

# Political Science and International Relations



Fall Semester

## Welcome Back

On behalf of the entire PSIR Department, I would like to welcome all of our returning and new students to the Fall 2019 semester. For those who don't know me, my name is Kathleen Dowley, and I am the new Chair of the Department. I've just returned from a year-long sabbatical, including a semester in Brussels, Belgium, gathering elections data on the political integration of immigrant origin residents of Brussels. Whether you are interested in the quickly developing 2020 presidential race, the U.S. trade war with China, or the endless Brexit-EU negotiations, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to learn more about political events inside and outside the classroom over the course of the term.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of the many opportunities the Department offers to supplement your classroom learning, such as internships, study abroad, Model EU, and our Honors Society, Pi Sigma Alpha. If you have any questions about the PSIR Department, please feel free to come by and chat. Department Office: 845 257 3540, JFT 816. My regular office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-4. I look forward to (re)connecting with returning and incoming students this fall.  
**Kathleen Dowley, Associate Professor and Chair, PSIR**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

8/26 9/1

### **ADD/DROP PERIOD**

Records & Reg: WH 115.

9/1

**DECEMBER  
GRADUATION  
APPLICATIONS DUE**  
WH 115.

9/8

**FALL 2019  
REGISTRATION ENDS**

9/9 10/30

**COURSE WITHDRAWAL  
PERIOD**

9/12

**Study Abroad Fair**  
11:00am-3:00pm  
Multipurpose Room in  
Student Union Building

9/17

**Constitution Day**  
"Impact of the Trump  
Presidency on Constitution"  
Prof. Dick Pious  
Honors Center, 5-6:30 pm

## Internship Opportunities

### US Representative Antonio Delgado (D-NY 19)



US Congressional Representative for NY 19, Antonio Delgado, is looking for interns this fall semester for his District offices around the Hudson Valley. Duties are described below. Follow the link above for the application, deadlines and more information!

#### **District**

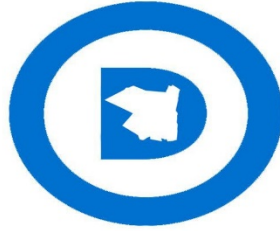
In the District office, interns may be asked to do a variety of things, including day-to-day office work such as answering phones, writing letters and assisting with media clips. In addition, interns may be assigned to assist in various constituent case work or work on District-based projects of importance.

<https://delgado.house.gov/services/internships>

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## Internship Opportunities

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### Ulster County Democratic Party

The Ulster County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign is hiring multiple Paid Interns to join our team to work on electing our talented pool of County Legislators.

The Paid Intern will work in specific swing County Legislature districts to enact a comprehensive field program and provide guidance and staffing to our diverse field of competitive County Legislature candidates. This is a unique opportunity to learn how campaigns work in aspects that transcend field staff to gain skills that will allow you to enter the field of political operatives.

Interested candidates should email a resume to [hr.droge@gmail.com](mailto:hr.droge@gmail.com) with the subject line "Name - Ulster County Coordinated Campaign Paid Internship."

#### Responsibilities:

- Identify, recruit, and train groups of volunteers to build a volunteer base to strengthen the campaign's organization throughout the County and meet the goals outlined by the organizing program
- Ensure the successful training and inclusion of your Candidate's volunteers into the Coordinated Campaign
- Provide County Legislator candidates with positive leadership, culture, resources, and guidance required to succeed during each phase of their campaign
- Ensure the accurate and reliable entry of data throughout the campaign
- Provide the Coordinated Campaign Manager with weekly updates on the County Legislator's campaign
- Meet weekly goals set forth by the Coordinated Campaign Manager

#### Skills and Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest and commitment to progressive candidates and causes, with one cycle of previous field experience, strongly preferred
- Strong knowledge of Google Docs, basic computer literacy, and access to a reliable laptop, cellphone, and car.
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, metrics-driven work environment
- Ability to work independently and in team settings
- Willingness to learn new skills to properly manage a local campaign

#### Start Date:

- Start date will be flexible upon availability

#### Salary:

- \$750 a month stipend for 15/hrs a week

The Ulster County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign is an equal opportunity employer. The Ulster County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign is committed to building a staff that reflects the diverse communities that make up our County and the Democratic Party. Working towards the goal of a diverse team, our policy extends to both Staff and Consultants.

