

Political Science and International Relations



EVENTS

5/8
**RETIREMENT PARTY FOR
GLENN MCNITT**
JFT 1010. Refreshments!

5/16
**PI SIGMA ALPHA
INDUCTION CEREMONY**
Join the PSIR department as we
induct new members into the
National Political Science Honors
Society. 1:00-2:00pm, JFT 1010.

5/18
COMMENCEMENT
You know if you should be
there...

5/19
HAPPY SUMMER!
We're looking forward to seeing
you in the fall.



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<https://www.facebook.com/nppolisci>

Departmental

Professor Glenn McNitt's Retirement Party



Stop by JFT 1010 between 4:00 and 6:00 on Thursday May 8th to wish Glenn McNitt a happy retirement. Professor McNitt has worked as a professor at the college for forty-one years (!), teaching American Politics, Public Policy and Public Administration.

Join the department and college community in thanking him for all his years of service. Refreshments will be served!

Academics

Summer Online Courses

Did you know you could take care of departmental core course requirements *and* knock off GE requirements at the same time by taking an online summer course? PSIR is offering three classes this summer for credit within the major. They are:

POL 227 Introduction to International Politics. This class fulfills a core course requirement in Political Science or International Relations, and also credits you with SSCI for the GE.

POL 323 Sovereigns, Subjects, and Modern Political Theory. This class fulfills the core theory requirement for Political Science majors.

WOM 421 Feminist Theory. This course will fulfill an upper-division theory elective for Political Science majors.

For specific details, see the summer session website at: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/summer/>

Department

Long-Time PSIR Secretary Retires

We're sad to announce that Patricia Stewart, the long-time secretary for the departments of Political Science and International Relations, has decided to retire effective this June. Pat has been an invaluable resource for both faculty and students, and we're all not sure just what we're going to do without her around to point us in the right direction. In her retirement, Pat plans on spending more time with her two brand-new granddaughters!

We'll be having a party to wish Pat the best next week (date and time TBA), but if you can't make that be sure to stop in before you leave for the summer to wish her the best!

Department

Job Candidates in American Government/Public Policy

As many of you may know, the department is in the process of hiring a new faculty member to teach in the fields of American Politics, Public Policy, and Public Administration. After reviewing many files and conducting preliminary interviews by Skype, the department has now narrowed our search down to three candidates, all of whom will be visiting the campus during the next three weeks.

We invite your participation in this search process. Please join us in meeting and evaluating the candidates. Your input is important, and the department listens closely to what the students have to say, so make your voice heard.

Listed below are the candidate meeting times and dates. Please note that as of this edition of the newsletter we have confirmed dates and times for only two of the three candidates. One of the candidates is tentatively scheduled for May 13th. We'll send out a reminder announcement with the meeting places prior to the candidate's visits.

Monday, May 12th: Matthew Cravens

9:00-10:00 Sample Class
2:00-3:00 Job Talk

Tuesday, May 13: Mark Lindeman

[*Tentative*]

9:00-10:00 Sample Class
2:00-3:00 Job Talk

Thursday, May 15th: Simone Grant-Adams

9:00-10:00 Sample Class
2:00-3:00 Job Talk

Internships

United University Professions New Paltz Chapter Internship

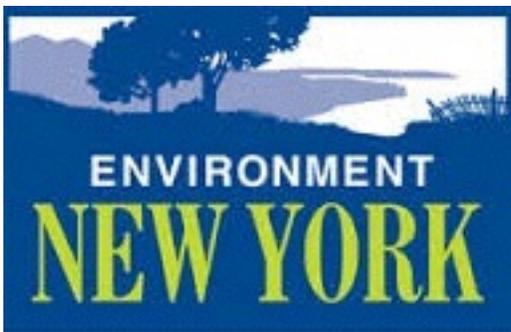


Looking for an internship next year? The New Paltz chapter of United University Professions (the union for faculty and professionals at SUNY) is seeking a chapter intern for both semesters. Duties include research, organization, editing and writing articles for the chapter newsletter, and information management. It's also possible to get fieldwork credit within the department for this work (with approval from an overseeing faculty member).

If you're interested, contact Peter Brown, the President of the New Paltz UUP Chapter at: brownp@newpaltz.edu

Summer Jobs

Environment New York



Interested in spending your summer creating social change? Want to protect New York's Waterways and Beaches while getting paid, learning new skills, and making friends?

Environment New York is hiring for several campaign jobs this summer! We have paid full time canvassing jobs, part time administrative jobs, and un-paid part time internships available.

Access to clean water should be a human right, but loopholes in the Clean Water Act leave more than half of New York's streams without protection from pollution, leaving the drinking water of over 11 million New Yorkers at risk.

This summer the EPA is proposing rules that would close loopholes in the Clean Water Act, but polluters are already pressuring the Administration to back down. We are on the verge of the biggest victory for clean water in over a decade, but we need YOUR help to win!

