

Political Science & International Relations

September 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to all returning and new students in the Political Science & International Relations programs. I hope you enjoyed a productive, yet relaxing and regenerative summer.

This semester we will be without Prof. Minkoff, who is on Sabbatical leave for the 2023-24 Academic Year. We welcome back Professors Ozler and Schwartz who were on Sabbatical in 2022-23 and our new colleagues, Tassiana Moura de Oliveira who is teaching Latin American Politics, and Deborah Robbins (a New Paltz, Poli Sci Alum!) who is teaching Criminal Law. You can find a listing of the PSIR faculty, their office hours and contact information on page 10 of the newsletter.

I would like to recognize and thank Prof. Dowley who ably led our department as Chair for the past four years. She returns to her regular teaching duties this semester, where you can find her teaching the Intro to Comparative Politics and European Politics and Government.

There is a lot going on this semester. This newsletter is your source for information on upcoming events (pp. 2-6) and internship opportunities (pp. 6-9). If you wish to become more involved in the PSIR community, you may wish to join our **PSIR club** (contact the club president: Brandon Gonzalez gonzaleb16@newpaltz.edu). The first PSIR club meeting is Sept. 14th at 5:30 (room TBD).

Finally, should you have questions about either of the majors or our various minors, you can always reach out to me via email at schwartzj@newpaltz.edu, by phone at 845-257-2627 or during my office hours (Mondays, 11-1; Tuesdays, 9-11). Happily, the main department office has returned to JFT (8th floor), including our administrative assistant Jen Freer (freerj@newpaltz.edu) (JFT814) and me (JFT816). Please feel free to reach out, and have a great semester!

Jonathan Schwartz, Chair PS & IR

Important Dates – Fall 2023 Semester

Aug 28: First day of classes

Oct 15: Semester mid-point

Sept 4: Labor Day (no classes)

Nov 3: Last day to withdraw from classes

Sept 11-Nov 3: Course Withdrawal period

Nov 6: Black Solidarity Day (classes in session)

Sept 15: Rosh Hashanah (classes in session)

Nov 22-24: Thanksgiving (no classes)

Sept 25: Yom Kippur (classes in session)

Dec 11: Last day of semester

Oct 9-10: Fall break (no classes)

Upcoming Events

**SUNY
GLOBAL
ENGAGEMENT
PROGRAM**

**INTEREST
MEETING**

PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED

**Tuesday, Sept 19th
5PM**

**Located: Grimm House
Center for International
Programs**



**Come learn more
about how YOU can
live, study, and intern
in NYC! Open to ALL
majors!**

**Questions? Reach out to
[gpe@newpaltz.edu](mailto:gep@newpaltz.edu)**

**CENTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**SUNY GLOBAL
ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Constitution Day

“Making Sense of the Supreme Court’s Decision on Affirmative Action in University Admissions”

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 20th, 5:00pm

Speakers: Professor Daniel Lipson, Department of Political Science and International Relations
Tanhena Pacheco Dunn, VP for HR, Diversity & Inclusion, Chief Diversity
Officer/Title IX coordinator
Professor Nancy Kassop, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Location: LC 109

Sponsors: Dept. of Political Science & IR and the Dept. of Black Studies



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APPAM/ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE **PUBLIC POLICY CAMP**

PUBLIC POLICY AS A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE — YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Challenge yourself and prepare to change the world by attending this exciting one-day conference hosted by the University at Albany's nationally ranked Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy! You will learn from and interact with diverse public policy leaders to gain a better understanding of career options in public service, public policy, and public management, how elements of diversity have impacted their careers, and the knowledge and skills to get you where you want to be.

- **CHALLENGE YOURSELF; CHANGE THE WORLD**
Panel discussion on effectuating change and confronting complex policy issues led by public policy and nonprofit leaders.
- **LEARN BY DOING**
Work with a team to develop a solution to a current real-world policy challenge.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Informational sessions on navigating professional etiquette and networking. Talk to professionals, faculty, and current students about your career goals and educational opportunities.

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND!

Students must provide their own transportation to and from Albany, NY. The University at Albany campus is easily accessible, located minutes from the New York State Thruway.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Underrepresented undergraduate students through recent graduates (1 year) with an interest in public policy and working in the public sector, both domestically and abroad. All majors are welcome.

