

Political Science and International Relations

December 2022

Spring 2023

Important Dates

January 1
Deadline for May 2023
Graduation
Applications

January 23
First Day of Classes

January 30
MLK Day

Almost There...

I want to take a moment to congratulate you on all that you accomplished this term, and a special shout out to those who will be graduating at the end of the term. We acknowledge in these pages three of our new graduates, who've been designated by the Department and President's office the Outstanding Graduates in the Political Science and International Relations majors. It was nice to see those of you who turned out to our end of term pizza party, taking time away from your busy studies to come hang out with your faculty and colleagues. We even welcomed back Professor Ozler from her year-long sabbatical and Fulbright, and note how excited she is to be able to bring back the UN Semester class next term, and the Global Engagement Program in the Fall of 2023 (more information about that inside this newsletter). Please note that for those who expect to graduate in May of 2023, the **deadline for applying for graduation is during break, JANUARY 1!**

Here's hoping you have a happy and healthy break, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year! Here's to Happy New Year!



Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR

Outstanding Graduates



Dylan Villano

"I will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science in December. I've been involved in politics for several years as a member of my local Democratic Committee. I've interned and worked for Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson (both in the Newburgh district office and in Albany), interned

on the re-election campaign of State Senator James Skoufis, and most recently worked as campaign staff for Chris Eachus, candidate for the 99th Assembly district. I've also interned with the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation since February of 2020. What I've learned at SUNY New Paltz has only enhanced my political knowledge and broadened my opportunities. Though my time at SUNY New Paltz is coming to an end, it is an experience I will be able to look back on fondly for the rest of my life. From the amazing advisors and professors to the rigorous courses that taught me so much, I am leaving with much more than a piece of paper with my name on it. I'm especially thankful to the college and the SUNY system for the wonderful partnership they have with the New York State Assembly Internship Program. Completing a semester in Albany in the State Assembly was an amazing opportunity that I would highly recommend to political science majors. Thank you, SUNY New Paltz, for everything!"

Dawa Sherpa



"I am very grateful to be recognized as one of the outstanding graduates. I remember taking an intro to international relations course during my first semester, not knowing what international relations was. By the end of the semester, I was wondering if international relations would be the major for me. 4 years later, I am graduating with an International relations major and I could not be more proud of myself. I am thankful to all the professors of this department for continuously making me more interested in International relations. I truly enjoyed my time in this department and cannot wait to see how I will be unitizing what I learned here in my career."



Samantha Gomes

"From my first college tour at 16 to the day I received my acceptance letter at 26 my time at New Paltz has felt like a dream come true. I am endlessly grateful for the support I have found in both

my professors and classmates. Being at New Paltz has not only helped me grow academically but also as a person. I plan to take the lessons I have learned here with me to law school and beyond. I look forward to living up to the values New Paltz has instilled in me."

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- **THIS PROGRAM OFFERS OPTIONS TO UNDERTAKE WORK AND STUDY IN FIELDS RELATED TO GLOBAL AFFAIRS INCLUDING POLITICS, EDUCATION, THE ARTS, THE SOCIAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES, AND BUSINESS**
- **AN INTERNSHIP IN WHICH STUDENTS WORK 20-25 HOURS PER WEEK AT A RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (6-9 CREDITS)**
- **A WEEKLY SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THAT INTEGRATES THE STUDENTS' INTERNSHIP WORK EXPERIENCE (3 CREDITS)**
- **A RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS CONDUCT AN ORIGINAL STUDY RELATED TO THEIR INTERNSHIP FIELD (3 CREDITS)**



SUNY Global Engagement Program

students had internship placements at:



The Adventure Project



Brooklyn Defender Services



Success Starts Here



Doctors Without Borders



Human Rights First



International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission



Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs



NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace & Security



Department of Econ. & Social Affairs
Office for ECOSOC Support & Coordination



United Nations
Dept. of Public Information



United Nations Development Programme



United Nations Association of the United States of America

PSIR Pizza Party

The Political Science and International Relations Department hosted an end of the semester pizza party on Monday, December 12th. It was a huge success! Here is a picture of Professor Dowley with some of her Senior Seminar Students .



From left to right: Ari Goldman, Elizabeth Papa, Kelsey Wahlers, Professor Kathleen Dowley, Emelia Moran and Jillian Harrison.

Alumni News: Where Are They Now?

The Political Science and International Relations Department is excited to share exciting news from Alumn Sidney Rankin!

"I am currently a Program Assistant with the Meetings and Membership department at the Council on Foreign Relations. CFR is a nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher with the mission of being a resource for the public in better understanding the world and foreign policy choices countries are faced with. I work closely with the Meetings team in organizing discussions with scholars, government leaders, and policy officials on pressing issues in global affairs. My main tasks include creating rosters for meetings, monitoring the meetings inbox, and managing registrations among other administrative duties. Some of the recent meetings I helped organize include "COP27 and International Climate Action: A Conversation With John Kerry" on October 25th, as well as "Social Media and Digital Diplomacy: A Conversation With Nick Clegg of Meta" on October 21st.



