

Political Science and International Relations



Fall 2019 Semester

IMPORTANT DATES:

9/9 10/30

**COURSE WITHDRAWAL
PERIOD**

10/14 10/15

FALL BREAK-NO CLASSES

10/10

**ANTONIO DELGADO
A BENJAMIN CENTER EVENT
STUDENT UNION BUILDING-
MPR ROOM
5:30-6:30PM**

10/22

**SONALI MCDERMID TALK,
"FOOD PRODUCTION IN A
CLIMATE, CHANGED"
LC102
6-7:30PM**

10/30

**ROBERT SAMET TALK, "THE
WILL TO SECURITY: MEDIA,
POPULISM, AND THE
POLITICS OF CRIME"
(Political Science is a
Co-sponsor for this event)**

10/30

**LAST DAY FOR COURSE
WITHDRAWAL**

11/11 11/15

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION
SPRING 2020**

11/6

LAST DAY TO S/U A COURSE

Update: Brexit has still not happened! Hope the fall is going better for you than for most of Britain, and you are fully in the swing of things now. We have a number of events coming up this month, along with some advance warning for the spring registration process that will occur in early November. The tentative schedule is posted at the end of the newsletter. Please keep the following in mind:

- If you need to register for EITHER the American or Comparative/IR seminar in the spring, you **MUST** first receive permission from the Chair, so please email me at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu with your preference.
- POL 300 Research Methods is a pre-requisite for the seminars, and you must take it before you sign up for seminar.
- Registration priority will go to those students who need the seminar to graduate this spring (or summer).

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.

Kathleen Dowley, Associate Professor and Chair, PSIR

Fellowship Opportunity

The PPIA Junior Summer Institute (JSI) Fellowship Program is a **rigorous academic** graduate level preparation program for undergraduate juniors committed to public service careers. The program was started to address the lack of diversity across the spectrum of professional public service, including government, nonprofits, public policy institutions, and international organizations. The purpose of the JSI Fellowship is to prepare students to obtain a Master's or joint degree, in public policy, public administration, international affairs, or a related field.

Please visit <https://ppiaprogram.org/undergrad-jsi/> for more information and to apply



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Public Policy & International Affairs Program

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING Benjamin Center Events

A Conversation with Congressman Antonio Delgado

October 10, 2019 – 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Student Union Multipurpose Room



*Delaware County Town Hall. OFFICIAL Photoshoot for Congressman Antonio Delgado. Delhi, New York, Feb. 19, 2019.
CREDIT: Matt Roth*

The Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz is pleased to welcome Antonio Delgado, member of the U.S. House of Representatives for New York's 19th Congressional District, to the College on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019.

Congressman Delgado will be interviewed by KT Tobin, Associate Director of the Benjamin Center, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., in the Student Union Building Multipurpose Room.

The focus of this public conversation will be on Congressman Delgado's early experience in Congress and his priorities going forward as he represents and serves constituents in his 11-county district. We expect a full and frank discussion and will include time for questions from the audience.

This event is free and open to the public. If you have accessibility questions or require accommodations to fully participate in this event, please contact the Benjamin Center at benjamincenter@newpaltz.edu as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Celebrate the United Nations Day!
October 22, 2019
Time: 6:00-7:30pm
Location: LC 102

Our Planet, Our Future

Lecture by Sonali McDermid

“Food Production in a Climate, Changed”

Global agriculture must feed ~9 billion people by 2050. How do we achieve climate-resilient food and nutrition security in an ecologically responsible way? In this lecture, Prof. McDermid details the latest findings from a cutting-edge climate and food security assessment across Africa and South Asia, and also highlights how agricultural land management can disrupt regional climates and environments. Prof. McDermid also describes recent work evaluating alternative crop production systems for combined food security, climate resilience, and climate mitigation goals.



Bio:

Sonali McDermid is a climate scientist and Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at NYU. Dr. McDermid holds Ph.D. (2012) from the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia University in Atmospheric Science and Climatology. Prior to her appointment NYU, she was NASA Post-Doctoral Fellow.

