

Political Science and International Relations



Department

New Professor in American & Public Policy

The PSIR Department is hiring a new Assistant Professor to teach American Politics and Public Policy. Faculty members have been busy this semester sorting through resumes, reading references, and doing Skype interviews with possible candidates.

Beginning next week, we'll bring candidates to campus to see them lecture and give a research presentation. We invite your participation. C.V.s for the candidates are available on the departmental Blackboard site. And please consider coming to see these candidates teach or discuss their work. Your opinion is important to us - we want to know what you think!

Our first candidate, Michael Gusmano, comes to campus on Monday, November 10th. You are invited to the following meetings:

9:30-10:40 Class Lecture to POL 216 (HUM 118)

2:00-3:15 Research Talk: "Comparing Health Policy Consequences: Findings from the World Cities Project" (JFT 1010)

4:30-5:00 Meet and Greet with students (JFT 1010)

Please come and give your opinion.

Organizing

Wade Rathke on Organizing

Tonight!

EVENTS

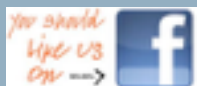
11/6
LGBTQ PANEL DISCUSSION
11:45 - 12:30 pm., SU 148. Bring your lunch.

11/11
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM GENERAL INTEREST MEETING
5:30 pm., JFT 1010

11/12
TALK: DEMOCRACY AND VIOLENCE IN COLUMBIA
5:00 pm., LC 100

11/17
TALK: THE PROBLEM WITH CARCERAL FEMINISM: RACE GENDER AND MASS CRIMINALIZATION
3:30 pm., LC 108.

11/20
PANEL DISCUSSION: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN REGARD TO ISIS/ISIL/IS
7:00 pm., LC 102



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Get Involved: A Message from S.A. Executive V.P. Jesse Ginsburg



My name is Jesse Ginsburg and I am the Executive Vice President of the Student Association. The Student Association is the governing body of students at SUNY New Paltz. Our mission is to represent and advocate for the interests of students. According to our constitution, my specific job includes maintaining relations with UPD, representing students in local

and town politics, and serving on/chairing several committees.

Similar to the United States, Student Association is divided into three branches of government- the executive, legislative and judicial branch. Beyond representing students on a daily basis, the Student Association offers many different opportunities to students on campus. These opportunities range from an actual representative position on the Student Senate or the Executive Board, to the wide array of committees that make the school function, or to all the clubs and organizations that students see everyday on campus. Committees on campus deal with important issues such as our education, the environment, the police department on campus, *etc.*

The effectiveness of Student Association is completely dependent upon the participation of students in Student Association affairs. It is essential for students to be involved and to participate because they provide the foundation for what we do and they have the ability to expand our influence to make student concerns voiced across SUNY New Paltz.

Expanding the influence of students and their desires on campus would create a campus environment more conducive to student progress. There are many committee seats available and Senate elections are coming up really soon.

If you have any questions about anything, feel free to contact me at executivevp@newpaltzsa.com or contact the SA President, Osato Okundaye, at president@newpaltzsa.com for more information.

Get involved!

Internships

Vote Smart: Winter/Spring Position

Vote Smart's National Internship Program provides interns an insider's look into how modern day campaigns attempt to manipulate voters emotionally, instead of informing them intellectually. National Interns are trained on how to defend each citizen's right to the facts as they work to collect and disseminate voting records, issue positions, biographies, special interest evaluations, campaign finances, and public statements of every U.S. elected official and candidate. The work of our National Interns empowers voters by allowing them to instantly check the credibility of the misleading and deceptive messages that modern day elected officials and candidates bombard citizens with every election year. National interns work full-time as temporary staff members.

We are currently seeking interns for winter and spring internships on a rolling basis to begin their 10-week commitment between January and March. Recent graduates and those graduating in December 2014 are encouraged to apply as this opportunity offers a great way to transition into the workforce while living in an extraordinary environment. We will begin reviewing applications for Summer 2015 interns beginning late February/early March 2015.

Interns may be assigned to one of the following departments, or may work on special projects in several departments, as needed.

Political Courage Test Assistant (primarily offered during election years) - 1. Administer Political Courage Tests to candidates through mailings and phone calls. 2. Program Enter candidate issue responses into our database program.

Research and Hotline Assistant - 1. Training on our database; answer our Voter's Research Hotline; research special requests made by callers; 2. Maintain and update, as needed, evaluations by the special interest groups that we currently cover, as well as research new ratings; update Congressional speeches databases, and research and update biographical information for candidates and elected officials.

Development/Communication Assistant - 1. Create content for the organization on Facebook and Twitter; 2. Assist in all aspects of the membership department: data entry, bulk mailing, research and statistical analysis, contacting members and vendors, processing special requests; Those with graphic design experience are encouraged to apply.