I would not be where I'm at today without the UN Semester and Global Engagement Program. When I think back on it, deciding to do UN Semester my junior year was an afterthought at the time, but one of the best decisions I ever made because everything that followed after was because of it. The 13 weeks of briefings with UN officials exposed me to my passion for peace and security issues. It led me to sign up for GEP during which I got the amazing opportunity to intern at the UN. And last but far from least, the experience of that internship and connections made, helped me land my current job as a Program Assistant at the Council on Foreign Relations. To anyone who is even slightly considering either of these programs, just go for it. I know I'm glad I did."

Save The Dates!

The Department of PSIR and the Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives is pleased to announce this year's **Gary King Lecture in Applied Social Sciences**.



Gary King is the current Weatherhead University Professor of Political Science at Harvard University, and Director of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science. He is also a proud alumnus of our Department, and has endowed a lectureship in Applied Social Science here at New Paltz.

This year, we are pleased to bring **Professor Eitan Hersh** to campus, for a **public lecture on Thursday late afternoon on March 23**, and to give a class demonstration in Professor Minkoff's **Friday March 24 State and Local Politics class**. Professor Hersh will talk about his most recent book on political hobbyism, and also his ongoing research on antisemitism on college campuses.

Save the dates and plan to attend.



Internship Opportunity



There's lots of ways for students to be engaged that touch on state and local politics, issue campaigns, inequality in the Hudson Valley, and digital media skills. One way to do this is through an organization called For The Many. They want New Paltz students to intern for them! This could serve as a pipeline for students who might apply for an actual job with For The Many or other organizations in the future (thinking of Citizen Action as well, a former employer of Professor Pampinella's).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis! Spots are limited in some roles, so it's recommended that you apply as early as possible. Apply [here](https://forthemany.org/internship).

Community Engagement Intern (4 hrs/week)

Fundraising Intern (4 hrs/week)

Student Organizing Intern (4+ hrs/week)

Distributed Organizing Intern (4+ hrs/week)

Location: Poughkeepsie OR Kingston OR Newburgh

Develop essential organizing skills!

Connect with community members through doorknocking or phonebanking. Build familiarity with digital organizing tools, organize your networks, and learn the ins-and-outs of political organizing on the state/local level!

[Learn more here](https://forthemany.org/internship)

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Political Science Spring 2023 Schedule of Classes

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

CRN	Course	Sec	Title	IM	Cr	Dates	Days	Time	Loc	Instructor
1498	POL216	01	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	1/23-5/18	TWF	12:30 PM-1:40 PM		Daniel Lipson
1503	POL216	02	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	1/23-5/18	TWF	2:00 PM-3:10 PM		Scott Minkoff
1494	POL216	03	American Govt and Politics	FS	4	1/23-5/19	MWR	9:30 AM-10:40 AM		Joel Lefkowitz
1495	POL227	01	Intro International Politics	HYB	4	1/23-5/18	MR	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		Stephen Pampinella
1501	POL229	01	Intro to Comparative Politics	HYB	4	1/23-5/18	TF	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		Kathleen Dowley
1504	POL229	02	Intro to Comparative Politics	AO	4	1/23-5/18			ONLINE	Eric Bein
1497	POL300	01	Political Science Research Methods	FS	4	1/23-5/18	MWR	11:00 AM-12:10 PM		Joel Lefkowitz
1502	POL301	01	State and Local Politics	FS	3	1/23-5/18	TF	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		Scott Minkoff
1499	POL317	01	The American Judiciary	FS	3	1/23-5/18	MR	12:30 PM-1:45 PM		Nancy Kassop
1496	POL323	01	Sovereigns, Subjects, and the State: Modern Political Thought	FS	4	1/23-5/18	TWF	9:30 AM-10:40 AM		Jeffrey Miller
1492	POL326	01	Politics and Theater	FS	3	1/23-5/18	TF	12:30 PM-1:45 PM		Jeffrey Miller
1490	POL334	01	Film and Politics	FS	3	1/23-5/18	W	2:00 PM-4:50 PM		Joel Lefkowitz
1491	POL352	01	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties	FS	3	1/23-5/19	TF	9:30 AM-10:45 AM		Daniel Lipson
1507	POL353	01	International Relations of the Americas	FS	3	1/23-5/18	MR	2:00 PM-3:15 PM		Cassandra Sweet
1505	POL370	01	United Nations Semester	FS	6	1/23-5/18	T	3:30 PM-6:20 PM		S. Ozler
						1/23-5/18	F	8:00 AM-5:00 PM		S. Ozler
1493	POL401	01	Seminar in American Government and Politics	FS	4	1/23-5/18	MR	3:30 PM-5:20 PM		Nancy Kassop
1500	POL404	01	Seminar in International Relations	HYB	4	1/23-5/18	W	2:00 PM-4:50 PM		Stephen Pampinella