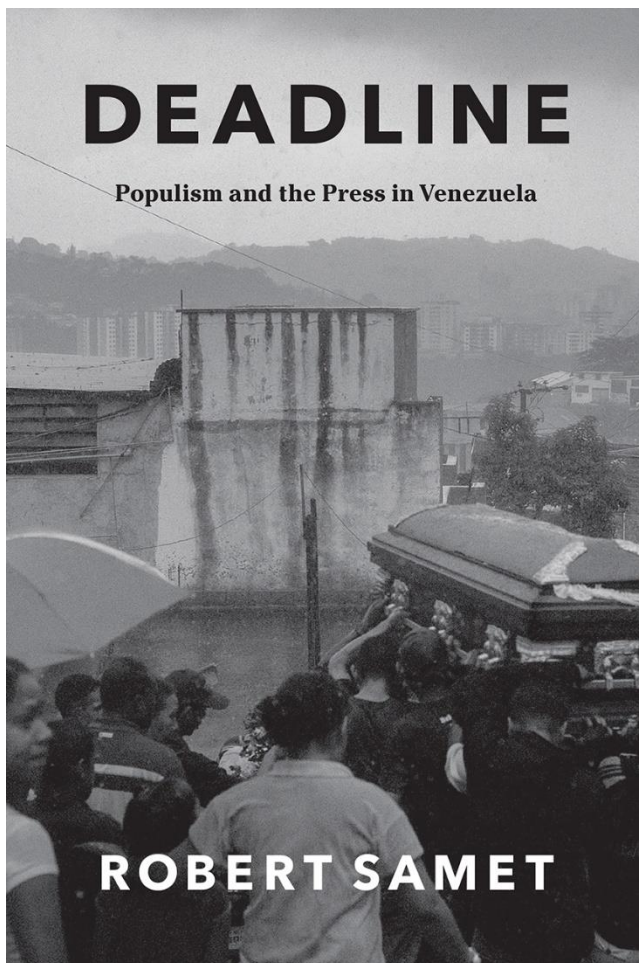
For more information, and for special accommodations to participate, contact Professor İlgü Özler at ozleri@newpaltz.edu

Upcoming Events

The Department of Anthropology presents
(Co-sponsored by Political Science and International Relations)

“The Will to Security: Media, Populism, and the Politics of Crime”

Robert Samet, PhD Department of Anthropology
Union College, author of *Deadline: Populism and Press in Venezuela*



Since 2006, Venezuela has had the highest homicide rate of any country in South America (>50+ per 100,000) and one of the highest levels of gun-related violence in the world. While the late president Hugo Chávez downplayed the extent of the problem, the private press used fear of crime to rally opposition to the Venezuelan government. This talk examines the relationship between media and the politics of security in Venezuela. It is based on extensive fieldwork alongside crime journalists in Caracas. The core of my argument focuses on the production and circulation of mass mediated “denuncias” (denunciation) of crime. As a journalistic practice, the use of *denuncias* is widespread throughout Latin America. My research explains how mass mediated denunciations of crime functioned as the discursive scaffolding for a particular strain of populist mobilization. I argue that following the practices of crime journalists in Caracas reveals a broader pattern that underlies the rise of punitive populism in the Western Hemisphere.

Applications Now Open for the Spring 2020 New York State Albany Internship Program!

A representative from the Senate program will be on campus on Tuesday, Oct 8 (see below). For more information on the Assembly program, see the links below and contact Professor Joel Lefkowitz, 257-3792, or lefkowij@newpaltz.edu (he is the designated Campus Liaison Officer –CLO). You must apply via him in order to apply. **The campus deadline is Oct 25.**

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Nick Parella, New York State Senate Internship Program

A Classroom visits:

- 1 Dan Lipson: American Environmental Politics, 9:30, LC 103
 - 2 Joel Lefkowitz: Intro American Government, 11:00, HUM 305
 - 3 Dan Lipson: Intro American Government, 12:30, HUM 216
 - 4 Dan Lipson: Intro American Government, 2:00, HUM 216
- B General Information Session, 11:30-12:15pm, HUM 105

Links for more information and to the applications

Senate Internship Program information

https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/article/attachment/program_description_brochure.pdf

Senate Internship Application material

https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/article/attachment/2020_senate_session_assistant_application_vert.pdf

Assembly Internship Program information

<https://nyassembly.gov/internship/undergraduates/>

Assembly Internship Application:

New Paltz PSIR Alum, Matthew Delaney '19, at the NY State Senate



I cannot recommend the Senate Session Assistant Program enough. I am now a Project Specialist for the Mental Health Association of New York, the largest mental health service non profit in the State and one of the largest in the Country. This role includes helping manage their federal grants from SAMHSA and NIH, while also advancing policy at the State and Federal level. I am using my skills learned from Senator Kaplan's office every day in this role, and use my connections with the Senate, Assembly, and staff from Governor Cuomo's office to assist in my career opportunities today.

