

Political Science and International Relations



Department Spring Courses

Midterms are coming. So is Spring 2015 registration. Be sure to meet early with your faculty advisor for the latter, and hit the books for the former. Really.

A few notes about registering for classes: for seniors, *any* seminar will satisfy the graduation requirement. We'll have two next spring, one in IR, and one in American Government. Pick the one best suited for you and - if you have not yet done so - let Professor Miller (millerj@newpaltz.edu) know which you'd like to take as soon as possible.

IR majors should check the International Relations course listing page once classes are posted to work out a schedule. The listing of classes in this newsletter only covers courses offered through the Political Science and International Relations Department.

EVENTS

10/06

TALK: LT. DAN CHOI

See the ad on this page for details. LC 100, 7pm

10/07

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

12:00-4:00, MPR

10/10

INCOMPLETE DEADLINE

Have an incomplete from last semester? Take care of it.

10/22

TALK: CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

5:00-6:15, LC 108. See the ad on p. 5 for full details.

10/28

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Gotta be postmarked by the 28th. <http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html> for details.



Clicky-Clicky:

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

Talks

Dan Choi Speaks Out



Lt. Dan Choi, a West Point graduate and Iraq veteran and one of only eight students in his graduating class fluent in Arabic, announced that he was gay on "The Rachel Maddow Show" on March 19th 2009. Because of three words - "I am gay" - Lt. Choi's life changed forever. Despite his extreme value as an Arabic speaker able to communicate quickly and clearly with the Iraqi people, one month after his announcement Lt. Dan Choi was notified that the Army had begun discharge proceedings against him. After protests, petitions and hard work, Lt.

Choi fought for the eventual repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'. Lt. Dan Choi will be speaking about how these experiences changed his life and his continued advocacy for full LGBTQ civil rights and veteran's health.

Event is free with New Paltz ID. 6 October, 7:00pm, LC 100.

Fall Experiences

Internships

Jacqueline Modzelewski

Class of 2015



This semester I have been an intern for State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk's campaign for re-election. This internship requires a diverse set of duties that include door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, data entry and volunteer training. Since I am majoring in International Relations and minoring in Political Science, working for this campaign has been rewarding in that it has given me an opportunity to obtain hands-on political experience and discover the complexities of a political campaign. Overall, this internship has been successful in broadening my skills in networking as well my knowledge of political campaigns. I am confident that these skills will help me in my future career after graduating from SUNY New Paltz.

**Andrea A. Cesar**

Class of 2015

I am interning for NYPIRG, one of New York's largest not-for-profit organizations. Our principal areas of interest include environmental protection, consumer rights, higher education, voter registration, government reform, mass transit, and public health. I am focusing on voter registration. November 4th is Election Day and both of our congressmen as well as some senators are on the ballot. We have registered about 600 students on campus already since the beginning of the semester; our primary goal is to register 1000 before the deadline. I help teach students, especially young adults, about the power of voting and the importance it has on our future.

**James Auer**

Class of 2015

I am a senior Political Science major with a concentration in American Politics. This semester, I am interning for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization dedicated to influencing public policy on a state and federal level. Our initiatives include environmental and consumer protection, higher education affordability, hunger and homelessness and Voter Mobilization. As a Voter Mobilization Project Leader, my job is to register students to vote and get them out to the polls on election day. One of my major assignments is to recruit and lead a group of volunteers. Together, we create initiatives that register students. As a NYPIRG intern, you learn a multitude of important skills including, tabling, canvassing, phone-banking, public speaking, running meetings, delegating tasks to volunteers, and much more. Students can also receive academic credit for the internship. NYPIRG is an amazing experience, and I would highly recommend

it to anyone looking to learn the ropes of political organizing.

Academic Conferences

2014 Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at West Point**CONFERENCE****65TH ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS (SCUSA)**

The 66th Annual Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) at the United States Military Academy, November 12-15, 2014, will focus on the challenges of crisis management and disaster relief. If you'd like to be the New Paltz student delegate to SCUSA 66 "The Politics and Policy of Crisis Management" please send an email, not longer than 1 page, with SCUSA in the subject line, describing your interest in participating, by Wednesday, October 15, to Professor Lefkowitz (lefkowij@nepwaltz.edu). The department will pay the registration fee, which covers all costs for the 4-day conference (including meals and lodging), except transportation to and from West Point. Additional information at <http://www.usma.edu/scusa/SitePages/Home.aspx> or in JFT 814 by Monday, September 16th.



Off-Campus

Summer Internship: T. Howard Foundation

T. Howard Foundation will hold an information session on Wednesday Oct. 8th in Hum 218 at 5:15pm. The T. Howard Foundation, www.t-howard.org, has paid summer internships available to minority (multi-ethnic) students interested in multimedia and entertainment companies. Come learn more about this quality opportunity from the recruiter.

In order to be eligible for the T. Howard Foundation program, students must be:

- A minority (African-American/Black, Asian/Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Multi-Racial, Native American, Pacific Islander or South Asian)
- Be a current full-time Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Graduate student
- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher

When and Where: Wednesday, October 8, 2014 5:15pm Humanities 218

Pizza served!!

Academics

Spring 2015 Class Schedule

Check it out: we made a few changes since the last listing...make sure you're up-to-date!

