

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

9/1

### **PISA MEETING**

The Politics and International  
Studies Association: SUB 409,  
5:00pm

9/6

### **LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS WITHOUT A FEE**

It'll cost you \$20 after 9/6

9/10

### **LAW SCHOOL?**

Darienn Powers, BA Political  
Science '15, returns to campus to  
tell us about what it takes.

9/24

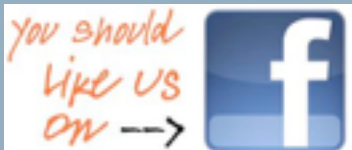
### **SENATOR PAUL STRAUSS**

Washington, D.C.'s shadow  
senator talks about getting  
statehood for Washington, D.C..

9/25

### **MEET THE AUTHOR**

Ari Berman, author of *Give Us the  
Ballot* in discussion at 3:00 at the  
Honors Center.



Department

## Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful and productive summer and are glad to have you here on campus. There are lots of things going on in the department this year.

Professor Ozler is back from her sabbatical, which she spent doing research in Turkey, while Professors Lipson and Schwartz are both away on sabbatical this semester. More about their projects in a later issue of this newsletter.

You'll see some new faces around the department this term.

Professors Philip Mauceri and Scott Minkoff join us as full-time faculty members, and we have two part-time professors helping us to fill out our rosters while Professors Lipson and Schwartz are away. Details on these new members of our department can be found on page two of this newsletter.

We've got a big line-up of events this term, including three events in September (see the announcement bar on the left). Also - for those of you looking ahead to the Spring 2016 semester, New Paltz will be hosting the New York State Political Science Association annual conference on April 22-23. Plan on attending - or better yet, submit a paper proposal (seniors in the seminar: we're talking to you...)

So, buckle-down: we've got a busy semester ahead. Get your books, start your reading and research, and get involved! See you in the classroom.

## Department

## PSIR's New Faces



**Heather G. Bennett, JD.** Heather G. Bennett is a PhD student in the Political Science Department (Major Field Public Policy - Minor Field Public Law) at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, SUNY Albany, where she is engaged in research related to her dissertation “How the Affordable Care Act is Changing the Way that Physicians Practice Medicine - Implications for Public Policy Reform Enactment.” Ms. Bennett is a 1994 graduate of Albany Law School. Following law school she served as counsel to the New York State Senate from 1994 to 2000, and as Executive Director and Counsel of the New York State Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons from 2000 to 2013. This fall semester, Professor Bennett will be teaching POL 319, Politics and Media



**Max Crook.** Max Crook received his Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham in 2015, a M.A. from Keele University, and a B.A. from Liverpool John Moores University. He teaches in the fields of International Relations, International Political Economy, European Politics, British Politics, and Political Theory. His research focuses on the British Labour Party, Social Democracy, and the Economic Policy of the 1974-1979 Labour Governments. He has two recent articles: Crook, M *et. al.* (2014) ‘The Enduring Relevance of Rosa Luxemburg’s The Accumulation of Capital’, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, Advance Online Publication, DOI: 10.1057/jird.2014.18; and Crook, M. (2014) ‘The Last Bastion of the Social Democratic Golden Age: The Welfare State without its Class Basis’, *Political Studies Review*, 12 (2), 239-247. This semester Professor Crook will be teaching POL 227 Introduction to International Politics, and POL 342 “Politics of Developing Areas.”



**Philip Mauceri.** Philip Mauceri earned a Ph. D. in Political Science at Columbia University in 1991 and an M.A. in 1985 and B.A. in 1983 from NYU. Professor Mauceri most recently served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at New Paltz. Prior to that he was Dean of the College of Behavioral Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa. Before that Mauceri was a visiting assistant professor at the Centers of Latin American Studies at the University of Connecticut-Storrs and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He has also been a visiting lecturer or scholar at the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas, Venezuela (summer 1993), the Department of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania and the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos in Lima, Peru. Professor Mauceri joins the department to teach classes in Comparative Politics.