REGISTRATION

Register by **September 13th** at tinyurl.com/APPAMRC or scan the QR code.



CONTACT US

Questions about the conference? rockadmissions@albany.edu



Questions about APPAM? info@appam.org



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

UALBANY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS • 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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Public Policy Camp is an initiative to introduce the field of public policy to a group of students who might not otherwise be familiar with it, as well as increase the pipeline of diverse students to APPAM institutional member graduate public policy and public affairs schools.

TIME	EVENT
9:00-9:30am	Registration and Light Breakfast
9:30- 10:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:00-10:20am	Graduate Programs in Public Affairs <i>Getting the Skills and Knowledge for the Career You Want</i>
10:20-10:50am	Professional Etiquette and Networking Basics
10:50-11:00am	Break
11:00am-12:15pm	Panel Discussion <i>Why Having Diverse Perspectives Matters: The Importance of Diversity and Inclusion in Public Policy and Management</i>
12:15 – 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15-3:00pm	Policy Group Exercise <i>Students will be divided into groups to work on a real world policy challenge</i>
3:00-3:30pm	Regroup, Informal Presentations on Group Exercise
3:30-4:00pm	Dessert Reception and Networking <i>Meet Rockefeller College faculty, current students, and staff</i>

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SUNY Global Engagement Program Invitation

Come and meet GEP alumni. Network and learn about what the future can look like for you at the Alumni Reunion weekend. This year, we will be hosting a **SUNY Global Engagement Program Alumni Global Careers Showcase and Mixer**. We will toast to the GEP and the successes of its alumni! Refreshments will be served.

All International Relations and Political Science Majors are invited to attend.

When: Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 2:30 pm.

Where: Science Hall

To RSVP, [please click here.](#)

For more information contact Professor Ozler ozleri@newpaltz.edu

Is Latin America the most violent region in the world?

Please join the Foreign Policy Association and the SUNY Global Engagement Program for the FPA-SUNY Global Engagement Speaker Series, delivered by Ms. Jessica Faieta, *Senior Fellow at the Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs* and a graduate of SUNY New Paltz. The lecture will have a reception to follow.

Date/Time: October 12, 2023, 6-8 pm

Location: SUNY Global Center in NYC

Check-in will begin at 5:30pm, and the lecture will begin at 6:00pm.

The homicide rates in Latin America and the Caribbean continue to be among the highest in the world. How is crime, gang violence and drug trafficking affecting development in the Region? How is citizen insecurity interlinked with challenges to governance, democracy and migration flows in the continent? Faieta uses various data sources to analyze the situation and to reflect on policy choices.

Jessica Faieta is currently a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at the Jackson School of Global Affairs at Yale University, where she teaches on development issues in Latin America and on the work of the United Nations on the ground.

In 2021, she retired from the United Nations System after a distinguished 30-year career that spanned the development, peace and humanitarian pillars. Her last post was in Colombia where she served as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the UN Mission for the verification of the Peace Accords. She was also the UN Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) overseeing some 3000 staff and a program of \$450 million a year.

From 2014 to 2018, she was UN Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. She has held other positions of leadership and responsibility such as Senior Country Director of UNDP in Haiti where she led the reconstruction efforts after the 2010 earthquake, and UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Representative in El Salvador and Belize. She served in the Executive Office of Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the UNDP Administrator. Ms. Faieta also had assignments in Argentina, Cuba, Guyana, and Panama. She has led the preparation of

several major regional publications such as the UNDP Human Development Reports, written and been widely quoted in the Region's media.

Jessica Faieta is Ecuadorian and speaks four languages. She holds master's degrees in international affairs and in Business Administration from Columbia University in New York. She is a Yale World Fellow and Harvard Advanced Leadership Fellow. Her undergraduate degree is in Economics from the State University of New York at New Paltz

Internship Opportunities

SUNY Brockport Washington Internship Program.

Zoom session on Wednesday Sept. 13, 4 PM with Robert Powell, the interim director of the SUNY Brockport Washington Internship Program.

<https://brockport-edu.zoom.us/j/87240748489?pwd=SHRRYWZqWTNTdS9GbHMwOXA0a0tWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 4074 8489

Passcode: 978284

If you are not able to make the Zoom session, you can contact either Prof. Kassop (kassopn@newpaltz.edu) or Robert Powell (rpowell@brockport.edu).

