

Political Science and International Relations



EVENTS

10/21

MODEL EU MEETING

Wednesday October 21st,
4:00pm, LC 113.

10/22

TALK: CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

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

10/22

FILM: THE INTERNET'S OWN BOY: THE STORY OF AARON SCHWARTZ

8:00pm. LC 108

10/23

GRADUATE SCHOOL FORUM

3:30pm. HUM 113

10/28

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Gotta be postmarked by the
28th. <http://>

www.elections.ny.gov/

[VotingRegister.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html) for details.



Clicky-Clicky:

Your future?

Graduate School



Please join us for a discussion of the perils and pitfalls (and rewards!) of the graduate school application process. We'll be welcoming back to campus alumna Mia Costa. Mia is a Ph.D. candidate in American Politics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She studies political behavior, representation, gender, and experimental methods.

She'll be visiting campus to talk about life in graduate school, the application process, and what to watch out for. If you're thinking of applying to graduate school, come hear what Mia has to say.

Thursday, October 23rd at 3:30 in HUM 113.

Spring Semester Programs

Model European Union Meeting



Professor Kathleen Dowley will be meeting with prospective Model European Union students on Wednesday, October 21st from 4:00-5:00pm in LC 113. Please attend this meeting if you're considering participating in

the Model EU during the Spring 2015 semester. If you can't make the meeting and are interested in participating, be sure to contact Professor Dowley (dowleyk@newpaltz.edu).

Fall Experiences

Internships

**Casey Shea**

Class of 2015

One day in March of 2014, I attended a fundraiser to benefit Sean Eldridge for Congress. On my way out, I asked if they needed summer/fall interns, and they told me to submit a resume. A few months and several phone interviews later, I was offered an internship specializing in campaign finance and communications/outreach. I began right after the Spring '14 semester ended, and, to start, my duties included: organizing mailers, prospecting donors, staffing, fundraising, and maintaining our NGP database. As the summer progressed, I started assisting the candidate in "call time" as well as researching various PAC's, unions, and organizations. Additionally, I would help write event briefs for the candidate's schedule and various other copy as needed. This fall I have been doing in-house graphic design for the campaign's email and social media. Before transferring to SUNY New Paltz, I studied Communications Design at Pratt Institute which has given me a well rounded art background that has proved useful in the political world as well. The Sean Eldridge Campaign has helped me develop some valuable skills that relate to both my artistic and political areas of study; it is an internship experience that will continue to benefit me, even after election day.

Jobs

Research Assistant

A prominent retired journalist and foreign correspondent who lives locally is looking for a paid research assistant with an interest in Asian politics, conflicts, and history. His current work focuses on the Vietnam War and American POWs. If you're interested, please contact Jeff Miller (millerj@newpaltz.edu) for further details. When you write, please include a resume, contact information, and available hours.

Faculty Notes

Piro Rexhepi



Piro Rexhepi will be joining the department for the Spring 2015 semester to teach three courses for us (Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations, and European Politics and Government).

Dr. Piro Rexhepi is a scholar of East European Studies currently teaching at the Center for Global Affairs, New York University. He holds a Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, UK. His research is located in the Queer and Feminist Theories in International Relations with special interest in Islam and Southeastern Europe. Dr. Rexhepi has engaged with various social movements and civil society organizations in Eastern Europe on projects concerning LGBTQI issues. He is fluent in Albanian, Macedonian and Serbo-Croatian. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors at the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU).

Internships

Eldridge Campaign

SEAN ELDRIDGE

— for ★ CONGRESS —

Do YOU have what it takes to flip a Congressional district? NY-19 seeks PT Interns!

Sean Eldridge for Congress, NY-19, is seeking Interns district-wide to help execute an aggressive operation to win back a nationally-targeted, lean-progressive district for Democrats. The district is a targeted "Red to Blue" race of the DCCC, with national media attention and major issues at stake, including women's health, hydrofracking, and an economy that works for all of us.

We're looking for current students, recent graduates and anyone else with energy and commitment to join our team. Expect great training, excitement, and a high-energy fight for the future of an eleven-county district. We're working district-wide, with offices in multiple counties, to organize campuses and communities across NY-19 to deliver a crucial victory on November 4th.

Interns will work directly with a Field Organizer and will be responsible for:

- Recruiting and training volunteers to organize, contact neighbors and win back the district;
- Assisting in organizing and conducting voter outreach events;
- Ensuring the campaign's presence is felt in cities and towns across the district;
- Hitting nightly numbers for calls to voters, volunteer recruitment, and voter registration; and
- Representing the campaign at events throughout the district.

