

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

TUESDAYS

PISA MEETING

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

10/15

SUSTAINABILITY, FOOD SECURITY, COMMUNITY BUILDING

6pm, LC 102. See page 2 for
more details.

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GUATEMALAN DIASPORA CONFERENCE

10:00. See page 7 for more
details.

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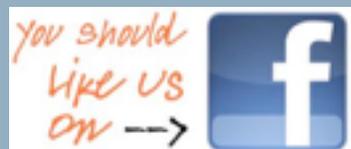
LAST DAY FOR COURSE WITHDRAWAL

Try not to.

11/12

CHARLES DUMAS TALK

3:00pm, JFT 1010. See page 3 for
more details.



Department

Spring 2016 Registration

It's almost time to register for Spring classes. We want this process to go as smoothly as possible for you, and we want you to be able to take the courses you need to graduate. Here are a few things to keep in mind when thinking about your schedule:

- ♦ Know your registration date and time, and don't be late.
- ♦ Contact your advisor and make an appointment early to get your PIN. You *must* have this code to register.
- ♦ Review your progress report *before* you visit your advisor and have a preliminary schedule proposal ready for your meeting.
- ♦ Be sure you've got the pre-requisites for the classes you want to take.
- ♦ Check that you don't have any outstanding debts to the library, registrar, or other SUNY New Paltz offices. These could prevent you from registering!
- ♦ Try to get your core lower-division courses (and GEs) out of the way early, so you can focus in your last two years on upper division courses, internships, study-abroads, *etc.*

Enrollment in the senior seminars is handled through the department office. Spots are given out on the basis of credit level. *Any* seminar will fulfill your PSIR graduation requirement. Students who normally see Professors Schwartz or Lipson should contact Jeff Miller for their PIN (JFT 816, millerj@newpaltz.edu).

Sustainability, Food Security, Community Building

Oxfam America @ SUNY NP and Sustainable Agriculture Present

Creative approaches to sustainability, food security and community building: Local and Global initiatives

A talk with Jennifer Lauren to commemorate World Food Day



Thursday October 15th @ 6 in LC 102

Jennifer is an experienced international development professional who has contributed to the design and implementation of a number of learning, training and professional development programs in the Middle East, South-East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Western Europe, the Balkans and regions of the U.S. Her work has involved collaborating with the agriculture sector on providing quality and flexible health, education, and career building services for underserved populations. She helped co-launch T21, a social learning platform that helps bridge the gap between education and employment for marginalized youth and adults in Jordan, Uganda and the Sultanate of Oman. She has contributed to the design and integration of learning programs, funding strategies and outreach campaigns for a number of social enterprises, multilateral agencies, and NGOs, including Nest, UNESCO, UN-INSTRAW, the Open Society Institute, the Ghana Health and Education Initiative, Globe Aware, and more. She has a long-standing interest in participatory, inclusive education toward sustainable development for communities.

Internships

Clare Profous, December '15



I am very fortunate to have had three internships with the U.S. Department of State (DoS) over the past year.

During my summer 2014 internship at the Regional Security and Public Affairs Offices at U.S. Embassy Belgrade, I was a guest speaker at American cultural centers, assisted with high profile military visits, and acted as an embassy liaison with the DoS Next Level Hip Hop program. Working in both security and public diplomacy heightened my interest in promoting understanding between the U.S. and the international community through the use of educational, economic, and cultural programming in conjunction with social media.

My second internship was at the Office of Management and Reform (MR) at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in NYC this past spring. I worked to uphold the UN 'personal status' policy determining staff benefits and entitlements, acted as a U.S. Mission liaison at events organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce to promote cooperation between U.S. businesses and the UN, and was the point of contact for Ambassador Coleman's official travel. I also helped the office prepare for the May peacekeeping negotiations and assisted in Ambassador Samantha Power's office.

After the UN internship, I continued working with the Public Affairs sector at the U.S. Consulate in Guayaquil, Ecuador, preparing for the DoS sponsored ecotourism program featuring the director of the International Sustainable Tourism Initiative at the Harvard School of Public Health - Professor Megan Epler Wood. I then accompanied Professor Wood on her program in the Galapagos.

I am so grateful for the support I received from the faculty at SUNY New Paltz and for the opportunities I was given during these internships.



Talks

Charles Dumas, '75

Charles Dumas

Thursday, November 12, 2015

From Brown to Obama, A Personal Perspective

Dumas is a 1975 graduate from New Paltz, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Black Studies. He was a New Paltz Alumnus of the Year. He received his juris doctorate from Yale Law School and was a research assistant at the United Nations. In the 80's, he was a member of the New Paltz College Council and adjunct instructor. Having taught at Temple University, Stellenbosch, and the University of the Free State in South Africa, he recently retired from Penn State University after teaching there for nearly 20 years.

3:00pm JFT 1010 SUNY New Paltz

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Internships

Valentina Mogollon, Class of 16

During my junior year at SUNY New Paltz, I received the National Security Education Program Boren Scholarship to study abroad in Senegal. During my fall semester at the West African Research Center, I took intensive French and Wolof content courses. During spring semester, I interned with Caritas Point d' Accueil pour Réfugiés et Migrants while conducting my independent research study, and taking more advanced French courses. During my time with Caritas, I helped translate for anglophone refugees. The internship gave me insight on migration and the current African refugee crisis in the Mediterranean Sea. I wrote my independent study on Senegal's role and policy agreements with the European Union to combat the "irregular" migration crisis.

