November 8th is Coming Fast

With midterms upon us, it’s hard to think about anything but studying, but don’t miss the line up of talks coming your way as the 2016 presidential elections get closer. In particular, don’t miss our special guest, Professor Bruce Miroff of SUNY Albany who is coming to explain what’s going on in this crazy year on October 20th (see p. 8 for details). We’ll also be hosting a screening of the third presidential debate on October 19th in the CSB Auditorium. And if that’s not enough, come to a PISA meeting - they get together to talk politics every Tuesday in SUB 408 at 5:00pm.

And, of course, make sure you get to the polls and vote.

The 2016 Elections

Voting Information

Check if I’m registered: http://www.canivote.org/

Deadlines, locations, materials: http://campusvoteproject.org/studentguides/

Registration assistance
(military/overseas voting): https://www.fvap.gov/

Registration and reminders: https://turbovote.org/register

Register online/absentee:
https://yourvoteyourvoice.usvotefoundation.org/vote/home.htm

Sample ballots:
http://bws.org/
Active Learning

Model European Union 2017

SUNY MODEL EU
2017
INFO SESSION

Come learn about Model European Union and how to join the spring conference!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
5:30PM-6:30PM
JFT1010
Talks

**Between Whim and Rule: Legal Discretion and Immigration Law**

On Thursday Oct. 20 at 5pm, in JFT 1010, Professor Jamie Kelly of Vassar College will give a talk titled: “Between Whim and Rule: Legal Discretion and Immigration Law.”

Professor Kelly describes his talk by noting that he uses a recently rediscovered essay by H.L.A. Hart (“Discretion,” *Harvard Law Review* 127, 2013) as a springboard for thinking about contemporary problems in U.S. immigration law. He will examine how legal discretion operates via policing, prosecutorial discretion, and executive orders, and argue that many of the most pressing problems stem from the amount of discretion generated by the current system of immigration enforcement.

**Internships (paid!)**

**NY State Legislative Internship**

Please attend an information session about the New York State Legislative Internships on **Tuesday, October 4, at 12:30pm in JFT 1010**. We will be joined by Kathleen McCarty and Nicholas Parrella, internship directors for the State Assembly and State Senate. Below is a brief description of the internship. Please join us if you are considering this internship and to start an application.

This is a full-time internship for Spring 2017 in the New York State legislature in Albany, New York, in which students work directly for a state representative in either of the two houses of the legislature (Assembly or Senate). In addition, students will also take evening classes focusing on New York state government, politics, and policy making. Students can also earn up to 15 college credits. For American government concentrations in the Political Science major, six of those credits can go toward the concentration, another three count toward the major elective, and the last six count toward graduation but not the major or liberal arts credits. This is a paid internship that includes a stipend of $5,025 to cover the cost of living in Albany. We will advise you in finding housing while living in Albany as well.

We strongly encourage students to consider and apply for this internship. It will provide you with essential experience and professional contacts working in the most important state capital in the country. **If you are interested in working in government in any capacity after you graduate, this internship is the best possible start to your career.** Do not pass up this opportunity.

The deadline for applications is November 1, but we will want to have your application complete by October 29. If you are interested in applying, please contact pampines@newpaltz.edu, or stop by JFT 1000.
Internships
NY State Senator George Latimer

NY State Senator George Latimer’s campaign is seeking Organizing Intern positions running throughout the fall. Organizing Interns will be trained in using campaign software to help target voters with opportunities to attend events with Democratic candidates. Other activities include talking to voters. We will work to match students to the best of their skills. Organizing Interns will get an overall view of the campaign, learn about the messaging of the week, get an inside view of the politics of the area, and have an opportunity to ask questions and learn from senior staff.

Interested applicants should contact Alex at: alexsesd123@gmail.com

This is a tremendous opportunity to gain valuable campaign experience in Field, Finance and Social Media operations and work side-by-side with local leaders.

Scholarships
David Lavallee Travel Fund

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to announce that funding is now available to support travel by undergraduate and graduate students to present, exhibit, or perform their accepted scholarly or creative work at regional and national conferences. These funds are available through the David Lavallee Student Travel Fund, named in honor of David Lavallee, Provost of SUNY New Paltz from 1999-2009.

The current application deadline for conference travel taking place through the end of the Winter 2016/2017 term is September 30, 2016. An additional call for applications for travel occurring during the Spring 2017 and Summer 2017 terms is expected to be announced later this academic year. For instructions and to complete an application for this opportunity, please advise students to go to the following link:

https://newpaltz.academicworks.com/opportunities/1511

Students may also access this opportunity by signing into my.newpaltz.edu, clicking on the Scholarships link, and applying online through the SUNY New Paltz 2016-2017 Foundation Scholarship Catalog for Continuing Students (start with the General Application and then apply for the David Lavallee Student Travel Fund Opportunity.)

The David Lavallee Student Travel Fund operates exclusively through the generosity of donations made through the SUNY New Paltz Foundation. Without continued donations, this funding would not be possible. Faculty or staff wishing to support student travel should consider making a tax-deductible gift to the David Lavallee Student Travel Fund through the SUNY New Paltz Foundation.
Talks
Hispanics and the Elections

A record 27.3 million Hispanics are eligible to vote in 2016, and almost 12 million of them are millennials. Will they actually turn out and vote in record numbers as well? How are local organizers seizing the ever polarizing elections to compel Latinos to vote? What can we learn from history and Latinos' civic and political participation?

