

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

1/21-1/27

ADD/DROP PERIOD

Do it as soon as possible. After the 27th you must get permission.

2/1

GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE

Done at the end of this term? Be sure to get your application in to Records and Registration

2/4-9/10

LATE REGISTRATION/ADD

They'll start charging you to add a course or register at this point.

2/4-3/31

COURSE WITHDRAWAL PERIOD

Try not to.



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Departmental

Spring is Here (spring semester that is).

The Spring Semester is here! Have you logged on to Blackboard to check for syllabi, books, and initial reading assignments? And don't forget to log on to mynewpaltz to check your progress toward graduation.

Did you write an excellent paper last semester? This issue of the PSIR Newsletter has information about several places where you can publish or present your work. Consult with your advisor about these opportunities.

We've also got information on Professor Scott Minkoff, who will be joining the faculty in the fall (see below), as well as recent student work, and scholarship information.

See you all in class this week!

Department

New Faculty Member!



Please join us in welcoming Scott Minkoff, who will be joining us in the Fall 2015 semester. Professor Minkoff currently teaches at Barnard College, and his research focuses on American local politics, political participation, political geography, and public policy. His work has been published in *American Politics Research*, *Political Geography*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and *Social Science Quarterly*.

For a look at the sort of work Professor Minkoff does, you can check out his blog site, "Contemplating Dog" at: <http://www.scottminkoff.com/>

Conferences

Undergraduate Political Science Conference

Undergraduates are invited to submit papers for SUNY Oneonta's Seventh Undergraduate Political Science Conference. The conference encourages submission of papers concerning political science and related fields, or topics related to politics and government. Papers should be approximately 10-20 pages in length and presentations approximately 20 minutes long. Specific guidelines for presentations will be sent out upon approval of papers.

As in the past years, the conference will be all day, with paper sessions in the morning and afternoon, with a luncheon and keynote speaker midday. We expect interesting presentations and interaction between students from throughout the northeast to be the centerpiece of the conference. Awards will be given for exceptional papers in each division.

Please submit a full draft of the paper to polisci.conference.oneonta@gmail.com. Do not underestimate the quality of a paper. Students are often their hardest critics and should not let that prevent them from taking part in the opportunity. Students will be notified of their acceptance by February, 27th, 2015.

The conference is sponsored by SUNY Oneonta's Political Science club.

Have questions? Contact:

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Chair, Political Science Conference

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Paper Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 13th, 2015

Fieldwork

Fall Semester with Senator Tkaczyk



Fernando Cintron, '15

During the fall of 2014, I worked on the re-election campaign of State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk as an organizing intern. My responsibilities included door-to-door canvassing; phone banking, data entry, clerical work and volunteer training. This internship gave me the opportunity to gain hands on political experience and allowed me to network with other leaders in the field, including Senator Tkaczyk herself. Tkaczyk previously won the 46th district by only 18 votes making this election

a close and exciting experience. Unfortunately the good Senator was not re-elected in 2014, but the bonds I made with the great people I worked with still stand making the experience worthwhile.

Conferences

SCUSA

SUNY New Paltz's delegate to the 66th annual Student Conference on US Affairs at West Point was Alexandra Nassar ('16). She writes of her experience:

“ Going to SCUSA 66 as the New Paltz student delegate this year gave me the opportunity to discuss the most pressing issues our world is facing today with

cadets, students, and professionals from around the world. Though the theme of the conference was "The Worst That Can Happen"--and we addressed each topic as such--there was an air of genuine optimism, humility and energy that made me eager to understand and take on any challenge. My round table was on global climate change, and we worked on an integrative domestic and foreign policy approach of knowledge-sharing and science diplomacy to mitigate the increasing effects of climate change on the worlds agricultural systems. I left SCUSA with fresh insights and lasting friendships, and am very grateful to have had this opportunity.”

Fellowships

Rotary Peace Centers Fellowships

Are you looking to make a significant impact on the world by promoting tolerance and cooperation? Rotary selects some of the world's most dedicated and brightest professionals to receive fully funded fellowships to study at our Rotary Peace

Centers. In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

Applications for the 2016-17 Rotary Peace Fellowships program are now being accepted. The deadline for candidates to submit applications to their district is 31 May. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July.

Find everything you need to complete the application process at: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships>

Conferences

Student World Affairs Conference

The Student World Affairs Conference invites paper proposals from undergraduate students for our 2015 Annual Conference. We welcome proposals from students of political science, history, philosophy, gender studies, economics, business, and more. Some of the suggested themes and questions for paper submission may include:

- ❖ What are some of the lessons from the most important conflicts across the world, both past and present?
- ❖ What can we learn from successfully resolved conflicts?
- ❖ What is the role of media in global conflicts?
- ❖ How can we successfully use diplomacy to deal with conflict globally?
- ❖ What should be the US foreign policy with regards to conflicts abroad?
- ❖ What is the promise and limitation of humanitarian actions and humanitarian intervention in crises situations?
- ❖ What are some lessons from ethnic and other kinds of conflicts?
- ❖ What is the connection between conflict and economics; or conflict and culture?