Internships

Winter Break Internship for Law Students

The Law Office of Kenneth Vercammen established a special Winter break legal internship program for college students and Law Students. Volunteer students will have the opportunity to work in a busy law office with real clients. Students interested in a career in law can obtain knowledge and experience in law office procedures, preparing legal correspondence, and assisting clients. For the Winter/ Christmas program, selected interns must work 30 hours per week for 3 weeks minimum.

Interested students must mail or fax a cover letter indicating the internship they are applying for and resume. If no personal cover letter by student, the resume will not be considered. Emails not accepted. After sending the resume and cover letter, call the office.

Details on internships at <http://www.njlaws.com/intern.htm>



Did you know that the PSIR Department and your colleagues are on Facebook? And on no fewer than three pages? You can keep up with what's going on. News from colleagues, events, job and internship opportunities (and back issues of this newsletter!).

Find them at:

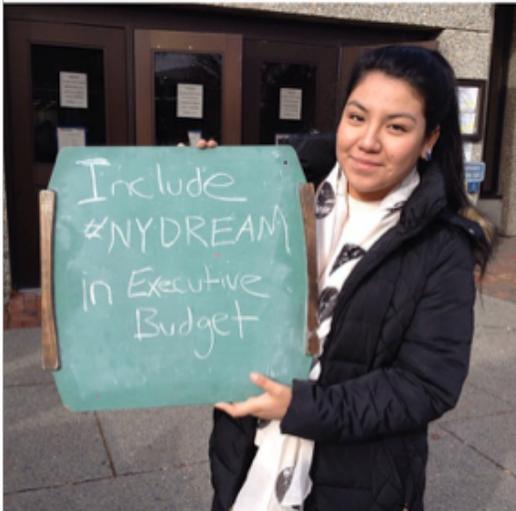
The **Global Engagement Program** page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/430694620371088/>

The **Political Science and International Relations Association** page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280766691979829/>

The **Political Science and International Relations Department** page: <https://www.facebook.com/nppolisci?fref=ts>

Internships

Victoria Lopez, Class of 2017



Last semester I interned and worked for the higher education branch of NYPIRG. I helped petition against higher tuition and got many signatures and calls and sent them to Governor Cuomo. I helped organize an event to bring awareness to students on campus and we had a few guest speakers including a professor who cares deeply about affordable higher education. I enjoyed working with NYPIRG so much last semester I decided to intern again this semester. This semester I am a group leader and am working on voter registration on campus. We've been working on getting everyone on campus registered to vote and the outcome has been great. The last day to register was October 9th, and so on the evening of the 8th the

voter registration group visited dorms to register a few more people who were unable to register with us at the Student Union Building. It's been great so far, and it's only the beginning of the semester. I can't wait to see how the rest of this semester goes.

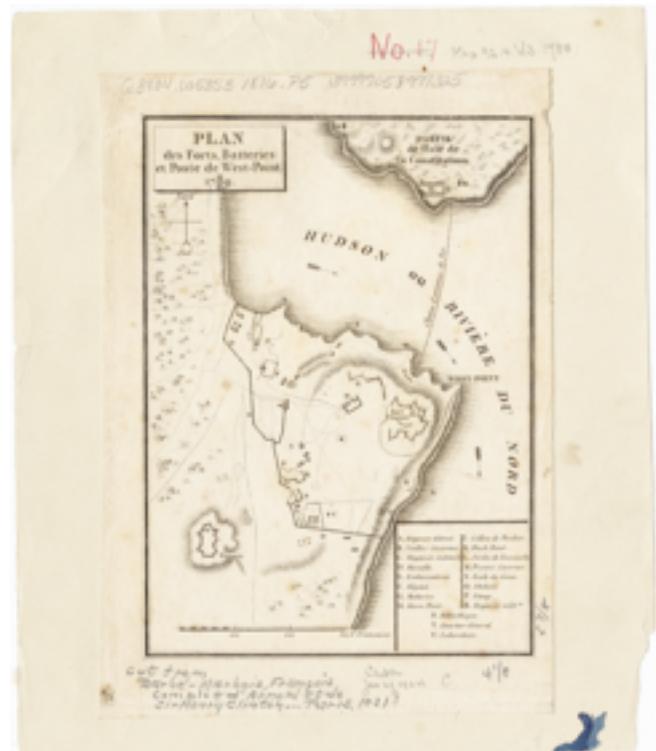
Student Conferences

2014 Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at West Point

CONFERENCE

67TH ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS (SCUSA)

The 66th Annual Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) at the United States Military Academy, November 4-7, 2015 will focus on inequality. If you'd like to be the New Paltz student delegate to SCUSA 67, "Confronting Inequality, Wealth, Rights, and Power," please send an email, not longer than 1 page, with SCUSA in the subject line, describing your interest in participating, by Friday, October 16, to Professor Lefkowitz (lefkowij@nepwaltz.edu). The department will pay the registration fee, which covers all costs for the 4-day conference (including meals and lodging), except transportation to and from West Point. Additional information at <http://www.usma.edu/scusa/SitePages/Home.aspx>



Conferences

The Guatemalan Diaspora

HERE & THERE:
GUATEMALAN DIASPORA
 THROUGH
ACTIVISM & ART

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE & ART EXHIBIT
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015 10:00 AM

REGINA JOSE GALINDO
 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JESSICA LAGUNAS

LUCIA ESCOBAR

JUAN CARLOS PINTO

EMILY HASSELL

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PSIR Office Hours

Benjamin, Gerald	HAB 704a	By appointment
Bennett, Heather	JFT 406	M R 12:30 - 2:00
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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
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Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	By appointment