**Scott Minkoff.** Scott Minkoff’s research focuses on American local politics, political participation, political geography, and public policy. He is published in *American Politics Research*, *Political Geography*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and *Social Science Quarterly*. Most of his research utilizes quantitative methodologies with an emphasis on spatial statistics, geographic information systems, and network analysis. Prior to coming to New Paltz, he was an Assistant Professor at Barnard College in New York City. Professor Minkoff will teach courses in American politics and Public Policy.

## Internships

**CAS Internship Stipend**

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

- is seeking academic credit for an internship/fieldwork/practicum/student teaching experience (must have completed 61 or more credits)
- has selected an internship which is non-paid or offers a low wage
- has a 2.5 or higher GPA
- 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.



Please call the Career Resource Center at [\(845\) 257-3265](tel:(845)257-3265) or stop by Humanities 105 if you have any questions about applying.

## Internships

**Victoria B. Campell's Campaign for Family Court Judge**

Interested in doing some campaign work this fall? Victoria Campbell is looking for help with her campaign to be elected Family Court Judge in Orange County.

Please contact the candidate directly to discuss the parameters of a possible internship.

Victoria B. Campbell, P.C.	(845)858-0990
Attorneys at Law	(845)856-2118
P.O. Box 814	
18 East Broome Street	
Port Jervis, NY 12771	

You can view her website with campaign information here:  
<http://www.campbellfororangecounty.com/>



## Reports

## Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference

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Sampson Oppeddisano and Hanna Kashara attended the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference last spring.

They were two of 13 students chosen internationally to be a part of the 2015 BANg (Ban All Nukes Generation) Youth Delegation to the NPT review conference. They sat in on various meetings and side events where state delegates and foreign ministers discussed the treaty, how to improve it, and discussing the humanitarian consequences should a nuclear bomb be used.

Oppeddisano and Kashara were reporting on the conference as well as meeting with ambassadors (among them the US, Mexican, Swiss, and Austrian ambassadors).

Oppeddisano was also selected along one of the youth delegates to deliver the Youth Speech on behalf of BANG (and the youth of the world) to delegates, representatives, and NGOs on Friday, May 1st. You can catch his speech on Youtube (of course) at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2GPd39jG8A>

Congratulations to both of them!

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## Conferences

## Cornell International Affairs Conference (CIAC)

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CIAC VI, which will be from November 5th to November 8th, 2015, is a collegiate Model United Nations conference that attracts skilled debaters and international affairs lovers to Cornell University's scenic campus in 'gorges' Ithaca, New York. By combining high-level debate, inventive crises – including a triple crisis committee, and bacchanal social events, CIAC continues to evolve and improve upon previous years' successes. It offers delegates of all skill levels the opportunity to hone their abilities in fast-paced crisis committees, as

well as meet others who share their passion for solving global issues.

Check out their website for details: <http://www.ciaconline.org/>

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**Visit your professors...**

## PSIR Office Hours

Benjamin, Gerald	HAB 704a	By appointment
Bennett, Heather	JFT 406	M R 12:30 - 2:00
Brownstein, Lewis	JFT 1016	By appointment
Crook, Max	JFT 404	M W 3:30 - 4:30
Dowley, Kathleen	Southside	M 1:30 - 3:30 F 1:45 - 3:15 R 1:45 - 3:15
	JFT 920	
Kassop, Nancy	JFT 812	M 2:00 - 3:00 T 10:00 - 12:00 W 1:00 - 2:00
Lipson, Daniel	JFT 810	By appointment
Lefkowitz, Joel	JFT 818	M R 11:00 - 12:00 W 1:00 - 4:00
Mauceri, Phillip	OM 302	MWR 3:30 - 4:30 T 10:00 - 11:00
Miller, Jeff	JFT 816	T F 9:00 - 10:30 W 12:00 - 1:00
Minkoff, Scott	JFT 1008	W 11:00 - 12:30 R 9:30 - 12:00
Ozler, Ilgu	JFT 912	T 4:00 - 6:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	W 10:00 - 11:00 W 1:30 - 2:30 R 10:00 - 12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	By appointment