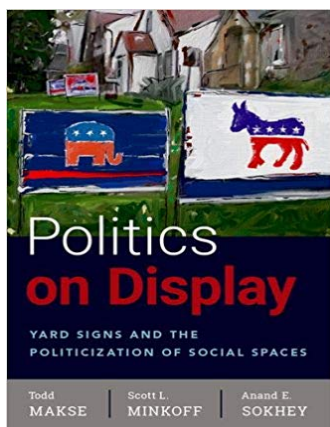
## Department

## Department News



Associate Professor Scott Minkoff

The Department of Political Science and International Relations congratulates its colleague **Scott Minkoff** on his well-deserved tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Political Science this summer. Professor Minkoff's area of expertise is American Politics, and his research focuses on how people and governments are impacted by the spaces they occupy, and emphasizes questions related to public goods provision and inequality. Much of his work involves the use of geographic information systems (GIS), mapping, point pattern analysis, and other tools for spatial analysis. His co-authored book, *Politics on Display: Yard Signs and the Politicization of Social Spaces*, was published this spring (2019) by Oxford University Press.



**Professor Nancy Kassop** led this year's Convocation ceremony as Grand Marshall and Mace Bearer, and gave the Welcome Address to incoming students on behalf of the Faculty. Additionally, Professor Kassop was this year's recipient of the **SUNY Chancellor's Award in Scholarship**, and will be presented with her Chancellor's Award at the Faculty Meeting on September 13. Her welcoming remarks to the students at Convocation centered broadly around the theme of "looking forward, looking back," and asked students to take seriously their right to vote and become informed voters in this polarized period in our political history. In doing so, she reminded students in looking back that when she was in college, during the Vietnam War, most college students did not have the right to vote (the age was 21), and thus could not influence the policies that resulted so many being drafted to fight in a seemingly endless war, by means other than protest. The Department would like to congratulate Professor Kassop on her well-earned award!



Professor Nancy Kassop

## Talks

**September 17 is Constitution Day**

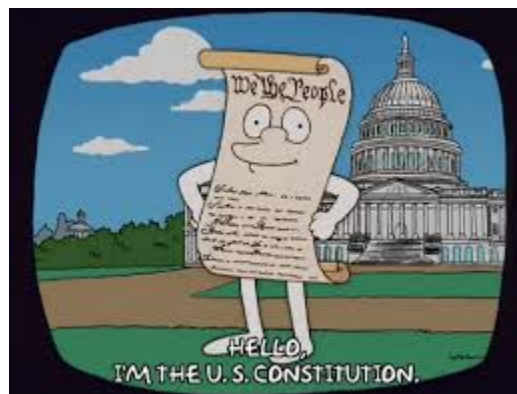
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Following the federal requirement for educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day, the Department of Political Science and International Relations is pleased to announce the following talk at the **Honors Center**, on **Tuesday, September 17, from 5-6:30 pm**:

**“The Impact of the Trump Presidency on the Constitutional System”**

**Professor Richard Pious**, Adolph and Effie Ochs Professor (emeritus) of Barnard College and of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Columbia University, will speak at SUNY New Paltz on Tuesday, September 17 from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Honors Center on the effect of the Trump presidency on the constitutional system. Professor Pious will divide his analysis of the Trump presidency into two parts: political and constitutional. The political aspects of the Trump presidency include, e.g., Trump’s style and rhetoric, and Trump’s political positioning, while the constitutional aspects focus on the president’s assertions of his constitutional authority and his executive actions, along with the responses from other political institutions as part of the checks and balances system. Finally, Professor Pious will explore some current proposals for constitutional change.

Constitution Day is an opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge of the Constitution at a time when constitutional issues, from privacy to presidential power, confront the nation daily, please join us at this important event, light refreshments will be served, and voter registration cards will be available!

