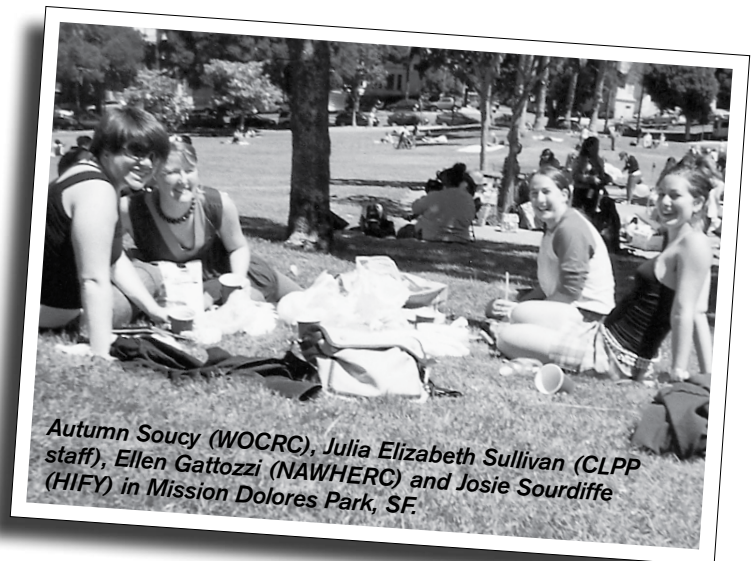
The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) is the only national multi-issue Asian Pacific Islander (API) women's organization in the country.

Why did you apply to the RRASC program?

I thought it was the ideal opportunity for me; I wanted to do real, substantive work this summer and learn more about social issues. RRASC provided amazing organizations for me to choose from and really put me in the perfect organization, NAPAWF. I had almost no background in either reproductive justice, Asian American issues, NGOs or the plethora of other issues I got to work with this summer but I was really excited that RRASC's mission was to educate and train the next generation of activists. I knew that I wanted to be one of those people and with the financial assistance of CLPP I was lucky enough to have that opportunity.

What was the best part of your internship?

Everything. Being in vibrantly political, energetic, and passionate DC. Working with the most amazing women who have become my role models in life. Coming to work everyday with a pile of work focused on addressing the issues I cared about and helping my community. Learning about how to make an NGO work and working alongside fellow college interns who have the same passions that I have.



Did you like the location of your internship?

I LOVED Washington DC. It is one of my favorite places in the world and I can't wait to go back. DC is a perfect place for a politically minded intern and the opportunities are endless- I got to hear speakers like Hillary, Nader, Barack, Reid and even ran into Secretary Rice carrying groceries.

If you had to do it again, would you be a RRASC?

Of course! It was one of the most amazing and life-changing experiences of my life. I know I am not the same person now as I was when I first came to DC.



Johanna Rincón is the Program Coordinator at CLPP. She coordinates the Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps program and had a life changing experience during one of her college internships.

Congratulations Summer 2007 RRASC Interns!

NANA BANNOR (Hampshire College)
NYU School of Medicine - Reproductive Choice Service,
New York, NY

VIVIENNE CARLSEN (Mount Holyoke College)
Center for Genetics and Society, Oakland, CA

ADA CASSIE (Greenfield Community College)
The Care Center, Holyoke, MA

ELENA COHEN (Mount Holyoke College)
National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY

CLOEE COOPER (University of Massachusetts)
Women's Educational Media, San Francisco, CA

OLGA DESHCENKO (University of Massachusetts)
Cine Qua Non, New York, NY

NICOLE DIAZ (Smith College)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health,
New York, NY

MELISSA ESTRELLA (Smith College)
Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, NY

STEPHEN FIGURA (Hampshire College)
Committee on Women, Population and the Environment and
Project South, Atlanta, GA

ELLEN GATTOZZI (Hampshire College)
Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center,
Lake Andes, SD

ANA GORDON-LOEBL (Hampshire College)
Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere (COLAGE), San
Francisco, CA

To be eligible for a RRASC internship you must:

Be an undergraduate student at one of the following institutions:

Amherst College
Greenfield Community College
Hampshire College
Holyoke Community College
Mount Holyoke College
Smith College
University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Not be graduating in Summer 2008

Not be on a leave including traveling abroad when you apply

Not be on a leave of absence from your college (including study abroad)

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://clpp.hampshire.edu/projects/rrasc/>

SARAH GROSSMAN (Hampshire College)
Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health, Chicago, IL

SUPRIYA SHARMA (Mount Holyoke College)
Choice USA, Washington, DC

HELEN HUA (Smith College)
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, Washington, DC

AUTUMN SOUCY (University of Massachusetts)
Women of Color Resource Center, Oakland, CA