Submit a Proposal!

Please submit an abstract of 200-500 words via email to swacpapers@gmail.com. Please note that final papers must be at least five pages in length; there is no page limit, but the presentation time limit of fifteen minutes will be enforced.

The deadline for submissions is February 4, 2015. Paper acceptances will be announced no later than February 14, 2015. Upon acceptance, final papers must be submitted by February 21, 2015.

SWAC prohibits multiple paper submissions. Only one paper submission per person will be accepted. However, please notify us if you would additionally be interested in serving as a panel chair or moderator. For any questions or more information please contact the conference's co-chairs Danielle Villa at Danielle.Villa1@marist.edu, or Nicholas Bayer at Nicholas.Bayer1@marist.edu.





SWAC

STUDENT WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

February 28, 2015

You're invited to join the 2015 Student World Affairs Conference- submit a paper and mark your calendars!

The 2nd annual Student World Affairs Conference will be hosted at Marist College on Saturday, February 28, 2015. This year's theme will center on crises and conflict resolution. We welcome proposals from students of political science, history, philosophy, gender studies, economics, business, and more. The conference provides an excellent interdisciplinary venue for undergraduate students, academics, researchers, and professionals in private and public organizations to discuss issues and share their work related to political science and associated disciplines.



The Student World Affairs Conference is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. For more information, please visit www.hvworldaffairsCouncil.org.



The Student World Affairs Conference will be hosted at Marist College, a liberal arts college in Poughkeepsie, New York. For more information, please visit www.marist.edu.

For more information, contact Danielle Villa at Danielle.Villa1@marist.edu, or Nicholas Bayer at Nicholas.Bayer1@marist.edu.

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Conferences

7th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference at the United Nations

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Make your plans now to attend the 7th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / UNA-USA Members Day at the UN. The Conference is titled "The UN at 70: A Year for Bold Action."

Date: Friday, February 20th at the United Nations

See the program highlighting anticipated topics and panelists. In addition to the program described, there will be time for networking, Q & A and sharing on social media and a surprise or two. [Link here for the conference flier.](#)

Including panel discussions on:

"Marching to Paris: The Road to a Climate Deal"

"The Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights (UPR), the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and UNA-USA Participation in these"

"Back to Iraq: The Rise of ISIL and the End of Arab Spring"

"At Home and Abroad: Activism for Universal Human Rights"



Work in the field

Vote Smart Scholarship

VOTE SMART



Vote Smart announced that they will provide three scholarships to SUNY - New Paltz students to work at its Great Divide Research Retreat during the coming Presidential Election cycle.

Students will do background checks on over 30,000 candidates for President, Congress, Governor and state legislative seats at its beautiful retreat facilities high in the Montana Rockies.

Scholarships provided through Hearst Foundation funding and Vote Smart members cover all living expenses.

Interns will work on candidate background checks, political courage testing, public comments, special interest ratings and communications projects. Interns are also needed to work on ranch maintenance, housing and food services. All scholarships are available for ten-week periods throughout the two year Presidential Election cycle.

"Working at the Project during the Presidential Election is an extraordinary experience," said Melanie Magnotto, Vote Smart's Intern Advisor. "You not only get an insider's view of hard ball politics and have a direct impact on elections, but you also do it in a place that is as close to a natural wonderland as any place on earth. Right outside your door is world class fishing, hiking and skiing, along with swimming, boating, basketball, tennis, volley ball and snowmobiles. Not to mention the elk, moose, bears, beaver and other guests who often join us at the retreat."

Additional information and applications for Vote Smart internships are available on Vote Smart's website (www.votesmart.org), or call 1-888-VOTE-SMART and ask for Melanie Magnotto, our internship host and advisor.

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.

Academics

Get Your Paper Published!



Call for Submissions!

The Pi Sigma Alpha
Undergraduate Journal of Politics

The *Journal* welcomes submissions from undergraduates of any class or major; submissions from Pi Sigma Alpha members are especially encouraged. We strive to publish manuscripts of the highest quality in all areas of political science. In general, papers selected for publication have been well-written with a well-developed thesis, compelling argument, and original analysis. Manuscripts will be considered with the understanding that they are original and have not been previously published. Authors may be asked to revise their manuscripts before they are accepted for publication.

Submitted manuscripts must include an abstract (150 words), and citations and references must follow the *APSA Style Manual for Political Science*. The maximum page length for submitted manuscripts is 35 double-spaced pages.

Submissions

Email submissions to psajournalou@gmail.com along with name, university affiliation, and contact information. Submission deadlines are **OCTOBER 1** for the Fall issue and **FEBRUARY 1** for the Spring issue. Manuscripts are accepted on a rolling basis, so earlier submissions are encouraged.

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