OCCUPY HARVARD TEACH-IN ON WEDNESDAY DEC. 7

Professors From Harvard, Boston College, and New York University to Conduct a Teach-In Supporting the Occupy Movement

Cambridge, MA — In a clear indication that Occupy has captured the imaginations of America’s leading intellectuals, nine faculty from three institutions will gather at Harvard University on Wednesday for a teach-in supporting the movement.

During a marathon session lasting from mid-afternoon into the evening, professors will lecture on topics ranging from the role of Wall Street in the global economic meltdown to the Occupy movement’s focus on income inequality, student debt, and political paralysis.

Stephen Marglin of the Harvard Economics Department will deliver a lecture entitled “Heterodox Economics: Alternatives to Mankiw's Ideology,” which will explore alternatives to the ideology prescribed in Professor N. Gregory Mankiw’s introductory macroeconomics course, from which 70 Harvard students walked out last month in protest against its “overly conservative bias.” Other teach-in participants will include professors from Boston College and New York University and members of Harvard’s Law School, Kennedy School of Government, and Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The teach-in will take place at the Harvard University Science Center, located at 1 Oxford Street in Cambridge. There is no charge for attendance and the event is open and accessible to the public—unlike the Occupy encampment inside Harvard Yard, which has remained on unnecessary lockdown since November 9th at the behest of Harvard Administration.

The teach-in is one of many events organized in the last few weeks that have included distinguished faculty members who support Occupy Harvard. As of December 2nd, Occupy Harvard’s online petition has garnered the signatures of 188 Harvard faculty.

WHO: Faculty of Harvard University, Boston College, and New York University
WHAT: Teach-in supporting the Occupy movement
WHERE: Harvard University Science Center (1 Oxford Street, Cambridge), Hall D
WHEN: 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events:
3:30 pm “Fear and Power”
Brad Epps, Professor of Romance Languages & Literatures and Department Chair for Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

4:00 pm “Why Has Inequality Grown in America? What Should We Do?”
Archon Fung, Ford Foundation Professor of Democracy and Citizenship and Co-Director of Transparency Policy Project, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
4:30 pm “The Occupy Movement and Student Debt Refusal”
Andrew Ross, Professor of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University

5:00 pm “Heterodox Economics: Alternatives to Mankiw's Ideology”
Stephen Marglin, Walter Barker Professor of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

5:30 pm “Wall Street’s Role in the European Financial Crisis”
Richard Parker, Lecturer in Public Policy and Senior Fellow at the Shorenstein Center, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

6:00 pm “Booms and Busts: The Legal Dynamics of Modern Money”
Christine Desan, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Harvard University

6:30 pm “Slavery and Capitalism in the United States”
Walter Johnson, Winthrop Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

7:00 pm “Economics for the 99%”
Juliet Schor, Professor of Sociology, Boston College

7:30 pm “Vigilance, Inquiry, Alienation & Hope at Harvard and in the USA”
John Womack, Robert Woods Bliss Professor of Latin American History and Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University