

Political Science and International Relations



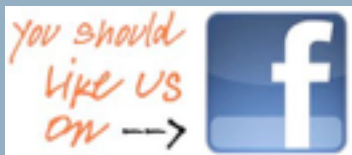
IMPORTANT DATES:

8/25-8/30
ADD/DROP PERIOD
Do it as soon as possible.

9/1
**GRADUATION
APPLICATIONS DUE FOR
DECEMBER**
Done at the end of this term? Be
sure to get your application in to
Records and Registration

9/8-9/12
LATE REGISTRATION/ADD
They'll start charging you to add
a course or register at this point.

9/8-10/31
**COURSE WITHDRAWAL
PERIOD**
Try not to.



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Welcome Back!

We hope you are rested and ready for the 2014-2015 academic year... it'll be busy!

In this issue of the PSIR Newsletter, we're mostly featuring information about internships. If you have time this semester, think about picking one up (some listed here are even paid!).

Since this is election season, a lot of the internships listed here are for campaigns. If you want academic credit for any of these, be sure to discuss it with a faculty member *first*.

Good luck with the beginning of the term, and see you in class!

Internships

The Big One



The White House Internship Program provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate today's young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office of the President and engage them in public service opportunities.

A complete application includes: short answers, two essay questions, a one-page resume, and two letters of recommendation. The deadline to apply for the spring program is **September 7, 2014**.

For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/internships>.

Internships

County Controller Offers Internships

Ulster County Comptroller Elliot Auerbach has openings for interns this fall. This internship can be taken for course credit or work experience. Talk to your advisor for information about how to do the former. For more information about the internship, including how to apply, email Kristin Bradley, Assistant to the Comptroller at kbra@co.ulster.ny.us

Internships

State Senator Terry Gipson

State Senator Terry Gipson, 41st Senate District, (Google it) has internships available in his offices both in Albany and in Poughkeepsie. Campaign work this fall also possible.

Apply by clicking the following link and filling out the information forms: <http://form.jotform.us/form/41044464745151>

The Rest of Your Life

Career Counseling**Meet Your Career Counselor !****Emily Zurner**Senior Career Specialist, *Liberal Arts and Science*

Here to assist with career counseling, resumes, cover letters, internship/job search, interviewing skills, graduate school, personal statements, and all career related questions!

Make an Appointment Today at:**Career Resource Center**HUM 105 www.newpaltz.edu/careers 845-257-3265

Do you know that PSIR students have a designated career counselor over at the Career Resource Center? That's her, Emily Zurner, on the left. Make an appointment with her before you start applying to jobs or internships. She'll make sure your resumes and cover letters are in tip-top shape.

Internships

State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk

State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk's (46th Senate District) office is looking for campaign interns. Positions begin in the first week of September. Expect great training and a high-energy fight as well as important campaign experience.

If interested please contact Alex Elmasri at alexe35@gmail.com.

Internships

Winter Law 3 Week Internship

Volunteer students learn while working in a busy law office and dealing with real clients. Students interested in a career in law can obtain experience in law office procedures, preparing legal correspondence, and assisting clients. Please find enclosed the Winter/ Christmas Break "Volunteer Legal Intern" information sheet. Students will also help the Metuchen Public Defender.

For more information, check out their website: <http://www.njlaws.com/intern.htm>

Or mail/fax cover letter and resume:

Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, PC
2053 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817
732-572-0500 (Fax) 732-572-0030

Jobs

Assemblyman Frank Skartados: Constituent Services Position

The New York State office of Assemblyman Frank Skartados is seeking a full time individual to handle constituent issues and perform office management. The ability to assist constituents with personal issues and to communicate effectively with all levels of government/local organizations is essential, as is the ability to follow issues through to completion including full documentation. Also included in the position are managing mail, scheduling appointments and assisting other office personnel with general office functions. Additional work might include posting events on social media, representing the assemblyman at community events, and assisting in event planning and implementation. Required skills include a customer service persona with excellent verbal and written abilities (via all media and in person communications), familiarity with MS Office, and strong organizational abilities. The ideal candidate will have a college degree and a genuine interest in government and public service. Previous work history in an office environment and customer service position is preferred. Recent college grads are invited to apply.