Information Technology Assistant - Assist the IT department in maintaining the office workstations, servers and network, as well as take part in continued development of the Project's website and application. Responsibilities will include: technical support, website development in PHP, HTML, CSS and XML, application development in Java and JSP, network and system administration. Web and graphical design experience a plus. The ideal candidate will be comfortable working in a Unix environment, experienced with website development, and have some familiarity with Java and JSP.

Facilities and Recreation Assistant - Repair and enhance the living facilities and grounds (minor repairs, painting, fencing, landscaping, etc).

Any questions can be directed to intern@votesmart.org.

How To Apply

National Intern applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application form, available at <http://votesmart.org/internships/application>
2. Resume and cover letter.
3. Minimum of three references. References need only be names and contact information.

Accepted applicants will live and work at our fully- equipped research facility, the Great Divide Ranch, remotely-located and surrounded by one of Montana's great wilderness area with room, board, food and recreational activities covered by one of the following scholarships:

- Bill Clements Scholarship
- Barry Goldwater Scholarship
- William Randolph Hearst Scholarship
- Seth Moore Scholarship

Accepting applications on a rolling basis, as we seek to have interns year-round. Start date is flexible, however we are currently seeking applicants to begin between January 12, 2015 and March 9, 2015.

Conferences

New York State Political Science Association: Call for Papers



Do you have a truly excellent paper that you've written for a class? Talk with your advisor about the possibility of submitting your paper to the NYSPSA.

The New York State Political Science Association invites proposals for panels or individual papers for our 2015 Annual Conference.

Our 69th Annual Conference will be hosted by the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

The conference provides an excellent venue for academics, researchers, students and professionals in private and public organizations to discuss issues and share their work relating to political science and associated disciplines. We welcome proposals from history, philosophy, psychology, gender studies, economics, law, organizational studies, and sociology as well as interdisciplinary proposals. Conference highlights include NYSPSA awards for the best conference student and faculty/practitioner papers.

NYSPSA prohibits multiple paper submissions. Only one paper submission per person will be accepted. However, a paper presenter may also serve as a chair or discussant on another panel or roundtable. Questions should be directed to the conference Program Chair or appropriate Section Chair (see below).

If you are proposing a paper, please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words. The abstract must describe the presentation's purpose, methods, data sources, existing literature, and potential contributions to the field.

If you are proposing a full panel, please note that individual papers must be accepted (that is, we will require information on the individual papers before a panel proposal can be accepted). Additionally, all proposed panels must have a minimum of three papers and a maximum of five.

The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2014

Please go to the conference website: www.nyspsa.org for further information or to submit your proposal.

Talks

The Problem with Carceral Feminism: Race, Gender and Mass Criminalization

Dr. Beth Richie, Professor of African American Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Criminology, Law and Justice, and Sociology at University of Illinois Chicago.

The emphasis of Dr. Richie's scholarly and activist work has been on the ways that race/ethnicity and social position affect women's experience of violence and incarceration, focusing on the experiences of African American battered women and sexual assault survivors. Dr. Richie is the author of *Arrested Justice:*

Black Women, Violence and America's Prison Nation (NYU Press, 2012) and numerous articles concerning Black feminism and gender violence, race and criminal justice policy, and the social dynamics around issues of sexuality, prison abolition, and grassroots organizations in African American Communities. Her earlier book *Compelled to Crime: the Gender Entrapment of Black Battered Women*, is taught in many college courses and often cited in the popular press for its original arguments concerning race, gender and crime.

Monday, November 17th, 2014, 3:30pm, SUNY New Paltz, Lecture Center 100.

Spring Break (!)

Alternative Spring Break

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) provides students with an opportunity to help the New Paltz community over their spring break in a FUN and meaningful way. This week-long initiative gives students the opportunity to take part in a number of volunteer, social, and educational activities to help make the community a better place.

Start your application now! Among other items, the application requires a resume and detailed answers to nine application questions. Additional information and an application can be found at <http://www.newpaltz.edu/careers/asb2015application.pdf> Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Volunteer sites: Volunteer sites are still being explored. Sites from the last 3 years have included: Queen's Galley, Rondout Valley Animals for Adoption, Habitat for Humanity, and New Paltz Youth Program, Mohonk Preserve, Burningtown MakerSpace, Scenic Hudson, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, People's Place, and SUNY New Paltz Children's Center.

Deadline: All applications must be turned in to the Career Resource Center (HUM 105) no later than Friday, December 12th. Interviews will be scheduled for the start of the spring semester. This program is competitive and selective; space is limited to no more than 15 students.

