

Political Science and International Relations

April 2023

Spring 2023

April 17-21

Fall Registration for
undergraduates

April 20

Inauguration of SUNY
President Wheeler
11:00 am Athletic and
Wellness Center with
reception to follow

May 10

Last Day of Classes Last
Day for Students to S/U
a class

May 12

PSIR End of Year Party
2:00-4:00 pm
Honors Center
Celebrate Graduates, Pi
Sigma Alpha Induction
Ceremony for New
Members

May 15-19

Final Exams

May 20 Undergraduate

Commencement! 10 am

Spring is Here...

Hoping all of you with holidays to celebrate enjoyed the past weekend, and those that did not, enjoyed the wonderful weather and rested up enough to make that final push to the end of the semester. Last month was a busy one for the PSIR Department, hosting the annual Spring Break trip, the annual Gary King Lecture series, and bringing to campus some of our amazing alums for the Women's Summit (thank you Joleen Rivera ('06) and Nancy Kassop for leading the panel). Please see inside this newsletter for pictures and more details. We all have President Wheeler's inauguration to look forward to the week of April 19-21, with events ranging from the formal investiture ceremony on April 20 to several additional "festivities" for visiting dignitaries from SUNY Central and other campuses, highlighting the good work we do here on campus.

I'll close by inviting you all to our end of term party, on May 12 in the Honors Center, and I would love to see you all there!

Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR
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Spring Break in DC with PSIR Club!

Professors Nancy Kassop and Kathleen Dowley brought 21 NP students to DC over spring break to meet with alums working in the capital. **Amber Greene ('03)** here in blue up front hosted us at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building at the White House where she works as Special Assistant to the President for Racial and Economic Justice in the Domestic Policy Council. Joining us this year were **President Wheeler**, VP **Erica Marks** and Honors Program Director **Pat Sullivan**. Among the PSIR students attending this year were PSIR Club President **Carolyn Weinstein**, **Ari Goldman**, **Aidan Arcadi**, **Jennifer Knox**, **Maddie Graves**, **Michele Coleman**, **Max Moldow**, **Dash Cantor**, **Taylor Bodo**, **Luis Nunez Reyes**, **Martin Renato Gonzalez Podesto**, **Veron Matthews**, **Eelaaf Choudry**, **Jessica Savio**, **Darwing Charles**, **Yahouza Flatiou**, **Kayleen Martinez**, **Jaydin Demera Batista**, **Molly Racsko** and **Kanae Hirao**. The group also toured the Supreme Court, got a briefing at the Longworth House Office Building by **Zach Grossman ('16)**, Legislative Director for Bronx Representative Ritchie Torres (D), and were hosted to a reception at the Kimpton Hotel by past New Paltz alums and the Alumni Office. While the Nor'easter that threatened the region kept the group a night longer than anticipated, the trip was a huge success!



Annual Gary King Lecture in Applied Social Science Research

On March 23, Tufts University Professor Eitan Hersh delivered the annual Gary King Lecture in Applied Social Research to a crowd of students and faculty in Science Hall 181. The talk was based on his book, *Politics is for Power: How to Move Beyond Political Hobbyism, Take Action, and Make Real Political Change* (2020).



In addition to his public lecture, he also did a special in-class workshop on his recent project on antisemitism for students in Professor Minkoff's State and Local Politics class, and Professor Ozler's UN Semester class. He was a terrific guest, and a credit to the series, endowed by our alum **Gary King ('80)**, now the Albert J. Weatherhead Professor of Political Science at Harvard University. The Department and the Benjamin Center were pleased to co-sponsor and are already looking forward to the next one!

BEYOND PLASTICS

WITH MEGAN J. WOLFF, PH.D., M.P.H.



Plastic Pollution has played a major role in the increasing climate crisis that we are experiencing.

Megan Wolff believes that plastics are critical because they serve as a “wedge” issue, drawing together many problems. She is currently the Policy Director at Beyond Plastics. Ms. Wolff holds a B.A. in English from Wesleyan University and an M.P.H. and Ph.D in Public Health History and Policy from Columbia University.

Learn from her how plastic pollution impacts climate change, why it is happening, and what we can do to stop it.

**THURS APRIL 13
6 – 7:30PM
LECTURE CENTER
104**

For more information, contact Professor Daniel Lipson at lipsond@newpaltz.edu



MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!!

