

# Political Science and International Relations

January 2022

## SPRING 2022

### Important Dates

**Jan 17**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Jan 24**  
First Day of Classes

**Jan 24 - 30**  
Add / Drop Period

**Feb 17**  
  
Professor Jeff Miller's Book  
Talk, "Democracy in Crisis"

**Feb 21**  
President's Day - No Classes

**March 11**  
Mid-Point of Spring 2022

**March 14 - 18**  
Spring Break - No Classes

**April 1**  
  
Deadline for Fall GEP  
applications

**April 15**  
Passover - No classes after  
3pm

**April 18**  
Fall Registration Begins

**May 9**  
Last Day of Classes

**May 13 - 19**  
Final Examinations

## Welcome back for Spring 2022,

I hope everyone had a restful and healthy break, and that you return ready to recommit to your program of study and engage in the life of the campus. Inside this newsletter, you will find a list of upcoming important dates and deadlines, a selection of new and recurring internship opportunities, a profile of our new Visiting Faculty member, **Cassandra Sweet**, who is teaching Latin American Politics this term, as well as the Spring semester office hours/locations of our faculty. Most importantly, however, I want to take this opportunity to share the news that our own **Stephen Pampinella**, was successfully awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor this past December. Those who have already had a chance to take a class with Professor Pampinella know that he is a talented teacher, with an impressive record of scholarship in the field of international relations. Feel free to congratulate him when you see him!

Another of our faculty, **Professor İlgü Özler**, is on leave this spring, on her Fulbright to Madrid, Spain. All of her advisees have been transferred to other faculty advisors in the Department, so please consult your progress reports to identify your new advisor. While Professor Özler (and Schwartz) will be on sabbatical in the fall, applications to the Global Engagement Program will continue, as the Center for International Programs remains committed to running the program, and hiring a temporary replacement for her in Fall 2022. Apply online via the Center for International Programs, before the end of March, at <https://www.newpaltz.edu/gep/>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [dowleyk@newpaltz.edu](mailto:dowleyk@newpaltz.edu), or stop by my office hours (listed on the back page of this newsletter).

*Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR*

Many thanks to Political Science major, **Nyah Estevez**, for all her work on the re-design of this newsletter!



# SUNY Oneonta Undergraduate Political Science Conference

*Undergraduates are invited to submit papers for SUNY Oneonta's Thirteenth Undergraduate Political Science Conference, sponsored by the SUNY Oneonta Political Science Club.*



We encourage papers concerning (but are not limited to) Political Science, International Studies, Africana Latino Studies, Anthropology, Women and Gender Studies, History, Sociology and related fields. We encourage that topics are related to politics and government, continental, and international!

The conference will continue its previous practice and will run all day. There will be paper sessions in the morning and afternoon, with a luncheon and a keynote speaker (TBA) midday. We expect to see captivating presentations and interaction among all types of students from the northeastern schools of New York to be the centerpiece of the conference. This is a great opportunity to meet different students and learn about varying topics of interest among your demographic.

Papers should be approximately 8 to 30 pages in length and presentations should be approximately 10-15 minutes. Specific guidelines for presentations will be sent out upon submission of papers.

## **Paper Proposal Due Date: February 22nd, 2022**

Please submit a full draft of the paper to **[polisci.conference.oneonta@gmail.com](mailto:polisci.conference.oneonta@gmail.com)**. Be mindful to include a completed copy of the cover page attached to this email. Do not underestimate the quality of your paper, we encourage a diverse submission of papers that range from varying topics of interest. Students will be notified of their acceptance by March 11th, 2022.

Thank you for your time and get submitting!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact:

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## Visiting Faculty: Cassandra Sweet

*The Department is so pleased to welcome Visiting Professor Cassandra Sweet this semester, teaching Latin American Politics, Tuesdays from 3:30-6:20. The first several meetings will be synchronous but virtual (as she is still doing work in Chile) but come mid-February, will be in person on campus once a week. A brief Bio of Professor Sweet's background and research follows, and we look forward to her joining us this semester and giving a talk in March about her work in Latin America and the pandemic.*

Cassandra Sweet is a researcher, lecturer and international consultant. Her work focuses on the politics of economic development, specifically innovation systems, technological change and trade.