Come to a panel discussion, moderated by managing editor of La Voz Mariel Fiori, to hear it from community activists and Bard faculty, including:

- Professor Jonathan Becker, Director of Bard Center for Civic Engagement; Associate Professor of Political Studies and Director of Globalization and International Studies
- Laura García, Racial Justice Program Manager for YWCA Orange County and founder of Dreamers with No Borders
- Sandra Oxford, President of the Sullivan County Branch of the NAACP and member of the NYS Working Families Party Committee
- Milagros Lecuona, councilwoman of the City of White Plains since 2008

Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday 10/5 7:30pm
MPR, Bertelsmann Campus Center, Bard College

Scholarships
Arethusa Sorority Fund

Studying abroad next semester? Then apply for the Arethusa Sorority Alumnae Fund. Up to $2,500 will be awarded for study abroad to two students based on merit and need.

They apply online through Academic Works. The deadline is October 15.
Internships

Abigail Waldron ('17) for the New York State Public Interest

My name is Abigail Waldron. I am currently in my second week interning with the Zephyr Teachout for Congress Campaign, and so far, I’ve already had the chance of seeing both Zephyr and Bernie Sanders make amazing speeches, and got to meet future voters, one of whom is ninety-seven years old, and used to do what I am currently doing.

I make about one hundred phone calls to potential voters every Thursday night; canvas for volunteers at local events, such as the recent Michael Moore discussion on campus and the Bernie/Zephyr rally in town; and I wander around New Paltz and local areas knocking on doors dishing out info about Zephyr to voters. This internship opportunity allows me to get hands-on experience for the credits one would obtain in the classroom. I have until November 8th, Election Day, and this is already such an invaluable experience for me.

Conferences

Women Winning the Vote - Centennial

The Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz in collaboration with the Women’s, Gender, and Sexualities program, and the Departments of History and Political Science at SUNY New Paltz, The Rockefeller Institute of the State University of New York; the FDR Library; and the League of Women Voters of New York State will hold a statewide conference on the past, present, and future of women in politics upon the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of women winning suffrage in New York State. Our conference convenes April 21-22, 2017; day one at the Wallace Center or the FDR Library in Hyde Park, NY and day two at SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, NY.

The 2017 centennial of women’s right to vote in New York offers a unique opportunity to look back at this benchmark moment. We will examine both the history of the women’s movement and the history of New York State, engaging in an intergenerational dialogue about women’s subsequent political activism in New York, as well as the overall advancement of women’s human and civil rights since the suffrage victory. By bringing together scholars with a variety of approaches and research specialties, we will contribute an understanding of past accomplishments with a clearer picture of present problems and our unfinished agenda for the future.

Mark your calendar now for this important conference!
Academics

Study Abroad Fair

Annual Fall Study Abroad Fair
Learn more about study abroad opportunities offered by SUNY New Paltz and the SUNY system; overseas travel, passports and visas, financial aid and scholarships. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 6       MPR       11 AM - 3 PM

Did you know?

- **SUNY New Paltz** offers
  - over 95 programs including faculty-led for intersession, summer, semester, calendar and academic year which earn students credits that are recognized by other SUNY institutions and other accredited US colleges and universities.

- **SUNY New Paltz** was honored the Andrew Heiskell Award for International Education in Study Abroad.
- **Study Abroad is Affordable:** We strive to make study abroad affordable to the whole student population.
- **Financial Aid is Available:** A SUNY student's financial aid can apply.
- **The Federal Pell Grant is Available:** This can be used towards study abroad experiences.
- **NYS Tap Grant:** Depending on classes taken this can be used towards study abroad experiences.
- **Equal Opportunity to Study Abroad:** There is an application fee waiver for EOP students as well as the EOP Travel Grant (up to $750).
- **Scholarships and Funding Opportunities:** Including the SUNY Diversity Abroad Honors Scholarship (up to $3,000) and the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship (up to $5,000).
Bizarre.
The Election of 2016
Thursday, October 20

Professor Bruce Miroff
Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy
University at Albany

Bruce Miroff received his PhD in political science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1974. In addition to SUNY Albany, he has also taught at the University of Texas, Austin, the University of California at Davis, and Williams College. Miroff teaches and writes on the American Presidency, American Political Development, American Political Theory, and Political Leadership. He has received the Excellence in Teaching Award and is a Collins Fellow at the University at Albany. Along with numerous articles and book chapters, he has authored or co-authored five books: Pragmatic Illusions: The Presidential Politics of John F. Kennedy (1976), Icons of Democracy: American Leaders as Heroes, Aristocrats, Dissenters, and Democrats (1993), The Liberals’ Moment: The McGovern Insurgency and the Identity Crisis of the Democratic Party (2007), Debating Democracy: A Reader in American Politics, Sixth Edition (2009), and The Democratic Debate: American Politics in an Age of Change, Fifth Edition (2010).

10/20/16  5:00pm  LC 108  SUNY New Paltz

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