

Political Science and International Relations



EVENTS

10/21

CLASS, RACE, AND MOBILITY AMONG IMMIGRANT GENERATIONS

A talk by Jose Itzigsohn of
Princeton University. 5:00pm,
CSB Auditorium

10/24

FRENCH PRESIDENT HOLLANDE AT THE CROSSROADS OF AUSTERITY: SCANDAL AND SOCIALISM

A talk by Professor Mark
Kesselman, Columbia University.
7:00pm in LC 102

10/30

WITNESSING, REGIS- TERING, AND RESISTING DURING THE CHILEAN DICTATORSHIP

A conversation with Chilean
journalist and filmmaker Raúl
Cuevas. 5:00p, CSB Auditorium.

WEDNESDAYS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Meets every week at 6pm in SUB
407. Be there. Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Department

SUNY Global Engagement

Information Session: Monday October 21. 5:00pm, JFT 1010

Food: *Pizza*

Come grab a slice and get some information about the 12-15 credit semester-long program in global engagement. Enrolled students do an internship with one of many international organizations along with an integrated class and research program.

If you can't make the meeting, contact Professor İlgü Özler for further information. 845 257 3581 or ozleri@newpaltz.edu



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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 position 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!

Have an experience you'd like to share? Contact Jeff Miller at millerj@newpaltz.edu



First Person

Internships



Kyle Ducham
Class of 2014

I was honored to be selected for a paid public policy fellowship this past summer. The Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow Program combines an eight week public policy internship with two week-long career and policy seminars run by the Institute for Humane Studies. During the seminars at the beginning and end of the program, I had the opportunity to study with several faculty members.

For the public policy aspect of the fellowship, I worked at the Empire Center for New York State Policy as a research assistant to Senior Research Fellow E. J. McMahon. My responsibilities included collecting and analyzing data on a specific policy from municipalities across the state. This data and research became the foundation for a forthcoming edition of Empire Ideas. It was additionally my responsibility to maintain the Center's websites, and transfer and reformat archived publications.



Darienn Powers
Class of 2014

For me the road to witnessing Supreme Court oral arguments in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, the Proposition 8 case, began on March 22, 2013. I planned to travel down to DC to get in line for the arguments on Sunday but when I received a call from my mother telling me people were already lining up I rushed home, packed quickly, and caught the next bus to DC. I arrived at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning and quickly realized how unprepared I was. Other people had brought sleeping bags and tarps to keep off the rain. All I had was my folding chair and a blanket to keep the elements at bay. Lucky for me everyone in line became close and we took turns holding each other's places so we could go stretch out legs, get food, and run other quick errands. The woman next to me even brought me her extra sleeping bag. Over the three days that I waited outside of the Court I was interviewed numerous times by the press and was shown great kindness by strangers who brought provisions out to the growing line. After three nights outside in the rain, snow and below freezing temperatures, Tuesday morning finally came and it was time for us to pack our belongings and head inside. The arguments were truly amazing. Being able to see two of the nation's greatest lawyers take on the Justices' tough, and sometimes humorous, questions is something I will never forget. In June I went back to DC to listen to the decision in the case being handed down with a friend I had met in line in March, braving the sidewalk for just one night this time, again in the rain.

In the less than two months I have interned at the Supreme Court I have learned many new things and had wonderful experiences. My favorite task is to go on circulations to the Justices' chambers because there is always the possibility for running into a Justice. I have also had the opportunity to attend several oral arguments including a campaign finance and an affirmative action argument. By far the best thing about my internship; however, is the people. The Court in general is a small place and my office particularly is like a family.

First Person

Internships



Daniel Ginder Class of 2014

This semester I have been interning for New Paltz Village Board Trustee, Ariana Basco. My primary tasks in the Village have been coordinating “Local Food Week” and “Eat in the Street.” These initiatives are intended to support local farms and businesses. With ever increasing issue of Global Warming, it is important to buy local agriculture to reduce our carbon footprint. As a political science major with a concentration in American government, seeing how local government works hands-on has been a rewarding experience. Being someone who is passionate about politics, the environment, and sustainable agriculture, this internship has been a great opportunity to apply the skills I have cultivated at SUNY New Paltz.

First Person

Action



Rachel Arza Class of 2014

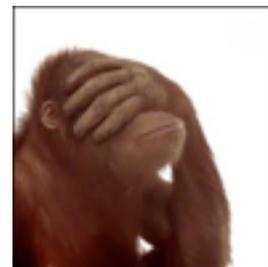
On September 25th Governor Cuomo was to make an appearance at New Paltz. All the NYPIRG interns, concerned students, and people in town came to exercise their first amendment right to voice their concern about the irresponsible drilling threatening the livelihood of our New York State outside of the Student Union where Governor’s Cuomo’s NY Rising meeting was taking place. However campus police would not let us in to the atrium because they did not want things to get ‘potentially violent’ even though there was no chance of that happening. They had us stand behind a line by the HAB and said “You guys can keep doing what your doing, you just have to do it over there”. We said chants and waited for the governor to arrive only to find out that he did enter the SUB through the lower level. Sneaky Cuomo! Luckily a concerned citizen happened to be near by and told the Governor to keep fracking out of New York and to save our drinking water.

Academics: Blog Recommendation

The Monkey Cage

Interested in the latest research in Political Science and how it applies to the real world? Check out the *Monkey Cage* (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/>) where political scientists debate and discuss on matters domestic and international.

This was originally a stand-alone blog site sponsored by a few political scientists. Now, though, it’s been picked up by *The Washington Post*, and has a larger roster of contributors. Definitely a place to stop.



Academics: Registration Note**Upper-division Economics Requirement in International Relations**

For the Spring 2014 semester only, Economic Development of Asia Pacific, Economic Development of Latin America, and Global Imbalances (all ECO 393s) will count toward the upper-division Economics requirement in the International Relations major. You need to contact your advisor or Jeff Miller (millerj@newpaltz.edu) *after you register* to count this class toward the major.

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*Spring 2014 Registration is almost upon us.
Don't wait to contact your advisor!*