

# Political Science and International Relations



## EVENTS

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### LAST DAY FOR COURSE WITHDRAWAL

If you must, the requisite forms are in the Registrar's office.

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### SUMMER SESSION 2014 REGISTRATION

PSIR is offering two courses: "Introduction to International Politics," and "Sovereigns, Subjects, and the State: Modern Political Thought." Both are online.

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### FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS

Be sure to consult with your advisor well in advance of your scheduled registration date.

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### STUDENT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL CONFERENCE

All day at Vassar College. See their ad on page 7 for details.

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### FALL 2014 AYURE APPS DUE

Thinking about doing research next fall? Check out the URL:

<http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/>

Department

## Retirement



After teaching at SUNY New Paltz for forty-one years, Professor Glenn McNitt has decided to retire at the end of the Spring 2014 Semester.

Professor McNitt has been the anchor of the American Politics section of the department and

served as Department Chair through some tumultuous years. He's also been very active in state and local politics, and was the elected Chapter President of United University Professions (the union for professors in SUNY) for many years. His presence in the department will be much missed.

But we're not going to let him go quietly. On the second page of this newsletter you'll find an interview I conducted with Professor McNitt, and - more importantly - you're all invited to his retirement party, which is scheduled for May 8th from 4:00-6:00pm in JFT 1010. I hope to see you all there to help wish Professor McNitt the best of luck in retirement.

Jeff Miller, Chair

Political Science and International Relations Department

## Interviews

**Glenn McNitt**

Glenn McNitt, c. 1976

### Glenn McNitt Reflecting on his Career

*Did you have a favorite class to teach during your forty-one years here?*

I have taught the American Government and Politics course at least twice every year since I was hired in 1973. I have used over 35 different books and editions, and for a long time, I continue to try to use a new or different text each semester to keep myself and students current. I particularly enjoyed this class because it provides the opportunity to interact with the diverse mix of the full range of New Paltz students.

A second class I really enjoyed was one I initiated at New Paltz, namely Scope and Methods. I first taught it in response to student requests after a few semesters in which I critiqued

student work in my upper division courses that lacked an understanding of research design, testable hypotheses, and empirical supporting data. That semester apparently the word got around that I was teaching such a course and I had all of the graduating "bright lights" in my senior seminar. It led to Scope and Methods becoming a requirement that has been a departmental mainstay for over 35 years.

*What do you consider to be your biggest achievement in your time at New Paltz?*

When I was brought in to the department, there was severe division among the faculty which, sadly, is not uncommon in the discipline. I became chair because I moderated that division somewhat. During my terms as chair and afterwards, I pushed hard for hiring full time members, including professors Kassop, Lefkowitz, and Miller, as well as a few others who were hired but chose to leave SUNY for other professional opportunities.

The union work I performed broadened the range of service to include others at the New Paltz campus and around the state. Being UUP Chapter President, state-wide Executive Board member and state-wide Outreach Committee Chair were union roles I am most proud of, since those positions gave me a real opportunity to serve SUNY faculty and staff, students, and citizens of New York State.

## Interviews

**Glenn McNitt (Continued)**

McNitt in Academic Garb

*Will you still be active in politics after you retire?*

I am and will continue to be active in politics. I have been active in political campaigns for Congress since 1974 and will provide some data-based assistance this election too. I have been chair of the Town Democratic Committees in both New Paltz and Gardiner in the past and an Ulster County Democratic Committeeman since 1977. I also served on the first Ulster County Charter Study Commission in the late 1970s. I will remain active in the politics of my community and state.

*As you look back on your career, what advice would you give to students starting theirs?*

I have urged students to engage themselves in the culture and activities of SUNY and New Paltz. Everything that the campus and community offers is integral to the New Paltz

experience, and students should not miss these opportunities.

*What will you miss the most about SUNY New Paltz?*

I am not ending my SUNY: New Paltz life. SUNY is one element of the New Paltz community, and I am a member of that community. We stay linked. What I will miss the most is the opportunity to become engaged in so many students' lives.

## ***Save the Date!***

**Come celebrate Glenn McNitt's forty-one years of teaching on  
Thursday, May 8th from 4:00 - 6:00pm in JFT 1010.**

## Summer Internships

**Worker Justice Center of New York**

The Worker Justice Center of NY's Kingston office is currently recruiting college, graduate, and law interns for Summer 2014 and beyond.