Salary: \$25,000 plus depending on experience

To respond please email resume to : goldsk@nysa.us

Jobs

Career Fair

Hudson Valley Help Wanted is hosting a job career on Wednesday October 8th from 11:00am-3:00pm in New Windsor. You can pre-register for it here, as well as see what employers will be present:

<http://regionalhelpwanted.com/careerfairs/index.cfm?SN=1>

Campaign Work

State Senator Tony Avella



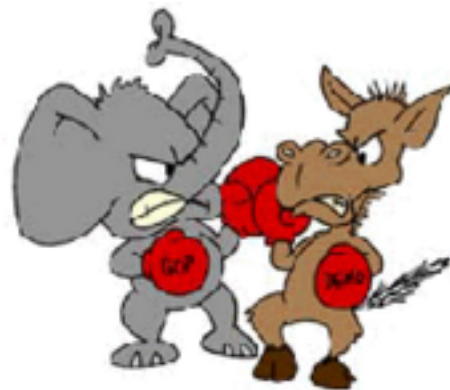
State Senator Tony Avella's office (11th Senate District) is looking for students who are interested in working on an exciting local State Senate race.

Campaign volunteers have the opportunity to work on everything from canvassing to outreach to fundraising. If you can donate an hour or commit to a regular schedule, and everything in between, they can use your help.

Campaign Interns have the opportunity to work in structured environment, on the substantive needs of the campaign. Intern assignments vary widely, and we strive to develop internships that are focused on the intern's scholastic or professional interests. Interns are expected to commit to a regular schedule, and are offered practical experience and the chance to learn how a political campaign is built from the ground up. Course credit (with a professor's approval) is also a possibility.

Being involved in our campaign will allow you to gain a first hand insight into local politics, fine tune your personal skills/persuasive techniques, work in a team setting, and network/build references for your resume.

To apply, contact TonyAvellaForNewYork@gmail.com, with a brief description of your interests, which role you prefer, and your availability. For interns, please also send a resume.



(Paid!) Internships

Democracy Matters



Democracy Matters is accepting applications for paid internships through their Campus Internship Program. Democracy Matters is a non-partisan organization of students and professors working on campuses across the country to educate people about the role of private money in politics, and its impact on democracy. They call for alternatives that can reform and revitalize our political process

thereby deepening democracy in the United States. Specifically, they organize around issues of campaign finance reform, full and partial funding of elections, and election reform.

Democracy Matters differs from other political groups on campus in that they are not linked to a political party and do not concern themselves with specific election campaigns. Instead, they are concerned with the process of campaigns – especially fundraising – and issues specifically related to political accountability and democracy.

Campus Leaders are expected to work a minimum of 10 hours/week.

- Build coalitions of student activists on your campus.
 - Create a Democracy Matters chapter that can work with students, faculty and community activists to get private money out of politics and people back in.
 - Organize at least four campaigns/events per semester.
 - Receive training and guidance from a Democracy Matter staff link who will work with you each week to develop your skills as an organizer.
 - Attend the annual Democracy Matters student summit where you will meet with hundreds of other students from across the country and attend workshops to build your skills and issue awareness.
 - Receive Democracy Matters materials – banner, flyers, DVD, t-shirt, stickers, and pins – to spread across your campus.
- Compensation:
- \$500 per semester
 - Service learning course credit possible (contingent on faculty approval)

Applicants should have a commitment to social change and some organizing experience. No expertise in campaign finance reform is required

Apply today! Email your resume, at least three academic or professional references and cover letter to: DemocracyPartnersRecruiting@gmail.com

Internships

Sean Eldridge Congressional Campaign: Field Organizer

Sean Eldridge for Congress seeks motivated, numbers-focused Field Organizers to own and implement an aggressive field program to win back New York's 19th Congressional District. Applicants must be organized, be comfortable working long hours and weekends, and preferably have demonstrated experience building volunteer organizations.