Matt Delaney, '19

Student Conference Opportunity

THE 71ST ANNUAL CLASS OF 1971 STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS

**WEST POINT, NEW YORK
30 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER 2019**



Advancing the National Interest: The Intersection of Domestic Politics and American Foreign Policy

For more information on this conference please visit:

<https://westpoint.edu/academics/academic-departments/social-sciences/conferences/student-conference-on-us-affairs>

The Department will fully sponsor (pay for) ONE student to attend this year's SCUSA conference at West Point. If you are interested in attending, and participating, please submit a one-page letter of interest along with an unofficial transcript to Professor Dowley in JFT 816 by **Monday, October 14th.**

Tentative Spring 2020 Course Offerings



Spring 2020 Schedule Proof Report

Liberal Arts and Science

Political Science & Intrntl Re

Sec	Pl	Limit	Cr	GE3	WI	Start	End	PT	Days	Time	Bldg	Room	Cap	Instructor(s)
POL216 American Govt and Politics														
02		40		4	USS3	01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MWR	03:30 PM - 04:40 PM				Nancy Kassop
03		40		4	USS3	01/21/20	05/15/20	1	TWF	09:30 AM - 10:40 AM				Scott Minkoff
04		40		4	USS3	01/21/20	05/15/20	1	TWF	12:30 PM - 01:40 PM				Scott Minkoff
POL227 Intro International Politics														
01		40		4	SSCI	01/21/20	05/15/20	1	TWF	12:30 PM - 01:40 PM				Stephen Pampinella
02		40		4	SSCI	01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MWR	08:00 AM - 09:10 AM				Jonathan Schwartz
POL229 Intro to Comparative Politics														
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POL300 Political Science Research Methods														
01		25		4		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MWR	11:00 AM - 12:10 PM				Joel Lefkowitz
POL301 State Politics														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MR	02:00 PM - 03:15 PM				Gerald Benjamin
POL320 Protest Movements														
02		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MR	03:30 PM - 04:45 PM				Joel Lefkowitz
POL323 Sovereigns, Subjects, and the State: Modern Political Thought														
01		35		4		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MWR	09:30 AM - 10:40 AM				Jeffrey Miller
POL324 International Relations Theory														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	TF	09:30 AM - 10:45 AM				Stephen Pampinella
POL325 Power, Justification, Discipline: Political Thought in the Twentieth Century														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MR	12:30 PM - 01:45 PM				Jeffrey Miller
POL341 Revolution and Counterrevolution														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	TF	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM				Philip Mauceri
POL352 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	TF	12:30 PM - 01:45 PM				Daniel Lipson
POL355 Criminal Law														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	T	05:00 PM - 07:50 PM				Nancy Kassop
POL365 International Politics of the Asia-Pacific														
01		35		3		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	MR	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM				Jonathan Schwartz
POL370 United Nations Semester														
01		22		6		01/21/20	05/15/20	1	W	03:30 PM - 06:20 PM				Serife Ozler
									F	08:00 AM - 05:00 PM				Serife Ozler
POL401 Seminar in American Government and Politics														
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POL403 Seminar in Comparative Politics														
01	PC	20		4		VM	01/21/20	05/15/20	1	T	03:30 PM - 06:20 PM			Philip Mauceri
									W	12:30 PM - 01:20 PM				

Department Faculty

Where to find people.**Fall 2019 Faculty Office Hours**

PROFESSOR	PHONE/EMAIL	DAYS	TIMES	OFFICE
Gerald Benjamin	845 257 2901 benjamig@newpaltz.edu		By appointment	HAB 704A
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Nancy Kassop	845 257 3544 kassopn@newpaltz.edu	Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays	11:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-11:00am	JFT 812
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Phillip Mauceri	845 257 2680 maucerip@newpaltz.edu	Mondays Thursdays	12:30pm-1:30pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	JFT 314A
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Jonathan Schwartz	845 257 2627 schwartzj@newpaltz.edu	Mondays Thursdays	11:00am-12:00pm 2:00pm-3:00pm 11:00am-12:00pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	JFT 1016
John Tobin*	tobinj@newpaltz.edu	Thursdays	4:30pm-5:00pm	JFT 804