Ideal candidates must love working in teams and independently, have a passion for progressive values, and be ready to learn and apply community organizing skills immediately. Qualifies for course credit.

Interested applicants should send an email to musolino.evan@gmail.com with a resume, and one paragraph describing why *you* would make a great member of our team.

Internships

Senator Charles Schumer

Senator Schumer's 2015 Spring Internship in Hudson Valley Regional Office – Peekskill, NY
Deadline: November, 14, 2014.

Interns will be expected to perform a wide variety of duties, including assisting the Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director in daily office operations, policy research, and event planning. Additionally, interns will be responsible for providing constituent services to individuals who contact the office seeking assistance. Interns will be able to work with all levels of Senate staff, other federal, state, local agencies. Interns will frequently work on team and individual projects, as well as develop ideas for local, state, and federal policy.

Students who apply for this internship should demonstrate a high level of maturity and professional responsibility. Experience working in a government or political office is preferred. It is crucial that applicants possess strong verbal and written communication skills. Demonstrated ability to manage others will also be considered.

Interns will be expected to work a minimum of 8-10 hours per week. Their specific scheduling will be determined based upon class schedule and availability. In accordance with United States Senate policy, all internships are unpaid. Work will be performed in the Peekskill, NY office.

Students may do this internship for academic credit. Those interested should submit an application (found online at www.schumer.senate.gov), resume, cover letter, and short 3-5 page writing sample to Brandon Graham at brandon_graham@schumer.senate.gov. Please include the days and times that you are available to work and your contact information.

Internships

Tkaczyk Campaign

The New York State Senate campaign for Cecilia Tkaczyk is looking for energetic students interested in internship positions beginning ASAP.

As an Organizing and GoTV (get out the vote) intern, students gain hands-on political experience that will help prepare them for a career in politics, government, along with many other fields.

Expect great training and a high-energy fight as well as important campaign experience.

If interested please contact Alex Elmasri (International Relations, '14) at alex35@gmail.com

Conferences

New York State Political Science Association: Call for Papers



Do you have a truly excellent paper that you've written for a class? Talk with your advisor about the possibility of submitting your paper to the NYSPSA.

The New York State Political Science Association invites proposals for panels or individual papers for our 2015 Annual Conference.

Our 69th Annual Conference will be hosted by the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

The conference provides an excellent venue for academics, researchers, students and professionals in private and public organizations to discuss issues and share their work relating to political science and associated disciplines. We welcome proposals from history, philosophy, psychology, gender studies, economics, law, organizational studies, and sociology as well as interdisciplinary proposals. Conference highlights include NYSPSA awards for the best conference student and faculty/practitioner papers.

NYSPSA prohibits multiple paper submissions. Only one paper submission per person will be accepted. However, a paper presenter may also serve as a chair or discussant on another panel or roundtable. Questions should be directed to the conference Program Chair or appropriate Section Chair (see below).

If you are proposing a paper, please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words. The abstract must describe the presentation's purpose, methods, data sources, existing literature, and potential contributions to the field.

If you are proposing a full panel, please note that individual papers must be accepted (that is, we will require information on the individual papers before a panel proposal can be accepted). Additionally, all proposed panels must have a minimum of three papers and a maximum of five.

The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2014

Please go to the conference website: www.nyspsa.org for further information or to submit your proposal.

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.

Co-sponsors:
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Economics, Educational
Studies, English, History
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

Externships

Winter Human Rights Delegation to Rwanda

Global Youth Connect is still accepting applications for our 2015 Winter Human Rights Delegation to Rwanda.

Application Deadline: October 23, 2014 at 5pm EST

To apply: visit <http://globalyouthconnect.org/apply.html>

NOTE: Rwanda is Ebola free, and working hard to keep it that way. Rwanda's Ministry of Health, led by Dr. Agnes Binagwaho (with whom GYC's groups have frequently met at length), is exceedingly well organized and working day and night to ensure the country remains Ebola free. GYC's Executive Director can personally confirm that people coming into the country are being treated as suspect, with no-touch thermometers taking temperatures regardless of which country passengers are coming from. Passengers must fill-out a questionnaire as well. Several suspected cases were reported and pro-actively isolated over the past two months, but all proved to be something else (malaria, etc). The last message from the US Embassy in Rwanda concerning Ebola is here: http://rwanda.usembassy.gov/sm_083114.html. The US Embassy (with which GYC registers any and all participants regardless of nationality), updates travelers to Rwanda whenever necessary. Rwanda is over 2500 miles from the West African countries which have been most heavily impacted by Ebola.