Responsibilities of a Field Organizer include, but are not limited to:

- Recruiting and training volunteers to organize, contact neighbors and win back their district;
- Working with the Field Director and local activists to develop energetic and effective volunteer teams;
- Ensuring the campaign's presence is felt in cities and towns across the district;
- Hitting nightly numbers for calls to voters, volunteer recruitment, and more;
- Representing the campaign at events throughout the district.

Requirements:

- Effective communication, organizational and time-management skills;
- Ability to adapt quickly and manage multiple projects simultaneously;
- Comfort with both people and technology;
- Desire to learn new skills and tools;

and

- Background in field work, or demonstrated ability to motivate large numbers of volunteers, strongly preferred.

About NY-19: NY-19 was just placed on the DCCC's "Red to Blue" list, the highest tier of national targeted races. President Obama won the district by six points in 2012. National Journal listed the seat as one of the most likely to flip this year.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to hyman.joshua.s@gmail.com, with Field Organizer in the subject line.



Paying for it

CAS Internship Stipend



The CAS internship stipend program is an internship scholarship sponsored by the Career Resource Center and made possible by the generous funding of Campus Auxiliary Services (CAS). *Over the past 8½ years, 238 SUNY New Paltz students have received a total of \$257,200 worth of financial assistance.*

If you are a **full-time undergraduate student** who...

1. is seeking academic credit for an internship/fieldwork/practicum/student teaching experience
2. has selected an internship which is non-paid or offers a low wage
3. has a 2.5 or higher GPA
4. demonstrates financial need

...then please apply. The application can 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 Fall 2014 internships: 4 PM on Fri. August 29, 2014 (in the Career Resource Center)

Research

AYURE Grants



Going to a conference this academic year? Working with a professor on some research? Have an independent study that requires some research? There may be funding available for you through the Academic Year Undergraduate Research Experience program (AYURE).

Check out their website at: http://www.newpaltz.edu/research/usr_ayure.html, or talk with your professor about applying for this program.

Conferences

Human Rights in the U.S.A.



New York, NY : October 8 - 15, 2014

In this program - held around Columbus Day Weekend - young leaders from across the U.S. and from other countries (including post-genocide countries such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, and Rwanda) will come together in a special summit to explore the human rights situation in New York City, the greater U.S., and the world. Some scholarships are available, so apply now!

Main Activities:

- *An Intercultural Human Rights Workshop with youth from around the world*
- *Meetings with organizations (e.g. the Human Rights Project at the Urban Justice Center).*
- *Meetings with policy makers at both the local/NYC and international/UN levels*
- *Group fieldwork projects with local grassroots initiatives such as the New York City Coalition Against Hunger and Kids Creative, Inc. Young Leaders NYC (age 18 - 30)*

More Info [here](#)

Apply [here](#)

Department

Library Liaison



Anne Deutsch is the Library Liaison for the Political Science and International Relations Department.

In this role she is responsible for supporting student and faculty research needs and developing the library collection in these disciplines. Anne is available for individual and group research consultations. Consultations are helpful as you begin your project, providing support as you develop a research strategy. They are also useful if you need assistance locating information sources to help answer your research questions.

Anne welcomes your input on library services and resources as well. Is there a book or journal that you think would be a valuable addition to the collection? A service that you feel would be helpful to students? Please feel free to reach out to Anne with any questions or suggestions at 845.257.3706 or at

deutscha@newpaltz.edu. You can also sometimes find her at the Research Desk on the Main Floor of the Library.

Political Science and International Relations Office Hours

Benjamin, Gerald	HAB 704a	By appointment
Brownstein, Lewis	JFT 920	By appointment
Dowley, Kathleen	JFT 920 Southside	W 1:45-3:15 M 1:30-3:30 F 1:45-3:15
Eriole, Joe	JFT 404	By appointment
Kassop, Nancy	JFT 812	M 2:00-3:00 W 11:00-1:00 R 2:00-3:00
Lipson, Daniel	JFT 810	W 3:15-4:15 R 10:00-1:00
Lefkowitz, Joel	JFT 818	M W 3:20-4:20 W 1:00-3:00
Miller, Jeff	JFT 816	T R 10:00-12:00
Ozler, Ilgu	JFT 912	W 9:00-11:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	M W 10:00-12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	T F 11:00-1:00