THE 2023 DEMOCRACY SUMMER

WHEN: June 27– August 7, 2023 (@10 hours a week)

**WHERE: Congressman Pat Ryan's Re-Election Campaign
(NY District 19 in the Hudson Valley)**

STIPEND: \$500

APPLY BY APRIL 14: <https://democracysummer.typeform.com/DS2023>



Become a Democracy Summer Fellow working with Congressman Pat Ryan's re-election campaign. You will learn state-of-the-art skills in phone-banking, text-banking, canvassing, fundraising and voter registration—all the necessary ingredients for a winning campaign.

In addition, Democracy Summer Fellows also participate in exciting online seminars, designed by Congressman Jamie Raskin, with national political leaders, policy experts, issue advocates and top community organizers

Learn more at <https://jamieraskin.com/DemocracySummer>

(Be sure to note you want to work on Pat Ryan's campaign!)

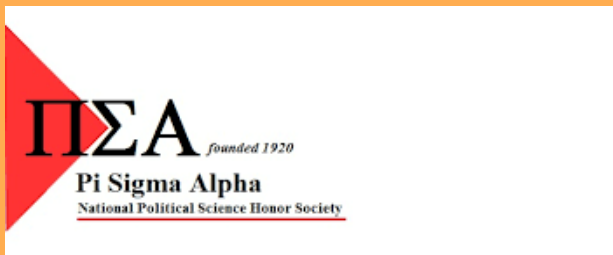
End of Year Celebration

The Department of Political Science and International Relations would like to invite students to the annual End of Year Celebration. We are celebrating our graduating seniors, the new Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society inductees, and we are also honoring our Outstanding Graduates. There will be food, crowns, and certificates galore. Please come (on the Common Exam Day) and help us celebrate the end of an era, and the start of something amazing....



When? **Friday, May 12**

What time? **2-4 pm**



Location: The Honors Center

Pi Sigma Alpha inductees are free to bring a friend and/or family to the event! And even if you are not graduating, you are welcome to celebrate the end of the semester!

Schedule of Class for Fall 2023

POL216	01	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	8/28-12/21	TWF	12:30 PM-1:40 PM		Daniel Lipson
POL216	02	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	8/28-12/21	TWF	2:00 PM-3:10 PM		Daniel Lipson
POL216	03	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	8/28-12/21	MWR	2:00 PM-3:10 PM		Nancy Kassop
POL216	04	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	8/28-12/21	MWR	12:30 PM-1:40 PM		Nancy Kassop
POL220	01	Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds	FS	4	8/28-12/21	MWR	12:30 PM-1:40 PM		Jeff Miller
POL220	02	Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds	FS	4	8/28-12/21	MWR	9:30 AM-10:40 AM		Jeff Miller
POL227	01	Intro International Politics	HYB	4	8/28-12/21	MR	9:30 AM-10:45 AM		Stephen Pampinella
POL227	02	Intro International Politics	HYB	4	8/28-12/21	MR	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		Stephen Pampinella
POL229	01	Intro to Comparative Politics	AO	4	8/28-12/21			ONLINE	Eric Bein
POL229	02	Intro to Comparative Politics	HYB	4	8/28-12/21	TF	9:30 AM-10:45 AM		Kathleen Dowley
POL300	01	Political Science Research Methods	FS	4	8/28-12/21	MWR	11:00 AM-12:10 PM		Joel Lefkowitz
POL311	01	American Environmental Politics	FS	3	8/28-12/21	TF	9:30 AM-10:45 AM		Daniel Lipson
POL331	01	American Political Thought	FS	3	8/28-12/21	MR	2:00 PM-3:15 PM		Joel Lefkowitz
POL350	01	Introduction to Law	FS	3	8/28-12/21	MR	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		Nancy Kassop
POL354	01	European Politics and Government	FS	3	8/28-12/21	TF	12:30 PM-1:45 PM		Kathleen Dowley
POL355	01	Criminal Law	FS	3	8/28-12/21	MR	3:30 PM-4:45 PM		
POL366	01	American Foreign Policy	FS	3	8/28-12/21	MR	12:30 PM-1:45 PM		Stephen Pampinella
POL371	01	Latin American Politics	HYB	3	8/28-12/21	TF	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		
POL404	01	Seminar in International Relations	HYB	4	8/28-12/21	W	2:00 PM-4:50 PM		Jonathan Schwartz
POL405	01	Seminar in Political Theory	HYB	4	8/28-12/21	W	3:30 PM-6:20 PM		Jeff Miller



PSIR Faculty Office Hours-Spring 2023

Welcome to the Department of Political Science and International Relations!

The Administrative Assistant, Jen Freer can be reached via email at freerj@newpaltz.edu

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