

Political Science and International Relations

September 2022

Fall 2022

Important Dates

Aug 29

First Day of Classes

Aug 29 - Sept 4

Add / Drop Period

Sept 5

Labor Day - No Classes

Sept 5 - Sept 11

Late Registration / Course Drop

Sept 11

Fall 2022 Registration Ends

Sept 12 - Nov 6

Course Withdrawal Period

Sept 19

Constitution Day, Guest Speaker - Kate Shaw in Science Hall Room 181 @5:30pm

Sept 25 - 27

Rosh Hashanah - Classes in Session

Sept 29

Model EU Info Session @4pm in SCB 138

Oct 4 - Oct 5

Yom Kippur - Classes in Session

Oct 10 - Oct 11

Fall Break

Oct 16

Mid-Point of Fall 2022

Nov 6

Last day for Course Withdrawal

Nov 23 - Nov 25

Thanksgiving Recess

Dec 12

Last Day for S/U Option

Dec 12

Last Day of Classes

WELCOME BACK!

And welcome to our new first-year and transfer students. I hope the first few weeks of classes have gone smoothly and you are settling back in. We are a little short-handed this semester, with both Professors Özler and Schwartz on leave, but we welcome back Professors Cassandra Sweet and Eric Bein who each taught for us last year as well.

Inside this first of the term newsletter, you will find some internship opportunities, news from one of our recent alums, a student study abroad story (at last!), and publicity surrounding our first event of the season, the annual Constitution Day lecture on Monday September 19 at 5:30 in Science Hall 181. This year we are thrilled to welcome **Cardozo Law Professor Kate Shaw** to talk about the recent Supreme Court Dobbs decision (overturning Roe v Wade) and its impact on our democracy.

I am hosting a **Model EU info session on Thursday, September 29 at 4:00pm in SCB 138**. We have funding to bring 4 students to represent one EU country at the SUNY Global Center in NYC, January 9-11, 2023 during our break (two nights in the city.) If there is interest in a second country, we could subsidize hotel/registration fees.

If you have questions or need to speak with, you can always reach me at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu, or during my office hours (**Tuesdays 1-3pm and Thursdays 1-3pm**) in SCB 133 (best to call **ext. 3540** to make an appointment with Department Administrative Assistant Jen Freer during those times). Yes, the Main Office and my office (and Professor Miller's office) have been relocated to South Classroom Building, next to the pond, while windows in JFT get replaced. You can always email me at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu.



Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR

SUNY New Paltz Annual Constitution Day Event

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization and Democracy

In *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Justice Samuel Alito explained that in overruling *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court was returning “the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.” This talk asks how to understand the rhetoric of democracy deployed in *Dobbs* in the context of the rest of the opinion, as well as in the Roberts Court’s cases involving the law of democracy.

**Monday,
September
19, 2022
5:30p.m.
Science Hall
Room 181**



Kate Shaw is a Professor of Law and the Co-Director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy at Cardozo School of Law. She has worked in the White House Counsel’s Office as a Special Assistant to the President and Associate Counsel to the President (2009-11), and she clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court (2007-08) and Judge Richard A. Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2006-07).

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If you have accessibility questions or require accommodations to fully participate in this event, please contact Alicia Ivan at ivana@newpaltz.edu



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From our New Alumnus, Naoki Matsushima ('22)

"Hi. My name is Naoki Matsushima. I am an international student from Tokyo, Japan and majored in IR. I came to New Paltz because I was interested in international affairs and wanted to get out of my comfort zone and challenge myself. At New Paltz, I joined the frisbee club, became an e-board member of the International Student Union, and participated in the Global Engagement Program, a unique academic and professional program offered by New Paltz. I believe that four years of academic endeavor gave me an in-depth understanding of international affairs. Although cultural differences and language barriers were not easy to digest in the beginning, having amazing friends and meeting great minds inside and

outside of campus made a huge difference. Currently, I am working for United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism as an intern until February 2023. Since my work involves monitoring and evaluation work, what I learned from IR classes such as Global Engagement Program, discourse analysis from senior seminar, and research method for social science are real assets. I am grateful for all the help from my friends, faculties, staff at the international program, and my family. Cheers."



Digital Politics Podcast with Professor Scott Minkoff



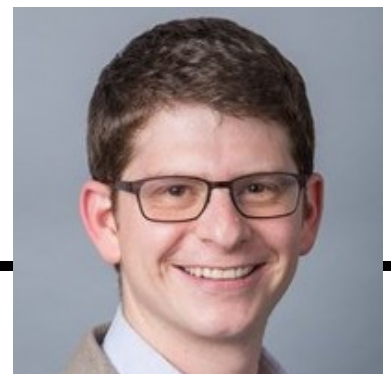
The **Digital Politics Podcast** is a non-partisan podcast hosted by Karen Jagoda. It highlights the "impact of new technologies on the campaign landscape, how expectations of voters are changing, role of online fundraising, digital and traditional means of persuasion and getting out the vote."

Jagoda's most recent episode, called "**The Power of Yard Signs in a Digital Age with Scott Minkoff SUNY New Paltz**", has our very own Political Science professor, Scott Minkoff. They discuss his co-authored book *Politics on Display: Yard Signs and the Politicization of Social Spaces*.

In the episode they discuss

- Who puts out a yard sign, and what message does a campaign yard sign communicate
- Most effective use of campaign yard signs
- How down-ballot political campaigns can benefit from using yard signs
- The past and future of campaign yard signs
- How yard sign research is conducted

Go listen! Podcast can be found here: <https://digitalpoliticsradio.com/the-power-of-yard-signs-in-a-digital-age-with-scott-minkoff-suny-new-paltz>



Study Abroad Story!

Political Science student, Nyah Estevez studied abroad this past summer in Berlin, Germany at Freie Universität. Here is her experience studying abroad!

"This past summer I had the privilege of participating in Freie Universität Berlin's 6-week intensive program. I completed two courses; elementary level German and a Political Science course on migration policies within the European Union. Through my Political Science course I was able to visit a volunteer initiative called Moabit Hilft, and talk with current spokeswoman Christiane Beckmann about the influx of refugees within Berlin and their efforts assisting in the maltreatment of asylum seekers. Additionally, I was also able to participate in a walking tour called "A Journey Through the Refugee Rights Movement" by an organization called Refugee Voices Tours; which was founded in 2015 by activists and refugees in Berlin. These are two examples of the many eye-opening experiences I had during my time in the wonderful city that is Berlin. Not to mention, I was fortunate enough to explore many of Berlin's amazing art museums (the Pergamon museum, the Bode, Museum of Photography, etc.), and its very informative and moving historical sites (the Brandenburg Gate, Topography of Terror, and the Berlin Wall.) This was not only my first time in Germany, but it was also my first time in Europe! This experience has truly changed my perspective on life and I am forever thankful for all the amazing people I met while I was there. It was truly an honor to have represented SUNY New Paltz abroad at Freie Universität." Special Thanks to the Brownstein Travel Scholarship for supporting me!





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STUDY ABROAD FALL FAIR

Thursday, September 22, 2022
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SUB Concourse

Internship Outreach!

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has reached out to us about an exciting internship program for New York's 18th Congressional District election this November.



"As school is beginning to resume and November being around the corner we would love to expand our intern and fellowship program to strengthen our campaign. **Below is a form to fill out for those that are interested in joining hands.**"

- Amir Turner, Deputy Organizer Director

Internship Outreach Form:

<https://forms.gle/Ve5HReTJXWdbEowc8>



PSIR Faculty Office Hours-Fall 2022

Welcome to the Department of Political Science and International Relations!

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