JACQUELINE JOHNSON (Mount Holyoke College)
Justice Now, Oakland, CA

JOSIE SOURDIFFE (Hampshire College)
Health Initiatives for Youth, San Francisco, CA

PETROLIN KELLY (Holyoke Community College)
African American Women Evolving, Chicago, IL

BETHANY TABB (Holyoke Community College)
Third Wave Foundation, New York, NY

ARIELLE NEAL (Holyoke Community College)
Pro-Choice Public Education Project, New York, NY

YANA TALLON-HICKS (Hampshire College)
Center for Sex and Culture, San Francisco, CA

ANNA MESTER (Mount Holyoke College)
Political Research Associates, Somerville, MA

MELISSA TYRONE (University of Massachusetts)
Legal Momentum, New York, NY

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National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Oakland, CA

CHARLOTTE VIEIRA (University of Massachusetts)
National Network of Abortion Funds, Jamaica Plain, MA

ELIZA PESUIT (University of Massachusetts)
Justice Now, Oakland, CA

SAMANTHA YOUNG (Holyoke Community College)
LGBT Community Center, New York, NY

FELIPA QUIROZ (Mount Holyoke College)
New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY

YANA YUSHKINA (Amherst College)
The CAIR Project, Seattle, WA



Olga Deshchenko (Cine Qua Non), Supriya Sharma (Choice USA), Elena Cohen (NAPW), Sam Young (LGBT Community Center), Arielle Neal (PEP) and Helen Hua (NAPAWF).

From *Nautilus II: Poetry and Art* by Teen Mothers Studying
at The Care Center, Volume 5, Spring 2007

These Hands

Ashley Scytkoski

These hands will write the nonfiction
Not the fiction that columnists and the media
 Seem to write about young moms.
These hands will write the poem that says:
Stop criticizing us!
Don't degrade us!
We are people and have feelings, too.
I'm a teenage mom,
So what?
Does that mean I must be an irresponsible slut?
These hands will write the words that put a stop
 To all this negativity.
Our children are our crops.
We take care of them
And cater to their every need.
We know what we need to do.
We are their idols,
They will look up to us all of their lives.
These hands are strong and powerful.
These hands have been through hell and back,
Through thick and thin,
The tough and the easy.
These hands are my own.
These hands will write our truths:
We love our kids and their precious kisses
From the first time we hear them cry
To the day they die.
These hands may be broke.
These hands go to school.
These hands will get a job.
These hands will write these lines
For all the rest of time.

Ashley Scytkoski lives in Chicopee, Massachusetts. She has a two and a half-year-old son. She received her GED and plans to go to college and pursue a degree in Deaf Studies.

Founded in 1986, The Care Center offers a comprehensive bilingual education program for low-income young families in the greater Holyoke, Massachusetts area. Services include GED and ESL programs, parenting, health and life-skills workshops, career and transitional services, college preparation, on-site day care, case management, transportation, and youth development programs. The Care Center's mission is to provide opportunities for young people to gain control of their lives and to acquire the information, resources and skills for life-long growth and wellness. The Care Center strives to instill in teens a sense of ownership over their education and future, as well as a sense of hope and possibility.

For more information on The Care Center, please visit:
<http://www.carecenterholyoke.org/>

Living on the rez and working with the families at the Lodge was an experience incomparable to anything I have ever done. One of my greatest struggles was initially negotiating my place and role in working and living in a community that was not my own. This was only heightened by my fear of the role of racism in the community. I realize now what a privilege it was to be welcomed into the community by residents at the Lodge, children in the language program and the other women who work in the office. I was also fortunate to attend two

powwows during the summer as well as various community events through the language program, all of which gave me the opportunity to experience the living culture that is often written about as a culture of the past.



Ellen Gattozzi was a Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) intern at the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center in 2007. She is currently a Hampshire College student.



Students in the Dakota language immersion program learning to drum

NOTES FROM A CLPP ALUM: Eyes open Wide

BY ALICIA JAY, CLPP ALUMNI FELLOW

This new column will feature the activism and advocacy of CLPP alums working for social justice around the country. In this first column, Alicia Jay, CLPP's new alumni fellow, describes her experiences as a student organizer and young activist. If you would like to contribute or send in an update, please email Mia at msullivan@hampshire.edu.