Spend your summer protecting New York's Waterways. Call 212-575-8571 or fill out [this form](#) to hear more about our paid full and part time campaign positions or about our unpaid internships!

[*CLICK here to request more info, and to get in touch with one of our organizers!*](#)

Work on important issues, build your resume and earn money while you're at it. Hourly wage: \$11-16 average per hour.

How to Apply: *Fill out this form*, and one of our organizers will get in touch with you!

Please direct any questions to Callie at: (212)575-8571 or apply online at www.JobsForGoodCauses.org

Department of Political Science and International Relations www.newpaltz.edu/polisci_intlrela/

Awards

Steven M. Street Social Justice Project Award



United University Professions (UUP) is accepting applications for the [2014 Steven M. Street Social Justice Project Award](#). Funding for this award was established with a bequest from Steve Street, a longtime adjunct, a talented writer, and a tireless advocate for equitable treatment of contingent faculty and other disadvantaged members of his community.

In ongoing commemoration of Steve's life and work, a \$500 cash award will be granted for the best research paper or creative project addressing the role of collective action in promoting an equitable, peaceful and just society.

To be eligible, **projects must be produced either by an individual student or a team of students** in the SUNY system. Eligible students must be undergraduates in good academic standing who are matriculated in a degree-granting program at a SUNY campus.

To be nominated, students should work with one or more UUP members to submit an electronic version of the project to the UUP chapter office listed below. The deadline for submissions has **been extended to May 31**.

Questions? Speak with Peter Brown, UUP New Paltz Chapter President: brownp@newpaltz.edu or go to: <http://uupinfo.org/communications/awards/forms/SteveMStreetaward.pdf>

PSIR Club

President Elect for 2014-2015 Academic Year



Meet Chris Rosedale, a rising junior who majors in Political Science with a focus on American Politics. Chris was elected incoming president of the Political Science and International Relations Club and will assume the office at the beginning of the Fall 2014 term.

Chris has lots of plans for the club in the upcoming year. He'd also like to hear your suggestions for programming or events. You can reach him by email over the summer at n02395613@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Congratulations Chris!

Internships

The Diplomat



Internship: The Diplomat (www.thediplomat.com)

Hours: 10-15 hours per week during regular business hours (Summer, Fall, and Spring)

Location: Remote with Skype and Phone meetings, as well as G-chat availability

Qualifications: Strongly prefer that students have some interest either in Asia or at least international relations or international security generally. Social media/editing roles also available. Writing skills a must.

Internship: Focus on writing t articles as well as commissioning articles or doing interviews with prominent scholars or policymakers in intern's areas of interest. If more interested in helping with the editing process or social media there is help needed in these departments as well. Willing to tailor the internship according to intern's interests and career paths.

Key Takeaways: Once interns have published with The Diplomat they will find it easier to get their work accepted in other publications. Those first few publications are really key because they can be leveraged in the future. This will look good applying to graduate school!

With regards to commissioning articles and doing interviews, it is important because it is a great way to establish extremely useful contacts. For example, if a prominent scholar in their field has just published a book, the intern can reach out to them and discuss helping them promote that book via The Diplomat. It's rare that an undergraduate student can offer a prominent scholar a place to promote their work and exploiting this opportunity really helps in expanding one's network.

Application Process: Send a resume and a writing sample or two to zachary@thediplomat.com. No need for a cover letter. If you do not have a concise writing sample, write a short response paper to a current world issue making an argument or analyzing the larger implications rather than just explaining what happened.

Contact: Zach Keck, alumnus of New Paltz

Zach is involved in everything on the website from commissioning articles, to editing articles, to writing articles, to running social media to the artist stuff.

About the Organization: The Diplomat is the premier international current-affairs magazine for the Asia-Pacific region. We reach an influential audience of commentators, policymakers and academics with in-depth treatment of regional issues. Our articles are regularly cited or republished by the *New York Times*, *BBC*, *CNN*, *Huffington Post*, *NPR*, *Financial Times* and many others. We also are lucky to work with some of the top academics and think tanks in the Asia-Pacific studies field including Zbigniew Brzezinski (National Security Advisor, Carter Administration), the Council on Foreign Relations, Senator John McCain, Taylor Fravel (MIT), James Holmes (USNWC), Richard Weitz (The Hudson Institute) and Gilbert Rozman (Princeton) just to name a few.

Essay Contests

Scharps Legal Essay Contest



Description: This award is offered in accordance with a gift accepted by the State University of New York Board of Trustees under the will of Hannah S. Hirschhorn to establish the Benjamin Scharps and David Scharps Memorial Fund. Students will be asked to write an essay on the topic of *online courses and degrees* and submit their paper for review.

Eligibility: Competition for the prize is open to SUNY students in their junior and senior year at state-operated campuses. Students, who are interested in legal issues, or interested in pursuing a career in the legal field, are especially encouraged to apply.

Prizes: The winner will receive \$1,500; the second place finisher will receive \$1,000. Both the first and second place winners will receive a certificate and will be added to the recipients list on the SUNY website.