She has worked for a range of international agencies including the United Nation's Economic Commission on Latin America (CEPAL), the World Bank, the French national research agency ANRS, and Latin American NGOs. Her recent projects examine pharmaceutical innovation systems, intellectual property, and COVID-19 critical care supply chains in Latin America.

Based in New York, Cassandra has conducted extensive field research in South Asia and lived and worked in Latin America for over a decade, primarily in Brazil and Chile. She has been awarded the Fulbright Scholarship, Truman Scholarship, and Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She holds a BA in political science from Stanford University, an MA in development studies from Cambridge University and a PhD in political economy from Cambridge University.

Cassandra has authored over a dozen studies published in peer-reviewed journals and editorial houses on myriad subjects, including global health, Latin American politics, and trade and economic systems. She is interested in how democratic institutions become more or less inclusive over time and the relationship between voting systems and the provision of social services.

Long before the COVID-19 crisis, Cassandra wrote about increasing access to medicine through regulation of pharmaceutical industries, responses to global public health crises such as the HIV/AIDS crisis and the impact of patents on innovation. The themes of innovation and technological

change run through much of Cassandra's research. She has written extensively about innovation output and how developing countries navigate international trade negotiations, especially regarding access to technology and technology diffusion. Cassandra believes in the importance of bringing empirical analysis to policy discussions and has served on the board of directors of leading Santiago-based think-tank Espacio Público since 2016.





# Internship Opportunities

## *2022 Summer Dean Internship*

We are excited to announce that applications are now open for our 2022 Summer Dean Internship! Dean applicants are women and gender-expansive folk who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Completed high school (or equivalency) in or before 2020, and will be attending post-secondary program (community college, trade school, graduate school) in Fall 2022
- Current Sophomores/Juniors at 4-year colleges

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LEADERSHIP PROJECT

**We're Hiring!**

Apply for our 2022  
Summer Dean  
Internship

PAID SUMMER POSITIONS  
IN NYC + NEWARK, NJ

The Summer Dean Internship is a uniquely engaging and dynamic learning opportunity for college-aged leaders to gain hands-on feminist youth work and facilitation experience at our Summer Institute. Deans serve as liaisons between our Nashers and other stakeholders, act as teaching assistants, facilitate daily groups and weekly workshops, as well as support a range of program administration needs.

**The priority application deadline is January 31, 2022. The final application deadline is February 7, 2022.**

Please apply and spread the word to folks who might be interested!

### **Application Link:**

<https://apply.workable.com/sadienashleadershipproject/j/761569CDE7/>

## Internship Opportunities *(continued)*

### *Democracy Matters On-Campus Internships at SUNY New Paltz*



New Paltz students are invited to apply for a Democracy Matters internship for Spring 2022. Democracy Matters (DM) empowers students with a voice in politics, with the skills for life-long civic engagement, and with the passion to create a just, fair, and inclusive democracy. Our national, non-partisan college chapters inspire others to protect and strengthen our democracy by building on-campus coalitions, registering voters, and organizing exciting events. We mentor students to effectively fight the power of big money in politics, to end voter suppression, and to uplift social justice activism.

Send your resume today to [joanm@democracymatters.org](mailto:joanm@democracymatters.org)

## Renowned Journalist Barton Gellman Joins Campus

*Barton Gellman, this year's James H. Ottaway Sr. Visiting Professor of Journalism, will deliver two public talks of interest to PSIR majors.*

Gellman is currently a staff writer at the Atlantic. Among his most recent work is the piece, "**How Donald Trump Could Subvert the 2024 Election.**" You might also know his work from the Washington Post, where he led the team that won a 2014 Pulitzer for coverage of Edward Snowden and the National Security Agency. He's also the author of *Dark Mirror: Edward Snowden and the American Surveillance State* and the bestselling *Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency*.

His introduction to the campus will be on **Monday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m.** This event will be in person and livestreamed. I will share more details about this event as they are announced.

Please save the date for his campus-wide talk "**Secrets, Leaks and the National Security State,**" on **Tuesday April 5 at 6 p.m.**



## PSIR Faculty Office Hours-Spring 2022

**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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