IMPORTANT Details:

The application deadline for the Washington internships for Spring 2024 is **October 1**

For more information about this program, check out the application portal:

<https://brockport.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10160>

The application deadlines for the SUNY Brockport Washington Program are as follows:

Fall	April 1
Spring	October 1
Summer	February 1

New York State Assembly Internships

1. The NY State Assembly invites applicants for its semester-long Spring 2024 internship program, in which students serve as legislative staffers in the office of a New York State Assemblymember. This internship is designed to give undergraduates entry-level experience working in government and politics. It also involves completing 12-15 credits of coursework through its own course in New York State politics, taught by the Assembly's professors-in-residence. The internship is a paid, offering \$8,800 from January to May. For more information, see the Assembly internship website [here](#) or contact Professor Pampinella at pampines@newpaltz.edu. Applications are due October 25.

[Internship Program | New York State Assembly](#)

News and Information from the New York State Assembly

nyassembly.gov



2. The office of **Assembly member Sarahana Shrestha** is accepting applications for its Fall 2023 in-district volunteer internship program. Interns can expect to canvass around Central Hudson's recent request to raise energy rates by almost 20 percent, support Energy Democracy town hall and community meetings, responding to constituent inquiries, support office staff, and conduct policy analysis if the intern's interests and skills align with office priorities.

To apply, submit a 1-page resume and 1-page cover letter. Submit applications to wolcottb@nyassembly.gov with the subject line "Intern Application".

3. The office of **State Senator Michelle Hinchey** is accepting applications for its Fall 2023 in-district volunteer internship program. Intern experiences can be focused on communications, legislation/policy, and constituent service. To apply, fill out this form and upload your resume [here](#).



INTERESTED IN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT?

APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP TODAY!

The Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) is looking to fill two full-time, paid internship positions in our Legislative & Political Action Department. The internship runs from the beginning of the legislative session in early January through the end of the session in late June.

Our interns are the eyes and ears for the Department for day-to-day operations at the New York State Capitol during the State legislative session.

CSEA is New York's leading union, representing 300,000 active and retired, public and private sector workers.



Work directly with professional lobbyists to learn the legislative process from the inside out

Attend legislative committee meetings, public hearings, legislative session, and more

Learn to read and analyze proposed legislation

And much more

APPLY BY OCTOBER 20

Send your resume and a short writing sample to:

Joshua Terry
Josh.Terry@cseainc.org
 518-436-8622

Or apply on Handshake



About the Campaign:

Manny Nneji's campaign is the top campaign in Ulster County this year. Manny has over 30 years of experience prosecuting the most crimes facing Ulster and believes strongly in delivering justice with compassion. Manny also believes strongly in preventing crimes before they start and is a fierce advocate for alternatives to incarceration.

Position Description:

This position will be under the direction of the Field Organizer and will be responsible for some of the day-to-day operations. This position will have opportunities to work and learn in the field and finance. Once onboarding is complete there will be opportunities to work both in person and remotely.

Responsibilities:

- Making phone calls to voters.
- Recruiting volunteers for the campaign.
- Assisting with volunteer onboarding.
- Assist with campaign events and activities, including canvassing, phone banking, and organizing rallies.
- Help organize and attend field events.
- Assist with data entry and maintaining the campaign database.
- Provide general support to campaign staff and volunteers as needed.
- Assisting with campaign events and activities, including canvassing and phone banking.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Working knowledge of basic computer applications such as Google Drive, Docs and Sheets.
- Strong interest in the campaign's mission.
- Strong interest in politics and political campaigns.
- Excellent communication skills written and orally.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should apply by sending their resume to brian@mannyforda.com.

Political Science & IR Faculty Contact Information and Office Hours

PROFESSOR	PHONE/EMAIL	DAYS	TIMES	OFFICE
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Nancy Kassop	845 257 3544 kassopn@newpaltz.edu	Tuesdays Wednesdays	10am-12pm 9am-11am and by appointment/Webex	FOB W8
Joel Lefkowitz	845 257 3792 lefkowij@newpaltz.edu	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays and by appointment	3:30-4:30pm 12:30-3:30pm 3:30-4:30pm	FOB W6
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