Event details: Open to matriculated, full-time, undergraduate students in good academic standing at SUNY New Paltz. The program is free and all costs related to transportation, meals, and service materials will be covered for the duration of the program.

Housing: Participants living in a residence hall during the spring semester will be housed on campus at no additional charge. Students living in off-campus housing will continue to live off-campus (at their own expense) and must have reliable transportation to campus during the program.

Internships

New York State Assembly

New York State Assembly Internship Program

The New York State Assembly Intern Committee sponsors the Session Internship at the State Capital starting every January. The SESSION INTERNSHIP offers college students a chance to participate in state government and the legislative process through a well-structured practical learning experience. Assembly Session Internships give students an advantage in today's job market, providing real government experience in a comprehensive academic Program.

Session and Graduate Internship Programs: Open To All Majors

To be eligible, applicants who meet the required internship hours must be:

Undergraduate students who are full-time juniors and seniors matriculated in a college degree program.

As part of the Session Internship academic requirements, Interns complete: an Orientation; a work/learning contract and regular evaluations; an academic course taught by the Professors-in-Residence with required readings; discussion groups and a major research paper; Issue Policy Forums scheduled on Monday and/or Tuesday including evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Assembly Intern Committee's Annual Mock Session and Awards Ceremony.

Earn While You Learn

- \$4,900 Stipend - Undergraduate Session Interns
- A Full Semester's Credit for Undergraduates

If interested, contact Professor Stephen Pampinella: pampines@newpaltz.edu

Academics

Boren Awards & AFLI – Akan/Twi, French, Portuguese, Swahili, Wolof, and Zulu

Applications for the 2015-2016 Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are now available at www.borenawards.org. Boren Awards, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where they can add important international and language components to their educations.

AFLI overseas programs are available for intensive language and cultural study during fall 2015 in the following countries.

- Senegal (French)
- Mozambique (Portuguese)
- Tanzania (Swahili)

To learn more about the Boren Awards and AFLI, to register for one of our upcoming webinars, and to access the on-line application, please visit www.borenawards.org or contact the Center for International Programs here at SUNY New Paltz: speedlic@newpaltz.edu. There are webinars that focus on AFLI scheduled for November 14 and January 7. You can also contact the Boren Awards staff at boren@iic.org or 1-800-618-NSEP with questions.

Graduate School

GRE/LSAT Prep Courses

Are you thinking of applying to Graduate School in your future? Take a FREE practice test for your entrance exam. GRE(General), LSAT (Law), GMAT(Business) and MCAT(Med school).

Test your skills to see how you would score on test day. Receive a detailed performance analysis, including individual strengths and weaknesses on every question type.

You must register (FREE) in advance in order to take the Practice Test.

- Saturday 11/8, 11am - 2:30pm GRE Practice Test – SUNY New Paltz, Room LC 100

- Saturday 11/15, 11am - 3:30pm 2015 MCAT and LSAT Practice Test, *Marist College*, Room TBA (*2015 MCAT event will require you to bring your own laptop)

Register at bit.ly/kaplangooodlife and choose your test from the drop down list. (if you can not attend on the day, we have live online options at kaptest.com/anywhere).

You must register to take the FREE Practice Test

You will be sent a reminder email and text message closer to the test date.

Any questions, contact James.Polulach@kaplan.com or call [917 565 4966](tel:9175654966).



Global Engagement Program General Interest Meeting

Refreshments & Food Served

The GEP provides a fully integrated 12-15 credit academic and internship experience comprised of three interconnected components: a half time internship with any number of globally engaged organizations based in New York, an opportunity to critically reflect on that work with fellow students similarly positioned, and an original research project on issues with which they are intimately engaged.

The first cohort of GEP students secured globally engaged internships with some of the world's most important international organizations ranging from the Clinton Global Initiative to Doctors Without Borders. These are experiences that will shape their careers and their lives.

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

JFT 1010 at 5:30pm

Presented by

Program Director Ilgu Ozler





Talk

Democracy and Violence in Columbia


The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program
and
the Department of Political Science and International Relations
invite you to attend a lecture by
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Philip Mauceri

**DEMOCRACY AND
VIOLENCE IN
COLOMBIA**



Wednesday, November 12, 2014
5:00 – 6:00 PM
Lecture Center 100 100.ige.com

Light refreshments will be served



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	T 9:45-10:45
Kassop, Nancy	JFT 812	M R 2:00-3:00 W 11:00-1:00
Lipson, Daniel	JFT 810	R 10:00-12:00 F 11:00-1:00
Lefkowitz, Joel	JFT 818	M R 3:20-4:20 W 1:00-3:00
Miller, Jeff	JFT 816	T R 10:00-12:00
Ozler, Ilgu	JFT 912	W 9:00-10:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	M W 10:00-12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	T F 11:00-1:00