

Political Science and International Relations



Department

The Benjamin Center



IMPORTANT DATES:

TUESDAYS

PISA MEETING

The Politics and International
Studies Association: SUB 209,
5:00-6:00pm

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MODEL EU MEETING

4:00-5:00pm, HUM 211. See page
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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM MEETING

5:00-6:00pm, JFT 1010. See page
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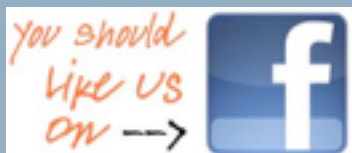
CAREER FAIR

1:30-4:00pm, MPR. See p. 4 for
more details.

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ALBANY LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS

12:30-1:30, HUM 208. See page 3
for more details.



The big news in PSIR is the renaming of the Center for Research, Regional Engagement and Outreach (CRREO) to The Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz, in honor of Dr. Gerald Benjamin, a long-time member of the Political Science and International Relations Department, and current director and associate vice president for regional engagement at the College.

The renaming was celebrated with a program and reception held on campus on September 30. Speakers included SUNY New Paltz President Donald P. Christian, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Kingston) (Political Science, '77), and Cetrino Family Scholarship recipient William Raphaelson (Political Science, '12).

From 1981-1993, Benjamin served as an elected member of the Ulster County Legislature. He served in legislative leadership as both Majority Leader (1985-1991) and Chairman (1991-1993). Benjamin achieved SUNY's highest rank in 2002 when he was appointed Distinguished Professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees. During his tenure, he has served as Chair of the Department of Political Science, Presiding Officer of the Faculty, and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (1996-2008).

Many of you have taken courses in state or local politics from Professor Benjamin, *the* authority on New York State government. And if you haven't, you can sign up for one next semester, when he'll be teaching POL 301 State Politics. Don't miss it!

We're proud to have Professor Benjamin on the New Paltz faculty and as a member of the department. Congratulations Professor Benjamin!

Internships

Hayley Caligor, '16

This past summer, I interned at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV). LSHV is a service that provides free legal assistance to those who cannot afford it. The clients are then provided with attorneys who volunteer their time to assist the client with their legal issue. Through my internship, I was able to see the benefits of legal aid societies. One of my responsibilities was to help draft letters, which were then sent out to clients. By doing so, I gained insight into how the clients were being helped through the legal process. The majority of the cases I worked on were focused on divorce. I would draft letters to be sent to clients explaining LSHV assigned council program, which helps clients going through a divorce who need legal assistance. The program assists clients through the process of applying to the court for free legal assistance. This allowed me to understand the role that LSHV plays in the legal system. In addition to drafting letters, I also had the opportunity to observe the CLARO (Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office) program at the White Plains Courthouse. This was especially interesting to me as I got to see first hand how attorneys aid with their legal matters. The CLARO program offers free legal assistance to clients dealing with debt or housing issues. Most legal matters involved debt of some sort. This internship allowed me to see various

functions of a Legal Aid Society and how they relate to the legal system. I also gained first hand experience from watching attorneys in the CLARO Program. Prior to this internship, I did not know the impact that legal aid societies had. By seeing how LSHV helped many clients resolve their legal matters was inspiring.

Internships

U.S. Department of State

Looking for a summer 2016 internship? Want to work at a U.S. Embassy abroad, the US Mission to the UN, or a diplomatic mission in DC or NYC?

Apply to U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program. All majors may apply. Easy Application Process. **DEADLINE October 16th.**

Click here: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/413959400>

Internships

Madison LaLumia, '18



Last spring, I was a Project Leader on the Higher Education Affordability project for NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group), a student run group on campus that focuses on outreach to the New Paltz community about local and state-wide issues. Our main focus last spring was reforming TAP, passing the DREAM Act and Freezing SUNY tuition. A big day of action for us was higher education lobby day, where students from the PIRG's across New York State came to Albany to lobby the state legislature and make our legislative officials aware of how important it is to make higher education more affordable. This had a big impact on the way the officials voted on the upcoming budget, but unfortunately the DREAM Act did not pass.

