

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES:

November 20-24 Happy
Thanksgiving Break

Monday December 11
Last Day of Classes
PoliSci End of Term Party
4:30 JFT 1010
Pizza, Pasta, Salad

Final Exams
Dec 15-21

Monday Jan 22
First Day of Spring
Semester

Thurs Feb 1
May Graduation
Applications Due in WH
115

March 30
Deadline Fall 2018 GEP
applications due



December News

Welcome Back! Hope you had a nice break and are now ready to finish the semester strong! I am in the midst of preparing our 13 PoliSci and IR students to participate in Model EU in Brussels this winter term. 11 of them will be staying on for a 2 week study mission on the EU and migrant crisis, with an emphasis on how Belgium makes policy in the EU. New Paltz will represent Germany, Malta, and Belgium in the simulation! Students attending include Jesmine Romanelli, Nikki Donofrio, Jenna Chippendale, Matthew Morales, Matthew Delaney, Matthew Stephens, Kevin Jimenez, Sophia Urritia, Halle Shepard, Cheyenne Dietz, Annabel Newman, LaLa Mieses, and Rachel Brown.

A few scheduling notes to help you plan for the future. The capstone senior seminars for Fall 2018 are in Law (Professor Kassop) and International Relations (Professor Schwartz). The Spring 2019 seminars will be in American (Professor Minkoff) and a joint LACS/IR seminar on Latin America (Professor Mauceri).

Finally, don't forget to join us for the end of term party on the last day of classes, at 4:30 in JFT 1010, for pizza, pasta, salad and sympathy!

New Paltz to Host Student Undergraduate World Affairs Conference

On March 2, 2018, the Department of Political Science and International Relations will host the Student World Affairs Conference (SWAC), a yearly event sponsored by the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. SWAC invites students to present their own research and provide them with an opportunity to gain experience sharing their scholarly work with like-minded colleagues. Students who have completed a senior thesis or other long paper focusing on a topic in international politics (at least 10 pages) should consider submitting an abstract summary of about 150 words. Please send all abstracts to Professor Stephen Pampinella at pampines@newpaltz.edu.



SCUSA 2017 Scholarship Winner: Conor Tobin

By James Collins

The Department of Political Science selected one student, senior Conor Tobin, to represent SUNY New Paltz at the 2017 SCUSA conference at West Point. The SCUSA is a four-day conference for student delegates to come together to discuss global politics and develop policy recommendations, the best of which get published in an undergraduate Political Science journal. This year's theme was "The Politics of the Forgotten and Aggrieved," and delegates met to discuss both the liberal international order and those countries who feel it has not represented their interests. Past themes have typically reflected important current policy issues, such as the US policy against Soviet communism in 1952, or the geopolitical implications of the end of the Cold War in 1991. This year's topic followed suit by re-evaluating the effectiveness of imposing liberal ideals on other countries.

The conference is an annual event, first held in 1949, organized and held by West Point cadets. Over the course of twelve months, cadets determine the theme and a set of topics pertaining to it, invite attendees and speakers, as well as host and moderate the four-day event for hundreds of participants. The event invites major political figures each year to give speeches on relevant topics; this year, the keynote speakers were Douglas Lute and Jean-Pierre Lacroix.

Douglas Lute, the US Permanent Representative to NATO from 2013-2017 and a former instructor at the Military Academy, spoke passionately in favor of the continual need for the NATO alliance, while being careful not to unduly influence the delegates' policy ideas. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, the current United Nations Undersecretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, spoke on the successes of UN peacekeeping operations and advocated for a continual international commitment to the defense of human rights.

In his winning essay, Tobin credited his experience in Professor Schwartz's in class simulation of the Six Party Talks over North Korea's nuclear program with preparing him for, and helping to stimulate his interest in this kind of debate. The department funds one student per year with the generous donations the department receives from its loyal alums.

SPRING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Senator Schumer's 2018 Spring Internship in the Hudson Valley Regional Office – Peekskill, NY

Deadline: December 15th 2017

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, and well as with other federal, state, and 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 government or a political office is preferred. It is crucial for applicants to possess strong verbal and written communication skills. Interns will be expected to work a minimum of 8-10 hours a week. Their specific scheduling will be determined based on their class schedule and availability. In accordance with the United States Senate policy, all interns are unpaid. All 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 schumer.senate.gov), resume, cover letter, and a short 3-5 page writing sample to Megan Glander at megan_glander@schumer.senate.gov.

In this email please indicate your preferred contact information and days and times that you are available to work.

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*INDICATES NEW OFFICE LOCATION!