

# Political Science and International Relations

March 2023

## Spring 2023

### Important Dates

**March 13-17**  
Spring Break

**March 12-14**  
PSIR Club Trip to  
Washington, DC

**March 15**  
Deadline for Filing  
for August  
Graduation

**March 23**  
Professor Eitan Hersh  
delivers Gary King  
Lecture  
4:30-6pm, SH 181

**April 1**  
Deadline for GEP  
Applications

**April 2**  
Last Day for Course  
Withdrawal

**April 6-7**  
Passover/Good  
Friday-no classes

**April 17-21**  
Fall Registration for  
undergraduates

## Spring is Coming...

We are deep in the midst of midterm week, with the reward of spring break just ahead of us. For those of you attending the Spring Break trip to Washington D.C. with Nancy Kassop this coming Sunday-Tuesday, we have a great itinerary planned and I look forward to joining you this year and meeting some of our alums. While we are half way through our journey this term, we still have many good things to look forward to! After break, we are co-sponsoring the Gary King Lecture in Applied Social Science, and we are excited to bring Professor Eitan Hersh to campus the Thursday after break to talk about his research into what he calls "political hobbyism" and its consequences for our modern politics. See inside for more details about that.

Spring is also advising season for the fall semester of 2023. A screenshot of the PSIR Fall schedule is included in these pages, and you should look it over, alongside your progress report, and make a plan to schedule and appointment with your advisor in the weeks following break. As ever, if you have questions, please reach out at [dowleyk@newpaltz.edu](mailto:dowleyk@newpaltz.edu).

*Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR*





# New Paltz Students at NYS Assembly this Spring

The Political Science and International Relations Department would like to highlight the accomplishments of current Political Science undergraduate students, Brandon Gonzalez and Nayise Gonzalez, who were accepted into the competitive NYS Assembly internship in Albany this spring semester. The Department is proud of our track record in sending great students to this terrific program every year. For more information about the program, see <https://nyassembly.gov/internship/undergraduates/>.

**"I really love Albany and I'm working for Assemblywoman Nily Rozic. I've gotten close with the staff and other interns in the program." - Nayise**



Brandon Gonzalez and Nayise Gonzalez pictured with Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.



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Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter



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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

# **Celebrate International Women's Day! Let's Discuss: Human Rights Implications of the overturning of Roe v. Wade**

**Tue, March 7 | WebEx | 5:30PM-7PM EST**

Register here: <https://newpaltz.webex.com/weblink/register/ra388e20e788ee998cc82f7efac1c907a>



**Guest Speaker: Katherine Mayall**  
**Director of Strategic Initiatives, Center for Reproductive Rights**



Sponsored by United Nations Association, Mid-Hudson Valley  
Co-sponsored by SUNY New Paltz Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality  
Studies, SUNY New Paltz Political Science Department, United Nations Semester



# Opportunity: Congressman Molinaro Summer Internship

Congressman Marc Molinaro is currently accepting applications for summer internships.

In the Washington, DC office, internships run throughout the fall, spring or summer semesters for college students. Although all internships in all offices are unpaid, students gain invaluable work experience. The hours are flexible to accommodate students' hectic course schedules, but generally run 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. when Congress is in session, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when not in session.

In Washington, DC, interns' responsibilities will vary. They will be asked to answer phones, run errands, research legislation for the Member and legislative staff, attend hearings and briefings, and answer constituent letters on various issues before the House. As a result, interns learn about the legislative process and the many other functions of a congressional office.

In the District office, interns may be asked to do a variety of things, including day-to-day office work such as answering phones, writing letters and assisting with media clips. In addition, interns may be assigned to assist in various constituent case work or work on District-based projects of importance.



Apply here: <https://molinaro.house.gov/forms/internships/>

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# The Professor is In: Democracy's Chief Executive Podcast

Political Science Professor **Nancy Kassop** has recently been a part of a podcast called *Democracy's Chief Executive*. A podcast on law and the presidency!



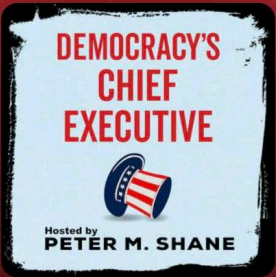
"Democracy's Chief Executive" is hosted by Peter M. Shane (NYU Law School professor). The first episode came out February 19th and it includes Professor Nancy Kassop, Jack Goldsmith (Harvard Law professor), and Bob Bauer (President Biden's personal lawyer).

**Listen in on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts! Also, subscribe for alerts when a new episode drops.**

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Podcast

## Democracy's Chief Executive

Peter M. Shane

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### About

Are presidents above the law? How much power does the President actually have and how much should they have? In answering these and other questions, Peter M. Shane and guests invite novices and experts alike into wider questions; Can the United States have a presidency that is healthy for democracy and the rule of law while still strong enough to meet contemporary challenges? Peter M. Shane is a law professor at Ohio State University and New York University School of Law and has taught constitutional law, law and the presidency, and courses at the intersection of law, democracy, and new media.

# Schedule of Class for Fall 2023

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



**2023 GARY KING**  
**VISITING LECTURER**  
**APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**THE BENJAMIN CENTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PRESENT**

# **POLITICAL HOBBYISM vs. POLITICAL POWER: WHO IS TO BLAME FOR OUR BROKEN POLITICS?**

**DR. EITAN HERSH**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE  
TUFTS UNIVERSITY**



**Who is to blame for our broken politics?** The uncomfortable answer to this question starts with ordinary citizens with good intentions. We vote (sometimes) and occasionally sign a petition or attend a rally. But we mainly “engage” by consuming politics as if it’s a sport or a hobby. We soak in daily political gossip and eat up statistics about who’s

up and who’s down. The hours we spend on politics are used mainly as pastime.

Instead, we should be spending the same number of hours building political organizations, implementing a long-term vision for our city or town, and getting to know our neighbors, whose votes will be needed for solving hard problems. We could be accumulating power so that when there are opportunities to make a difference—to lobby, to advocate, to mobilize—we will be ready.

In his lecture, *Political Hobbyism vs Political Power*, Dr. Eitan Hersh will show us a way toward more effective political participation. Aided by political theory, history, cutting-edge social science, as well as remarkable stories of ordinary citizens who got off their couches and took political power seriously, this lecture will show us how to channel our energy away from political hobbyism and toward empowering our values.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023**  
**4:30–6 p.m.**  
**SCIENCE HALL, ROOM 181**  
**SUNY NEW PALTZ**

The annual **Gary King Visiting Lecture in Applied Social Research** is underwritten by New Paltz alumni Gary King '80 (Political Science), the Albert J. Weatherhead III University Professor at Harvard University.

If you have accessibility questions or require accommodations to fully participate in this event, please contact The Benjamin Center at [benjamincenter@newpaltz.edu](mailto:benjamincenter@newpaltz.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event.





## 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](mailto:freerj@newpaltz.edu)

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