However, TAP was not defunded which was good news for the 95,000 New York State students who already receive very little federal and state aid and can barely pay for college. Outside of higher education, I also helped with the Environmental project very often. One of our biggest missions for the Environmental project last spring was to get GMO's labeled on all food because the consumer has the right to know. Through working with NYPIRG, I was able to help my local community become more aware of issues and inspire them to demand changes from the elected officials. The best part of our chapter of NYPIRG, and all the other NYPIRG's, is that they are student run. NYPIRG's board of directors are all SUNY and CUNY students. Each school has a project coordinator who is not a student, but the students control what issues they should focus on, which makes NYPIRG different from the other PIRG's across the country. PIRG's outside of New York State focus on nationwide issues and often forget the student but the main focus on NYPIRG is the student. Interning for NYPIRG was a very rewarding experience and gave my skills that are applicable in almost all professional settings.

Internships

New York State Senate and Assembly



Are you interested in the New York State Legislative Internships? These are semester-long internships working in the State Legislature in Albany (12-15 credits). A stipend is provided by the legislature to pay for living expenses (about \$5,000).

There will be an information session on the internships on **Wednesday, October 7 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm** in Humanities 208.

Completed applications are **due in Albany on October 30** and will require a personal statement, letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, and a completed application (which we can provide).

For more information on the Assembly internship, please visit: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/internship/application/>

For more information on the Senate internship, please visit: <http://www.nysenate.gov/departments/student-programs>

If you cannot attend the information session, please set up an appointment with Stephen Pampinella (pampines@newpaltz.edu).

Careers

Green Corps



Applications for Green Corps 2016-2017 program are now being accepted and the fall application deadline is quickly approaching on October 11th.

Green Corps runs a full year paid training program for college graduates that combines intensive class-room training with leaders in the environmental movement and field placement working on urgent environmental issues with organizations like the Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch. Some alumni include Phil Radford, Executive Director of Greenpeace USA and Sarah Hodgdon, National Program Director at Sierra Club.

During **Green Corps'** full year paid training program, participants will learn grassroots organizing skills from some of the top practitioners in the country while working on three to five different campaigns such as retiring dirty coal-fired power plants, protecting our drinking water, improving our food system, and building the campus fossil fuel divestment movement. Organizers will learn important skills such as recruiting volunteers, developing strategic campaigns and building strong coalitions.

Green Corps is looking for college graduates who are ready to take on the biggest environmental challenges of our day. We need more organizers - people who understand the power of public support and know how to mobilize it.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, [apply today](#).

The Rest of Your Life

Career Opportunities

Career Fair

GOVERNMENT, CRIMINAL
JUSTICE & NON-PROFIT

THE WOODWARD CENTER, WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Internships, Full and Part-Time Jobs
Bring Copies of your Resume
Dress Professionally

Sponsored By: College Career Centers of Western MA
American International College, Bay Path University, Springfield College, Elms College, Westfield State University,
Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, Western New England University

FOR A LIST OF ATTENDING AGENCIES:
VISIT WWW.WESTFIELD.MA.EDU/CAREERCENTER

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Lammers Annex • 577 Western Avenue • Westfield, MA 01086
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Westfield
STATE UNIVERSITY

The **Fall 2015 job & internship fair** is next week!!

List of Companies attending http://www.newpaltz.edu/careers/fall_2015_fair_employer_list.pdf

October 6th FAIR DAY EVENTS**Networking Fair for Jobs & Internships**

12 noon-4 p.m.

Student Union Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

LinkedIn Photo Session (please sign up in advance on HawkHire through my.newpaltz. Student Union 209. Free!

Peacecorps Special Application Workshop

5-6 p.m. Humanities 116

This is not a Peace Corps "Info Session", but is a special workshop for those who want to learn more about the application process. To learn more about Peace Corps, please visit them at the Job and Internship Fair on 10/6 in the Student Union MPR from Noon to 4pm or visit www.peacecorps.gov

SUNY MODEL EU



**SUNY Model EU Sign-Up Session:
Countries and Roles will Be Assigned!
Monday October 5, 4-5 pm,
HUM 211**

For more information, contact Professor Kathleen Dowley

dowleyk@newpaltz.edu

2nd Information Session

Travel to Europe during Winter Session!

Earn 3 PLS credits

**Meet and connect with students & faculty from all
over SUNY and Europe!**

Internships

SUNY Global Engagement Program

**MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 2015**

ROOM: JFT 1010 5-6PM

PIZZA & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

GENERAL INTEREST MEETING

**New Paltz**

The SUNY Global Engagement Program (GEP) in New York City provides students with the opportunity to spend a semester immersed in international affairs in the world's most important global city.

