Political Science and International Relations

Department Business

Senior Seminars

The seminars for Spring 2014 will be in law and comparative, led by professors Kassop and Dowley, respectively. If you plan on signing up for one of these seminars, please email Jeff Miller (millerj@newpaltz.edu) as soon as possible.

We’re also trying to plan for adequate space in our Fall 2014 seminar offerings. So if you’re thinking of taking a seminar in that semester, (especially if you plan on graduating in December), please email Jeff Miller at: millerj@newpaltz.edu

First Person Internships

Stephan Petryczka
Class of 2014

Last spring I enrolled in an academic internship program through Bard College hosted in New York City. The program was solely involved with international affairs, both in the program’s courses’ content as well as its internships. The semester was deliberately challenging and sought to provide students with an experience that enhanced students’ political and international education as well as provide a competent experience.

I worked as a grant-writing and foundation research intern for a human rights nonprofit based in Brooklyn, WITNESS, that worked to connect innovative technology to citizen journalists in areas of conflict around the globe. Working full-time for the first time ever, I found the work to be engaging, despite my exhaustion. Not only have I walked away with a larger understanding of the backbone system supporting nonprofits, but I have taken this new information and begun to form my senior thesis for my seminar course this year. I hope to eventually apply these newly-acquired writing and research skills elsewhere during my career in the realm of human rights. At night, my courses provided me with the unique experience of learning from professors whom were not only academics, but also professionals that had left their respective international workforce to teach, or had simply tacked on the Bard course to their to-do list for the semester. This provided a personal window of opportunity to engage with someone with years of experience, and also the chance to make connections seldom seen as an undergraduate student. SUNY New Paltz is now participating in a similar program, SUNY Global Engagement Program in New York City, and I highly recommend getting one foot in the door to anyone interested in a career in international affairs.
INTERNSHIPS
THEY CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
Faculty members in the Department of Political Science and International Relations encourage students to seek out internships as a means of linking theory with practice as well as preparing to work effectively with the philosophies, institutions, processes, and behavioral aspects of politics in government, public affairs, and the law. Many of our students go on to work in important positions at the local, state, and federal levels, and most of them started out their careers with an internship.

Check out the internships listed in this issue. Some of them are paid!

First Person
Internships

Kelsey Ryan
Class of 2014

I am the environmental protection project leader interning for NYPIRG this semester. We have a lot of exciting issues we are dealing with this semester. This semester, I will be focusing my efforts on the shut down of the Indian Point nuclear energy facilities as well as Genetically Modified Organisms. The Indian Point facility's operating licenses will expire in 2013 and 2015 respectively, but they could be renewed and we are fighting to make sure this doesn't happen. For Genetically Modified Organisms, we are going to be pressuring our representatives to pass bills that relate to the labeling of packaged foods that contain GMOs in them, as well as getting students aware of which brands are using GMOs and which brands are not.

Internships
What’s Available NOW

State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk’s Kingston office is looking for an intern from SUNY New Paltz. Get important experience in state government, and learn how a legislative office works.

You can learn more about State Senator Tkaczyk at her website:

http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/cecilia-tkaczyk

Contact Jeff Miller (millerj@newpaltz.edu) for more

New York State Assembly Internship

The New York State Assembly is sponsoring its 43rd year of internships. These are substantive, engaging and rewarding positions. Applicants must be juniors and seniors from any major.

Interns must live and work in Albany during the internship and can receive institutional credit for their work. Session interns receive a stipend of $4,500 for their participation. The deadline for this program is soon. Contact Professor Glenn McNitt for an application form and further information. Professor McNitt’s office is JFT 810, and his office hours are MWR 11-12, and W 1-2. You can reach him by email: mcnittfg@newpaltz.edu.
The Public Policy & International Affairs Program (PPIA) is now accepting applications for the 2014 Junior Summer Institutes Fellowship.

The PPIA program prepares undergraduates to be competitive candidates for top degree programs in the fields of Public Policy, Public Administration or International Affairs. Accepted students participate in an intensive, 7-week, academic program during the summer before their Senior year on one of the following Junior Summer Institute (JSI) campuses:

* Carnegie Mellon University
* Princeton University
* University of Michigan
* University of California, Berkeley

The deadline for application to the 2014 summer institutes is November 1, 2013. Applications can be submitted through the PPIA website, at: [www.ppiaprogram.org](http://www.ppiaprogram.org).

Benefits of Participation:

* Full tuition at a PPIA Junior Summer Institute.
* Eligibility to receive assistance with travel expenses.
* A stipend of up to $1,500 (funding determined by each JSI).
* University housing with a meal plan.

Civil Service Employees Association Albany Internships

CSEA will sponsor two full-time undergraduate internships in Albany in the beginning of January 2014. The internship provides students with an inside look at state government and has been successful in locating permanent employment for past interns in federal, state, and local government.

Students work under the direct supervision of professional lobbyists and political consultants. Duties include (but are not limited to): bill research, tracking legislation, monitoring legislative and interest group activities, attending legislative events, etc.

The internship provides a stipend of $1500 per month, and runs through June 2014. Credit hours can be arranged through SUNY New Paltz. Interested candidates should apply no later than November 1, 2013. Students should submit a resume to:

CSE-PAF Internship
143 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

Questions can be directed to John Belmont, Legislative Representative: 518 436 8622 or john.belmont@cseainc.org
Faculty

Nancy Kassop

Professor Nancy Kassop just had a piece come out in The Guardian (yes, that Guardian - the one which publishes Glenn Greenwald!).

You can read her editorial, “Would President Hillary Clinton be a hawk or a dove on national Security?” at: http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/oct/03/hillary-clinton-2016-national-security

Don’t miss the comments section . . . .

On Campus: Academics

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Spring 2014 Registration is almost upon us.

Don’t wait to contact your advisor!