Core Courses

American Government & Politics

N. Kassop MWR 9:30-10:40
D. Lipson TWF 9:30-10:40

Intro to International Politics

P. Rexhepi MWR 2:00-3:10
J. Schwartz TWF 8:00-9:10

Intro to Comparative Politics

P. Rexhepi MWR 5:00-6:10

Scope and Methods

J. Lefkowitz MR 5:00-6:15

Subjects and Sovereigns

J. Miller TWF 2:00-3:10

Seminar: American Government

D. Lipson TF 12:30-1:45

Seminar: International Relations

K. Dowley R 3:30-6:20

Law

Introduction to Law

P. Zuckerman TF 8:00 - 9:15

The American Judiciary

N. Kassop MR 11:00-12:15

Constitutional Law: National Government

N. Kassop T 3:30-6:20

Theory

Subjects and Sovereigns

J. Miller TWF 2:00-3:10

Film and Politics

J. Lefkowitz W 3:30-6:20

International Relations/Comparative

International Political Economy

J. Schwartz TF 11:00-12:15

International Relations of the Americas

J. Lefkowitz MR 12:30-1:45

European Politics

P. Rexhepi MR 3:3-4:45

United Nations Semester

S. Pampinella M 6:30-9:30 and F (all day)

Pro-tip: For a full listing of International Relations courses, check the posted online schedule.

American

State Politics

G. Benjamin MR 2:00-3:15

The American Judiciary

N. Kassop MR 11:00-12:15

Climate Change: Science, Politics Policy

D. Lipson W 12:30-3:20

Film and Politics

J. Lefkowitz W 3:30-6:20

Con Law: National Government

N. Kassop T 3:30-6:20

Strategic Planning for Government & Non-Profits

P. Fairweather W 6:30-9:20

Talks

What's Going on in Ukraine?



Wednesday, October 22, 5:00- 6:15pm, Lecture Center 108

Conflict in Ukraine: How Did We Get Here? How Can We Get Out?

Victoria Vernon, Ph.D. Empire State College, SUNY

The armed conflict in Ukraine today is deeply rooted in the history, economy, politics and culture of a profoundly divided nation. This talk will address the origins of the current conflict, the roles played in Ukraine by Russia and the West and the possible paths forward from here.

Victoria Vernon grew up and went to school in Ukraine, receiving a B.A. degree at Kharkov State University in 1995. She will draw on her personal and academic experience to shed light on the current conflict. An assistant professor of economics at SUNY Empire State College, where she currently teaches a course on history of the Soviet Union, Dr. Vernon holds a Ph.D in economics from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a visiting lecturer for 3 years at Princeton University where she taught the economics of Russia and Eurasia.

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Political Science, and
Sociology.

For additional information contact Nancy Schniedewind at 257 2827

Internships

New York State Assembly



New York State Assembly Internship Program

The New York State Assembly Intern Committee sponsors the Session Internship at the State Capital starting every January. The **SESSION INTERNSHIP** offers college students a chance to participate in state government and the legislative process through a well-structured practical learning experience. Assembly Session Internships give students an advantage in today's job market, providing real government experience in a comprehensive academic Program.

Session and Graduate Internship Programs: Open To All Majors

To be eligible, applicants who meet the required internship hours must be:

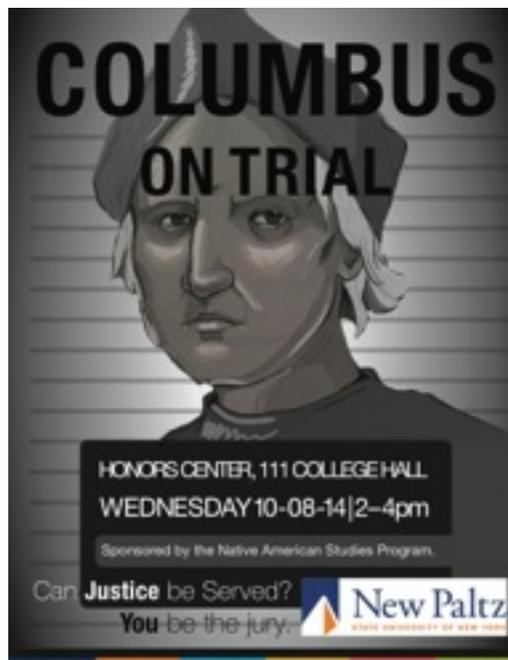
Undergraduate students who are full-time juniors and seniors matriculated in a college degree program.

As part of the Session Internship academic requirements, Interns complete: an Orientation; a work/learning contract and regular evaluations; an academic course taught by the Professors-in-Residence with required readings; discussion groups and a major research paper; Issue Policy Forums scheduled on Monday and/or Tuesday including evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Assembly Intern Committee's Annual Mock Session and Awards Ceremony.

Earn While You Learn

- \$4,900 Stipend - Undergraduate Session Interns
- A Full Semester's Credit for Undergraduates

If interested, contact Professor Stephen Pampinella: pampines@newpaltz.edu



Political Science and International Relations Office Hours

Benjamin, Gerald	HAB 704a	By appointment
Brownstein, Lewis	JFT 920	By appointment
Dowley, Kathleen	JFT 920 Southside	W 1:45-3:15 M 1:30-3:30 F 1:45-3:15
Eriole, Joe	JFT 404	T 9:45-10:45
Kassop, Nancy	JFT 812	M 2:00-3:00 W 11:00-1:00 R 2:00-3:00
Lipson, Daniel	JFT 810	R 10:00-12:00 F 11:00-1:00
Lefkowitz, Joel	JFT 818	M R 3:20-4:20 W 1:00-3:00
Miller, Jeff	JFT 816	T R 10:00-12:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	M W 10:00-12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	T F 11:00-1:00