

**TO REGISTER:** Download the registration form and fax or mail it to the MCLA Registrar's Office (fax number and address are on form).

<http://www.mcla.edu/uhrve>

For registration assistance, contact:  
Lisa Milanesi, Assistant Registrar at  
413-662-5216 or [Lisa.Milanesi@mcla.edu](mailto:Lisa.Milanesi@mcla.edu)

- **Course cost** upon registration is \$810<sup>00</sup>
- **A Stipend that covers your cost of registration will be provided** to participants who successfully complete the course.
- **Enrollment is capped at 16 participants**, so register early.
- **Deadline for registration is June 1<sup>st</sup>** – with 3 slots held for CT teachers until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **VALUE ADDED BENEFIT!**

Funding is available from the Upper Housatonic National Heritage Area to support the cost of transportation for follow up student field trips; details available during course.

Team-taught by faculty from  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
and Berkshire Community College, this  
is a three (3) Credit Graduate Course  
offered through MCLA.

Course Number:  
ENVE 651 OR HSTE 601

Participants will review their current curricula and develop standard-based lessons related to the Upper Housatonic River Valley content that integrate contextual applications and motivational instructional strategies. Individuals, school-based and/or content-based teams will develop written lesson plans suitable for dissemination.

**Project proposals will be presented to the class and a wider audience at the last class meeting with final projects submitted electronically by early August.**

### **ALL WELCOME!**

The course content can be applied to any river watershed area.

# The Upper Housatonic Valley Experience:

An Overview of the Historical,  
Industrial, Cultural & Environmental  
Influences of the Region

## SUMMER 2011

**DATE:** June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

**TIME:** 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (M-F) with one extended day TBA

**LOCATION:** Pittsfield Intermodal Center and various sites within the heritage area

**INTENDED FOR:** Berkshire County and Northwestern Connecticut Middle/ High School teachers of History, Social Studies, English, Science, Business, & Industrial Technology.



## THE UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY

**EXPERIENCE** introduces and integrates various aspects of the heritage of the Upper Housatonic River Valley; the economic and industrial history of the valley, the ecology of the river throughout that history, the symbiotic relationship between that history and ecology, and the social and cultural aspects.

Instructors will assist students in designing projects that will infuse this information into their classrooms while meeting state standards.



Field trips to local cultural, environmental, and business sites and presentations by guest lecturers will be a major portion of the course.

### Evaluation Comments from past participants:

- *The most useful course I have taken at the graduate level. This course supplied concepts and examples, demonstrated interaction and cooperation, and then set us free to explore and apply on our own.*
- *Awesome course, awesome format, awesome instructors. Please keep up the good work.*
- *Thank you so much. The course was very inspiring. I've made a lot of great connections and haven't stopped thinking about lesson-planning since!*



## SAMPLE PROGRAM (2010)

NOTE: THERE ARE SCHEDULE VARIATIONS FROM YEAR TO YEAR.  
PROGRAM QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:  
JULIE HANNUM AT 413-236-2180 OR

### Day 1 – Tuesday, July 6th

Course Introductions – Intermodal Education Center

**Lecture:** Curriculum and a Sense of Place –  
Emily DeMoor, MCLA

Heritage Area Special Projects – Judith Monachina

Crane & Co. and Crane Museum – Steve Sears and  
Mary Ward

Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment Plant – Carl Shaw

Introduction to the Course Website and Project  
Expectations – Faculty, at IEC

Showing of Sharon Historical Society's  
Documentary: "Visions of Iron"

### Day 2 – Wednesday, July 7th

Beckley Furnace – Ed Kirby and Dick Paddock

Specialty Minerals – Christopher Norton

Housatonic River Walk – Rachel Fletcher &  
Greenagers led by Will Conklin

The African American Heritage Trail &

W. E. B. Du Bois – Wray, Cora and Elaine Gunn, at  
A.M.E. Zion Church

**Lecture:** Rivers and Wetlands – Tom Tynning, BCC at  
BCC South County Center

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center – Laura  
Checkow for Beryl Jolly

### Day 3 – Thursday, July 8th

**Lecture:** Economics of Sustainability –  
Nancy Ovitsky, MCLA

**Lecture:** The Geological Story of the Berkshires –  
Emily DeMoor, MCLA

Interprint, Inc. – Bruce Wooley, Lauren Ziemek, Kelly  
Palmer and others

Hancock Shaker Village – Todd Burdick

### Day 4 – Friday, July 9th

Bartholomew's Cobble – Housatonic River tour with  
Rene Wendell

The Colonel John Ashley House – Will Garrison  
Norman Rockwell Museum – Melinda Georgeson

### Day 5 (enrichment) – Saturday, July 10th

Online Chat with Faculty – Project Proposals

Hilltop Orchards/Furnace Brook Winery – Tour with  
John Vittori

### Day 6 – Monday, July 12th

Project Work at IEC

The Colonial Theater – David Fleming and others  
**Closing Session: Greetings from UHVNHA**

Executive Director, Board, and Supporters

**\*\*Presentation of Project Proposals – Teachers\*\***