An integrated learning experience

The semester-long program, offered every fall, carries a full course load of 12 credit hours:

- A part time internship with a globally engaged organization
- Global Engagement Seminar on international affairs
- Global Engagement Research Colloquium

**Deadline for fall
applicants is
March 30th**

CONTACT INFORMATION

**S. Ilgü Özler,
Associate Professor**

**Check out our website:
www.Newpaltz.edu/gep**

**Email us at:
gep@newpaltz.edu**

Department

Spring 2016 Preliminary Schedule

To help you plan for the Spring 2016 term, we're releasing early the *preliminary* schedule. A few things to remember: (1) *Any* seminar will satisfy your graduation requirement regardless of your concentration. Seminars spots will be given out on the basis of credit level. (2) You must take Scope and Methods prior to taking the seminar. (3) The U.N. Semester requires an additional fee *and* requires you to be available all day on Fridays during the semester.

Please direct any questions regarding this schedule to your departmental advisor or Jeff Miller, the department chair (millerj@newpaltz.edu).

POL216-01	American Govt and Politics	MWR	09:30 AM	10:40 AM	Lefkowitz
POL216-03	American Govt and Politics	TWF	09:30 AM	10:40 AM	Lipson
POL216-04	American Govt and Politics	TWF	02:00 PM	03:10 PM	Minkoff
POL227-01	Intro International Politics	MWR	08:00 AM	09:10 AM	Pampinella
POL227-02	Intro International Politics	MWR	02:00 PM	03:10 PM	Crook
POL229-01	Intro to Comparative Politics	MWR	08:00 AM	09:10 AM	Ozler
POL229-02	Intro to Comparative Politics	MWR	03:30 PM	04:40 PM	Mauceri
POL300-01	Scope and Methods	TF	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Minkoff
POL301-01	State Politics	MR	02:00 PM	03:15 PM	Benjamin
POL311-01	Environmental Politics	TF	02:00 PM	03:15 PM	Lipson
POL317-01	The American Judiciary	TF	09:30 AM	10:45 AM	Kassop
POL320-01	Protest Movements	MR	12:30 PM	01:45 PM	Lefkowitz
POL323-01	Sovereigns, Subjects	TWF	02:00 PM	03:10 PM	Miller
POL342-01	Politics of Developing Areas	MR	02:00 PM	03:15 PM	Mauceri
POL351-01	Con Law: Nat'l Gov.	TF	12:30 PM	01:45 PM	Kassop
POL354-01	European Politics	MR	05:00 PM	06:15 PM	Crook
POL356-01	Sex Discrimination & Law	TF	12:30 PM	01:45 PM	Lipson
POL357-01	International Law	MR	03:30 PM	04:45 PM	Kassop
POL370-01	United Nations Semester	T F	03:30 PM 08:00 AM	06:20 PM 06:00 PM	Pampinella
POL371-01	Latin American Politics	MR	09:30 AM	10:45 AM	Mauceri
POL379-01	Women in Politics	MR	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	Dowley
POL401-01	Seminar in American	W	03:30 PM	06:20 PM	Lefkowitz
POL404-01	Seminar in IR	M	03:30 PM	06:20 PM	Ozler
POL485-95	Legislative Gazette				Chartock

Department

Visit your professors...

PSIR Office Hours

Benjamin, Gerald	HAB 704a	By appointment
Bennett, Heather	JFT 406	M R 12:30 - 2:00
Brownstein, Lewis	JFT 1016	By appointment
Crook, Max	JFT 404	M W 3:30 - 4:30
Dowley, Kathleen	Southside	M 1:30 - 3:30
	JFT 920	F 1:45 - 3:15
		T 1:45 - 3:15
Kassop, Nancy	JFT 812	M 2:00 - 3:00
		T 10:00 - 12:00
		W 1:00 - 2:00
Lipson, Daniel	JFT 810	By appointment
Lefkowitz, Joel	JFT 818	M R 11:00 - 12:00
		W 1:00 - 4:00
Mauceri, Phillip	OM 302	MWR 3:30 - 4:30
		T 10:00 - 11:00
Miller, Jeff	JFT 816	T F 9:00 - 10:30
		W 12:00 - 1:00
Minkoff, Scott	JFT 1008	W 11:00 - 12:30
		R 9:30 - 12:00
Ozler, Ilgu	JFT 912	T 1:00 - 5:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	W 10:00 - 11:00
		W 1:30 - 2:30
		R 10:00 - 12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	By appointment