Political Science and International Relations



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Welcome to Fall...

I hope you are staying safe and well, and that you are able to enjoy some of the beauty of the Hudson Valley this month. I also hope you had a chance to see our annual Constitution Day speaker, Professor Kimberley Johnson last month, one of the few live events hosted thus far on campus. Her talk, "Crises and Reconstructions," on September 21 offered provocative reflections on the meaning of our Constitution in the context of the Black Lives Matter movement and national debates about the legacy of slavery for our country. For a recording of the event, go to https://newpaltz.mediasite.suny.edu/Mediasite/Play/b68c537ddfa64411b9387de0a54b41721d

We are entering a pre-registration period for the spring this month, with the proposed spring schedule enclosed within. Congratulations are in order to Professor Serife I. Özler, who was awarded a prestigious Fulbright award to do research/teaching in Madrid, Spain next semester, our second Fulbright winner in the department, with Professor Schwartz awarded one to conduct research in India in late spring-summer. External validation for what we've known all along, we have a very talented faculty here in PSIR.

As in past years, we are asking those who need and intend to sign up for a senior seminar next term to contact Jenn Freer at freeri@newpaltz.edu, to get on the list for either the law seminar with Professor Lipson, or the IR seminar with Professor Pampinella. You need pre-registration clearance to sign up for either, and those on the list, who have taken research methods, receive permissions first. Any questions, please reach out to me at 257-3558 or downweatz.edu.

Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

October 11-12 Fall Break

October 22: Internal
Deadline to Apply for
Albany Senate/Assembly
Internship Program

October 29: Last Day to Withdraw from a Class

November 1: Black Solidarity Day

November 2: Election Day

November 15-19: Spring 2022 registration for undergraduates

November 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

December 6: Last Day of Classes Last Day for students to elect S/U option

ALBANY STATE POLITICS SEMESTER PROGRAM: INTERN WITH THE NYSTATE ASSEMBLY OR SENATE

Reminder, you must apply internally, via the department liaison to the Senate and Assembly programs, and the campus liaison for New Paltz is Professor Joel Lefkowitz, lefkowij@newpaltz.edu.



Our students have been very successful in securing these competitive internships in the Assembly and Senate.
But don't wait!

The internal deadline for completed applications is October 22!

Paid Opportunity for Registered Voters: Ulster County Seeks Election Inspectors and Poll Workers

If you are a registered voter in Ulster County, you can apply to be an Election Inspector/Poll Worker. This is a paid opportunity at \$15 per hour and paid training (\$60) is required. <u>Use this link to learn more and apply</u>. Questions? Email <u>elections@co.ulster.ny.us</u>.

As a reminder, this opportunity is only available to individuals who are registered to vote in Ulster County.

Center for Student Engagement

Dear Students -

This email is a reminder that there are important voting-related deadlines coming in the next two weeks:

October 8: Last day to mail/postmark your voter registration form for General Election.

October 13: Last day to change your address with the board of elections.

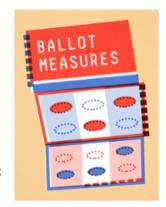
October 18: Last day for board of elections to *receive* an <u>application for an absentee</u> ballot.

- The Center for Student Engagement has NYS voter registration forms available at the HQ Desk <u>any time the building is open</u>. We can also provide a stamp for you to mail it- just ask!
- NYPIRG is hosting a last-call voter registration event next week!
 Parker Quad | Wednesday, October 6 | 10:30am-3:30pm

Every year is an important election year! There are several proposals on the ballot this year related to voter rights, redistricting, and environmental policy.

Enter your address to learn more!

Students with questions about voting or voter registration can email Erica Wagner, Assistant Director of Community and Civic Engagement, at wagnere@newpaltz.edu.



Sign up for the Annual Virtual Graduate and Law School Fair:

Virtual Graduate and Professional School Fair



When: Wednesday, October 6th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Virtual via Handshake

Instructions: Virtual via <u>Handshake</u> > Events > Graduate and Professional School Fair > Register > View Employer Sessions

Log into Handshake to see all of the schools and start signing up for 1:1 and group sessions. <u>Student Guide to Attending a Virtual Career Fair in Handshake</u>

Participating Law Schools

- 1. Albany Law School
- 2. American University
- 3. Bard College Master of Arts in Teaching Program
- 4. Bard Graduate Center
- 5. Brooklyn Law School
- 6. Central Connecticut State University
- 7. City University of New York School of Law
- 8. College of Saint Rose, Graduate Programs
- 9. CUNY Office of Graduate Studies
- 10. Drexel University Admissions
- 11. Duquesne University
- 12. Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (Pace Law)
- 13. Fordham University School of Law
- 14. Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law
- 15. New York Law School
- 16. Pace University Graduate Admissions
- 17. Seton Hall Law School
- 18. SOAS University of London
- 19. Syracuse University
- 20. Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
- 21. UB University at Buffalo The State University of New York
- 22. University College Cork
- 23. University of New Haven
- 24. Western New England University School of Law
- 25. Yeshiva University



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Join the PSIR Club Wednesday October 6 at 7:30 pm in SUB 62/63!