The position requires a flexible weekly commitment, based on the needs of the organization and your availability. Interns will work directly with the Worker Justice Center staff on a variety of legal and non-legal matters.

Assignments may include:

- assisting with outreach to farmworkers and other low-wage workers
- assisting with educational workshops, events and fundraisers
- conducting client intakes
- assisting with investigations
- translating documents and materials
- assisting with communications
- conducting general administrative tasks
- assisting with worker advocacy efforts
- conducting legal tasks including research and drafting (legal interns only)

While not required, preference will be given to students who demonstrate a commitment to public service through their coursework or extracurricular activities. Spanish speakers strongly preferred.

To apply please send a resume via email to [mbhatt@wjcny.org](mailto:mbhatt@wjcny.org), along with a brief statement of your interest. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

## Summer Projects

**CAS Internship Stipend**

If you are a full-time undergraduate student who is seeking academic credit for an internship/fieldwork/practicum/student teaching experience, have a 2.5 or higher G.P.A., and have demonstrable financial need, you're eligible.

The application can also be found at <http://www.newpaltz.edu/careers/> or at the Career Resource Center in Humanities 105.

Students can receive up to \$2,000 assistance in the Fall and Spring and up to \$3,000 in the Summer. Funds can be used for transportation, professional attire, housing, etc.

**Deadline for Summer 2014 internships: 4pm, Friday April 18, 2014 (Career Resources Center)**

On Campus: Academics

## Faculty Offices and Fall Office Hours

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**See your advisor *before* Fall  
2014 registration begins!**

(That's April 14th)

## Internships

## Democracy Matters

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Since 2001 the Democracy Matters Institute, a non-partisan, non-profit national organization, has offered paid internships to undergraduates on seventy or more campuses each year. DM interns work on their own campus during the academic year to educate and involve students and faculty in deepening democracy. Democracy

Matters students organize forums, discussion groups, debates, and movie series. They engage in voter registration drives, petition campaigns and other projects to emphasize the importance of everyone's voice being heard in a democracy. The role of private money in election campaigns and the alternative of public financing for campaigns is an important focus.

Democracy Matters' field staff trains and mentors students in grassroots organizing. They also provide materials, offer presentations from our extensive Speaker's Bureau, and give on-going support and guidance to student organizers. DM students attend a yearly National Student Summit where they



meet experts in the field of pro-democracy reform. There they share best practices and network with students from other campuses.

Democracy Matters offers one internship on each campus and welcome applications from SUNY New Paltz students (email to [joanm@democracymatters.org](mailto:joanm@democracymatters.org) or [apply online](#).) Applications should include a resume and a cover letter explaining why they would like to participate in the Democracy Matters program. More information is available on their [website](#).

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### Paul F. Murphy Memorial Scholarship

This is a pre-law scholarship which is available for the 2014-2015 academic year. For details, go to:

<https://newpaltz.academicworks.com/>

# Student World Affairs Conference

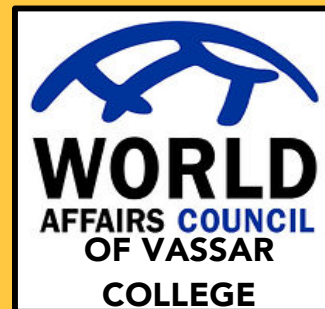
*of the Mid-Hudson Valley*

SAT APRIL 12

ROCKY

*Keynote: Ambassador*

*Robert Gosende*



A SUNY educator, 35 year foreign service officer and President Clinton's Special Envoy for Somalia during the height of the security and humanitarian crisis in that country in 1992-93.

- *Engage with practitioners, professors, and students from local area campuses.*
- *Submit a paper. Be a panelist. Get published.*
- *Seminars on: Global Governance, Human Rights, Education, Sustainable Development, Democratization, International Security.*

***Submit student papers to [SWACpapers@gmail.com](mailto:SWACpapers@gmail.com)***

***Registration \$20, includes lunch. Free for panelists.***

***Email [febraga@vassar.edu](mailto:febraga@vassar.edu) for more info.***