Instructions: The competition requires students to demonstrate their analytical skills in a legal opinion of no more than 2,000 words. Students are to identify the legal issues and defend a position in a scholarly manner. The essay submitted must be carefully reasoned, well researched, authoritatively documented, and precisely written. The essay is to be neatly printed on 8.5 x 11 paper and may include notes or foot notes.

If you want to enter this contest, contact Stella Deen, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (deenm@newpaltz.edu).

Internships

U.S. Representative Sean Patrick Maloney 2014 Campaign Internship

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney is looking for highly motivated students, or recent graduates, to join his re-election campaign this summer. Based out of our campaign office in the Hudson Valley, interns will gain on-the-ground political organizing experience and work closely with the campaign's senior staff. Interns will be given significant responsibilities that include, but are not limited to: organizing events, targeted outreach to constituents, training volunteers, and managing data.

Internships will last from mid-May through August, 30-40 hours per week, with some flexibility. College credit is available and housing may be provided.

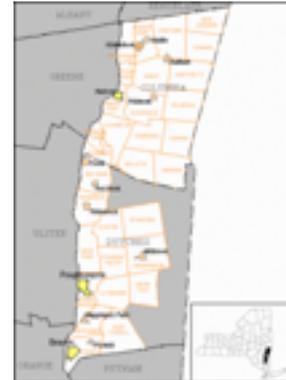
Apply! Please send a cover letter and resume to: info@seanmaloney.com, with the subject line "Maloney Campaign Internship".

Sean Patrick Maloney for Congress is committed to diversity and recognizes that our continued success requires a diverse staff that provides the highest quality services to our supporters and constituents. Candidates from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Internships

State Senator Terry Gipson

Interning for Senator Terry Gipson's re-election campaign will give you hands-on political experience and help prepare you for a career in politics, government, and many other fields.

**Who are we looking for?**

- Smart, energetic, and fun people who are interested in politics
- People who can multi-task and think on their feet
- Committed team players with excellent leadership skills

What are the benefits of the Internship Program?

- Receive first-hand experience with how professional campaigns are run
- Work alongside and network with leaders in the field
- School credit available upon request

Find out more and apply at: <http://form.jotform.us/form/41044464745151>

Internships

Summer Fundraising Internship

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Description:

Do you want a hand in changing politics? Interning with this fast paced Democratic consulting firm will give you a start. Berger Hirschberg Strategies is a fundraising firm that handles a variety of clients, including political candidates, governors, congressmen/congresswomen, senators, and non-profit organizations.

This is an excellent networking opportunity and a great way to get your foot in the door. Duties include database management, event coordination, assistance with administrative tasks, research and arranging meetings with donors and clients. Candidates should have a strong work ethic, good organizational skills, the ability to multitask and a sense of humor. This job provides a hands-on experience in the field of fundraising and an opportunity to hone skills critical to success in any profession.

Proficiency in Word, Excel and databases are a plus. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If interested, please email Riley Voss at riley@bhstrategiesllc.com with a cover letter, resume and the dates and times of your availability.

Internships

Policy and Community Organizing Internship

EIO Coalition | C/O CCF | 475 Riverside Drive | New York, New York 10115

Position Available Summer 2014: Paid Policy and Community Organizing Intern

The Policy and Community Organizing Intern (intern) will assist College and Community Fellowship (CCF) in carrying out strategies designed to increase the involvement of CCF's students in our community building activities and our advocacy campaigns. CCF's advocacy campaigns focus on removing barriers to higher education for currently and formerly incarcerated individuals (through the work of the Education from the Inside Out (EIO) Coalition). The intern will assist with research, base-building, direct-action, and coalition building to support the campaigns that the Education from the Inside Out (EIO) Coalition (www.eiocoalition.org) is currently working on.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist Public Affairs Associate and Community Organizer with developing campaign strategy for national and state campaigns (legislative, advocacy and grassroots)
- Support Public Affairs Associate and Community Organizer in coordinating activities related to advocacy campaigns (coalition and working group meetings, panels, advocacy trips, etc.)
- Assist Community Organizer in implementing partner outreach strategies
- Assist with research pertaining to the three campaigns; help develop additional campaign materials
- Work with Community Organizer and Public Affairs Associate on social media strategy; Manage social media presence including Twitter, Facebook, and blogging platforms
- Provide administrative support to Policy Associate and Community Organizer

Core Competencies/Qualifications:

- Experience community organizing and/or working on policy issues
- Detail oriented, with excellent organizational skills
- Ability to research and organize information related to tasks
- Interest in criminal justice reform and belief in the organization's mission
- Interest in community organizing and policy
- Ability and desire to work with a diverse group of people
- Experience using Twitter, Facebook and blogging platforms
- Working knowledge of MS Office tools (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)

Please email cover letter, resume and references to Yasmin Safdie, Community Organizer, at ysafdie@collegeandcommunity.org. We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis. Please note that the internship is paid and can be full-time or part-time. Please express your preference in your cover letter.