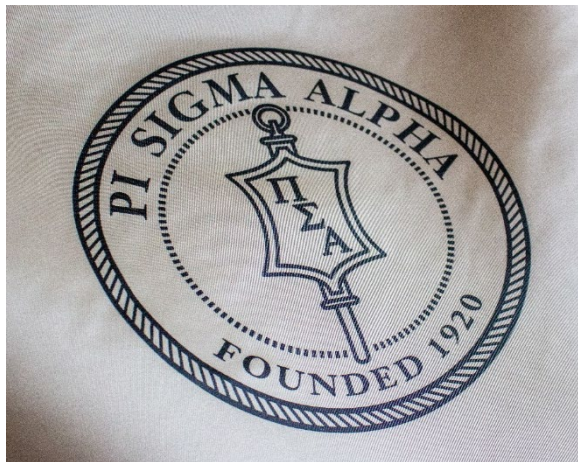




## Honor Society

**Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society Ceremony****Congratulations to our Spring 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Inductees:**

Emily Bailey, Rachael Brown, Jennifer Covais, Matthew Delaney, Micah Torres Dicker, Joel Friedman, Isabelle Hayes, Shahnoor Khan, Jenna Mei Ling Lyle, Kate Macrae, Casey Marsh, Lindsey Mayer, Shogo Mazaki, Jillian McDonald, Emma Mont, Eric Osei-Afriye, Halle Shepard, Alex Tacopina, Ahmad Tipu were honored at our May 17 event.

**Winners of the Eighteenth Annual Pi Sigma Alpha-SUNY New Paltz Best Student Paper in Political Science essay contest:**

Best Paper: River Wasserman, "Out of Left Field: Campaign Network Inequalities and the Progressive vs. Establishment Debate"

Second: Ahmad Tipu, "Different Types of Social Protection and Progress on Sustainable Development Goal 1"

Third: Jennifer Covais, "Victory and Defeat of the 46th Solicitor General of the United States: An assessment of the factors contributing to Solicitor General Donald Verrilli's loss rates, 2011-2016"

Department Faculty

**Where to find people. Some of us Have Moved!****Fall 2019 Faculty Office Hours**

| PROFESSOR          | PHONE/EMAIL                            | DAYS                              | TIMES   | OFFICE   |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| Gerald Benjamin    | 845 257 2901<br>benjamig@newpaltz.edu  |                                   | By appointment  | HAB 704A |
| Kathleen Dowley    | 845 257 3558<br>dowleyk@newpaltz.edu   | Mondays<br>Wednesdays             | 2:00pm-4:00pm<br>2:00pm-4:00pm                        | JFT 816  |
| Nancy Kassop       | 845 257 3544<br>kassopn@newpaltz.edu   | Mondays<br>Tuesdays<br>Wednesdays | 11:00am-12:00pm<br>10:00am-12:00pm<br>10:00am-11:00am | JFT 812  |
| Joel Lefkowitz     | 845 257 3792<br>lefkowij@newpaltz.edu  | Tuesdays<br>Wednesdays            | 3:30pm-5:00pm<br>12:30pm-3:00pm                       | JFT 400  |
| Daniel Lipson      | 845 257 3543<br>lipsond@newpaltz.edu   | Wednesdays<br>Thursdays           | 10:00am-12:00pm<br>12:00pm-2:00pm                     | JFT 810  |
| Phillip Mauceri    | 845 257 2680<br>maucerip@newpaltz.edu  | Mondays<br>Thursdays              | 12:30pm-1:30pm<br>2:00pm-3:00pm                       | JFT 314A |
| Jeff Miller        | 845 257 3934<br>millerj@newpaltz.edu   | Wednesdays                        | 9:30am-12:30pm  | JFT 920  |
| Scott Minkoff      | 845 257 3541<br>minkoffs@newpaltz.edu  | Wednesdays<br>Thursdays           | 11:00am-12:00pm<br>10am-12pm & 2pm-3pm                | JFT 320  |
| S. Ilgu Ozler      | 845 257 2635<br>ozleri@newpaltz.edu    | Tuesdays                          | 1:00pm-5:00pm   | JFT 912  |
| Stephen Pampinella | 845 257 3549<br>pampines@newpaltz.edu  | Tuesdays<br>Wednesdays            | 1:00pm-2:00pm<br>1:30pm-3:00pm                        | JFT 522  |
| Jonathan Schwartz  | 845 257 2627<br>schwartzj@newpaltz.edu | Mondays<br>Thursdays              | 11:00am-12:00pm<br>2:00pm-3:00pm                      | JFT 1016 |
| John Tobin*        | tobinj@newpaltz.edu                    | Thursdays                         | 4:30pm-5:00pm   | JFT 804  |