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Convention proposition focus of Oct. 16 debate at SUNY New Paltz

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NEW PALTZ, N.Y. >> SUNY New Paltz will host a debate Monday, Oct. 16, on the question of whether New York state should call a [Constitutional Convention](#).

The debate, titled “Yes or No? A New York State Constitutional Convention?” will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Coykendall Science Building auditorium on the college campus. It is free and open to the public.

Debating will be Gerald Benjamin, director of the Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz, and Fred Kowal, statewide president of the United University Professions. Benjamin will argue in favor of the vote to

call a convention; Kowal will argue in opposition.

The question of whether New York will call a convention to revise the state’s Constitution will be on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. The statewide referendum is required every 20 years. The state last had a Constitutional Convention in 1967.

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