Dates of Delegation: December 28, 2014 – January 12, 2015

Program tuition: \$2,250

Scholarships

Environmental Scholarship



PACE LAW SCHOOL
P A C E U N I V E R S I T Y

*Pace University School of Law Announces
The 2015 Environmental Consortium Merit Scholarship*

Pace Law School is pleased to partner with the Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities to announce the 2015 scholarship for incoming first year students. Pace University, through the Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies, was instrumental in organizing the Environmental Consortium that now includes 60 institutions of higher education in the region. The mission of the Consortium is to *harness higher education's intellectual and physical resources to advance regional, ecosystem-based environmental research, teaching, and learning with a special emphasis on the greater Hudson-Mohawk River watershed.*

In support of the Consortium's mission, Pace Law School is offering a "Merit Scholarship" award to a Fall 2015 entering student who is either currently enrolled in or has earned his or her bachelors or masters degree from one of the Consortium's member institutions and has demonstrated an interest in environmental issues affecting the Hudson-Mohawk River watershed region.

Scholarship benefits consist of a **merit scholarship ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000** towards law school tuition, depending upon the student's qualifications and Pace's financial resources. The award is renewable each year based on continued academic excellence. The scholarship recipient will be expected to complete at least one project related to a regional environmental issue(s) while at Pace Law School.

Selection is based on the student's application and academic record. **Interested students should attach a half to one page statement to the Law School application** of how he or she has been involved in Hudson-Mohawk River watershed environmental issues during their undergraduate work or why they have a particular interest in the environmental issues affecting the region.

Inquiries: Cathy Alexander, Assistant Dean of Admissions
calexander@law.pace.edu or 914-422-4210

Jason J. Czarnecki, Executive Director
of Environmental Law Programs
jczarnecki@law.pace.edu or 914-422-4242

Pace University School of Law has over 7,000 alumni throughout the country and the world, and is consistently ranked among the nation's top programs in environmental law. On its White Plains, NY, campus, it offers JD programs and the Master of Laws degree in Environmental Law, including the nation's first graduate level programs in Climate Change, Land Use and Sustainable Development, and Comparative Legal Studies, and a Doctor of Laws in Environmental Law. The School of Law is part of Pace University, a comprehensive, independent, and diversified university with campuses in New York City and Westchester County and offers full-time or part-time schedules, as well as a January Accelerated Program.

www.law.pace.edu



**Environmental Consortium
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The College of Saint Rose
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SUNY Columbia-Greene Community College
SUNY Dutchess Community College
SUNY Empire State College
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SUNY Maritime College
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY North Country Community College
SUNY Orange County Community College
SUNY Purchase College
SUNY Rockland Community College
SUNY Schenectady County Community College
SUNY Sullivan County Community College
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Scholarships

Environmental Scholarship



Environmental Scholarship

Undergraduate and Graduate Students May Apply

Majors/fields of study may include, but are not limited to:

Biology • Ecology • Law • Policy • Conservation • Environmental Studies or Science •
• Natural Resource Management • Hydrology • Zoology •

\$3,500 Award

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Available exclusively to students of member institutions in the
Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities

The **Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. Founders Fund Scholarship** is offered annually, in the name of the TGF founders, to a single recipient who has demonstrated **excellence and outstanding dedication in an area of study that falls within an environmental field** of a school or department. Eligible students must be enrolled in a full-time program during the award year (2015-2016) at a **member institution of the Environmental Consortium**. Open to **undergraduate students** who will have Senior standing as of Fall 2015 and **graduate students entering 1st or 2nd year** as of Fall 2015. Based on a 4.0 scale, the applicant shall demonstrate merit with a current 3.5 GPA in the environmental concentration courses and an overall minimum 3.0 GPA. **Application deadline: April 1, 2015.**

Eligibility details, application and list of member institutions at:
www.environmentalconsortium.org



About Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc.

The Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. is a not for profit angling organization, founded on American fly fishing traditions, promoting stream and river protection and self-sustainable salmonid populations through conservation, environmental oversight, activism, catch-and-release practices, and education. TGF was founded in 1963 by a group of farsighted individuals who saw a great need to bring about an organization of sportsmen who would use their collective voice and resources to protect and conserve cold-water fisheries and riparian habitat in the greater Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and, more recently Connecticut. The twenty-one founding members of TGF, many of whom are famous in their own right, were and are all dedicated fly fishers and conservationists. **www.tgf.org**

About the Environmental Consortium

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Inquiries? Contact the Environmental Consortium at info@environmentalconsortium.org or 914-773-3091.

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 R 2:00-3:00 W 11:00-1:00
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
Ozler, Ilgu	JFT 912	W 9:00-10:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	M W 10:00-12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	T F 11:00-1:00