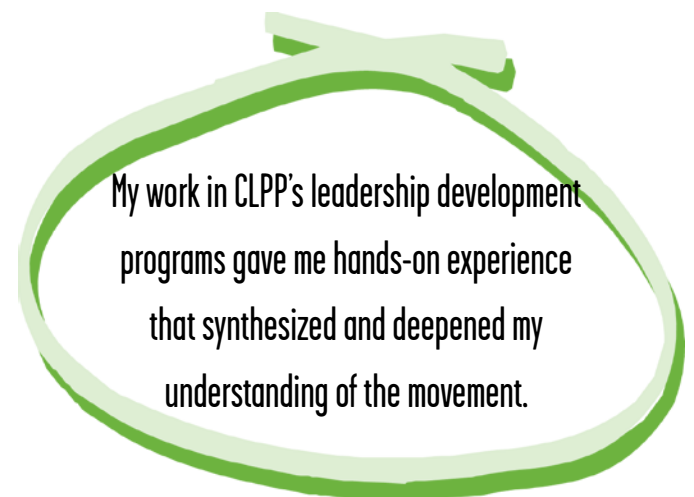
When I first started at Hampshire College, I would not have called myself political. Liberal: yes. Aware: maybe. Four years later, I am sitting at my desk in the CLPP office wondering how I got to this point of political motivation.

The answer is that while my academic courses opened my critical thinking lens, my work in CLPP's leadership development programs gave me hands-on experience that synthesized and deepened my understanding of the movement. Taking Marlene Fried's class on *The Politics of the Abortion Debate* opened my eyes to personal and activist perspectives on abortion and reproductive health. And, perhaps more than anything, to the need for fundamental change, in order to achieve social and reproductive justice. But at that time, I don't think I quite understood the full scope or context of the reproductive justice movement. Is it the same as the movement of the 1960's? Is it as simple as abortion and contraception? Or is it just another term for "social justice" in general? These were not questions I could have answered at the time.

Then in 2005, I became the student coordinator for the annual reproductive justice conference and, as a member of the CLPP staff, part of a small group within the broader movement. I was thrown into the hectic ins and outs of organizing a large and influential event, and tried to absorb as much as possible. It soon became clear that the answers to my questions were just as complex and intangible as the questions themselves. What does it mean to have workshops about economic justice and reproductive access? What are the connections between environmental degradation and health? How does militarism

affect all aspects of social, economic, and political life? It was an unbelievable semester and, amidst the daily phone calls, emails, and 40-plus hour weeks, I gained a sense of belonging and purpose, even if I didn't have all the answers.

That summer, I received a Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) grant to work at the Third Wave Foundation designing a reproductive justice workshop which examined the development of the traditional reproductive rights movement and located young activists in the changing framework of today's fight. That is when I began to see the broader scope of



the issues I had been struggling with. How did the white and middle class-based movement alienate others? Whose voices were heard loudest? How have changing and progressive dialogues about reproductive justice come about? At Third Wave, I also managed the foundation's abortion funds. Not only was I given more responsibility than I could have expected, my

ideas and opinions were taken seriously. I felt more like a full-time staff member than I did a summer intern.

Coming back to Hampshire, in the fall, I chaired the National Day of Action Pioneer Valley Committee, organizing an event to bring awareness to domestic and intimate partner violence in the area. The following year, I wrote my senior thesis on the prison industrial complex and prison abolition, and worked with CLPP to organize a panel about motherhood during incarceration. In April, I moderated and spoke at the annual CLPP conference in a workshop on incarcerated women.

As the new alumni fellow, I attended CLPP's Summer Leadership Institute for young activists, fundraising trainings in Springfield and New York, and the Transforming Justice conference in San Francisco. This fall, I am facilitating a session on advocacy issues at the semiannual meeting of the New Leadership Networking Initiative with Cynthia Chandler, the codirector of Justice Now. I have also been organizing "Activist 101" trainings for the CLPP community student group and have been working with the other CLPP staff to brainstorm workshops and speakers for the conference next spring.

Through all of these progressions and opportunities, CLPP has been my home within this movement. CLPP is the inspiring and supportive staff, the events where I see my passions come to life, and the words I hear from our participants that we have, in fact, changed lives. I've decided that defining reproductive justice certainly isn't simple, and that the framework is still being defined and, perhaps, will never stop evolving. But I see now that the reproductive and social justice movement affects us all. You just have to be willing to open your eyes wide enough to see it.



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population & development

New at PopDev!

The Population and Development Program challenges traditional views of overpopulation and immigration as the primary causes of environmental degradation and climate change, political instability, and poverty. Here's a snapshot of what the Population and Development Program (a sister program of CLPP) has been up to:

10 REASONS TO RETHINK OVERPOPULATION:

Now in Spanish! A color pamphlet on why we should rethink arguments that the world is overpopulated. *Find English and Spanish versions at: <http://popdev.hampshire.edu/projects/dt>*

BABIES, BURDENS AND THREATS: CURRENT FACES OF POPULATION CONTROL

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