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### **Open Enrollment for Preservation Studies UMass Amherst and Hancock Shaker Village**

Pittsfield, Mass.— The UMass Amherst- Hancock Shaker Village Historic Preservation Graduate Degree Program announced open enrollment for individual fall classes. This immersive program is especially geared to working professionals, with classes meeting on selected Friday afternoons and Saturdays. “We are eager to have historians, planners, green living enthusiasts, and preservationists—practitioners and activists alike—take individual courses or pursue the full degree,” said Max Page, Professor of Architecture and History and Director of Historic Preservation Initiatives at UMass Amherst. Lectures and studio laboratory classes are supplemented with case studies and hands on practical applications. The case studies are based at Hancock Shaker Village, a National Historic Landmark site and 750 acre, 18 historic building preservation project.

“Students learn from senior practitioners in the field and from 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> century Shaker buildings in various stages of preservation. Working in practical applications rather than just theoretically gives program graduates an advantage in the historic preservation field.” notes Linda Steigleder, president of Hancock Shaker Village.

The fall semester starts September 7, 2012 and consists of eight two-day segments. Courses include History and Theory of Historic Preservation, Green Building and Historic Preservation, Building Conservation, Architectural Materials Testing, and Structural and Mechanical System. Friday classes are held at the UMass Amherst campus from 1pm to 4pm, Saturday classes are held at Hancock Shaker Village in both the morning and afternoon. For more information, please visit [www.umass.edu/preservation](http://www.umass.edu/preservation) or contact Professor Page at [mpage@art.umass.edu](mailto:mpage@art.umass.edu) or 413.219.7633. To register for individual classes, see [www.umassulearn.net](http://www.umassulearn.net).

## **ABOUT HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE**

Situated on a picturesque expanse of farm, field, and woodland in Pittsfield, Mass., Hancock Shaker Village is an outdoor living history museum and center for the study of principled living in the 21st century. The fully restored Village includes 18 historic buildings, heirloom medicinal and vegetable gardens, 22,000 examples of Shaker furniture, crafts, tools, and clothes that depict daily life at the Shakers' City of Peace through its 220 years, as well as heritage breed farm animals and spectacular hiking trails. Visited by nearly 70,000 people annually, the Village brings the Shaker story to life, and preserves it for future generations. For more information, call 800.817.1137 or see [www.hancockshakervillage.org](http://www.hancockshakervillage.org).

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