

Political Science and International Relations



Department

Research and Internships

IMPORTANT DATES:

TUESDAYS

PISA MEETING

The Politics and International
Studies Association: SU 209,
5:00pm

9/10

LAW SCHOOL?

Darienn Powers, BA Political
Science '15, returns to campus to
tell us about what it takes. See
page 6 for details.

9/17

CONSTITUTION DAY

Honors Center, 10:00-11:30am.
See page 3 for more information.

9/25

MEET THE AUTHOR

Ari Berman, author of *Give Us the
Ballot* in discussion at 3:00 at the
Honors Center. See page 2 for
details.

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



With the semester well under way, you're probably beginning to think about course projects and term papers. If you're writing a longer paper this semester, consider submitting it to an undergraduate conference or undergraduate research journal.

There are few substitutes for the sort of experience you can get by presenting your work to other scholars at a conference, and you can apply for funding to pay for your travel to and from the conference. Consult with your professor or advisor about whether your work is ready for the spotlight.

And don't forget that even during a busy semester you might have space for an internship. A bit of experience in the real world can enhance your resume. While it may seem like the beginning of the fall semester, it's actually not *too* soon to be thinking ahead to next summer (!).

Talk to your advisor about how to apply and what sorts of positions to target. Make sure your resume is up-to-date and clear by visiting the Career Resource Center (<http://www.newpaltz.edu/careers/index.html>), which is hosting a Volunteer Fair this Friday (September 11) from 1:00 - 4:00pm in the SUB MPR.

Did you know that New York State has a central website listing of available internships? You can access it to see what's available at:

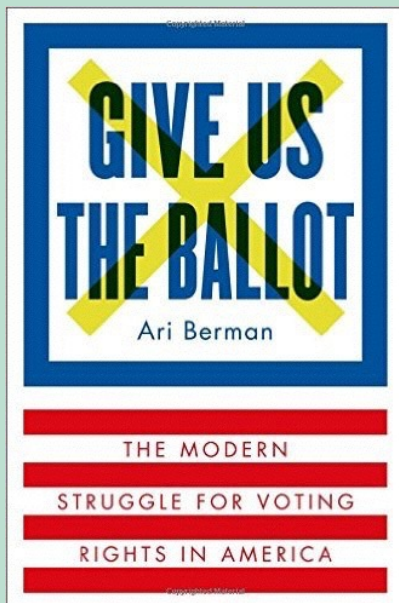
<http://nysinternships.com/nnyl/>

Talks

Ari Berman on The Voting Rights Act

Ari Berman in Conversation

9/25/15



Join us as Ari Berman discusses his new book, *Give Us the Ballot* with Professor Joel Lefkowitz.

3:00pm
Honors Center
College Hall, SUNY New Paltz
845 257 3934



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Ari Berman is a contributing writer for *The Nation* magazine and an Investigative Journalism Fellow at The Nation Institute. His new book, *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America*, will be published in August 2015 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. He has written extensively about American politics, civil rights, and the intersection of money and politics. His stories have also appeared in *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The Guardian*, and he is a frequent guest and commentator on MSNBC and NPR. His first book, *Herding Donkeys: The Fight to Rebuild the Democratic Party and Reshape American Politics*, was published in 2010 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

You can see a recent editorial by Berman on the Voting Rights Act in the *New York Times* here:

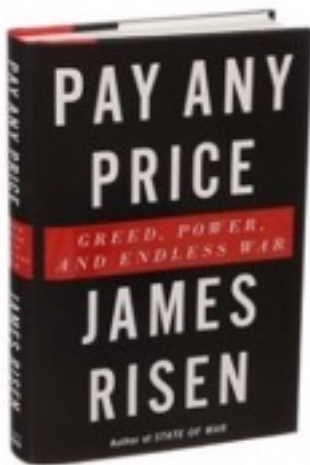
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/06/opinion/why-the-voting-rights-act-is-once-again-under-threat.html?>

Talks

The US and Russia Today

The World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley is hosting a talk at the FDR Presidential Library entitled "The U.S. and Russia Today: New Cold War, Hot War, or Reconciliation?" The talk features Thomas M. Nichols, Professor of national security affairs at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Nichols specializes in US-Russian affairs as well as security studies. It will be held on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00pm.

The FDR Presidential Library is located at 4079 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park NY, just across the Hudson River and north of Poughkeepsie.



Constitution Day 2015

Too Many Secrets? Transparency and Accountability in the Post-9/11 National Security State

Join Professor Nancy Kassop of the Political Science and International Relations Department for The Constitution Project's live-stream broadcast of a Georgetown University Law Center

program honoring journalist James Risen for his 2014 book, *Pay Any Price: Greed, Power, and Endless War*, and his body of work reporting on the post-9/11 national security state. In his book, the Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter offers a disturbing account of the lack of government transparency and accountability in the post 9/11-era. Risen reports that America has spent an estimated four trillion dollars on the war on terror, much of it going to a secretive “homeland security – industrial complex” of private intelligence contractors. Because most of the work – and the amount of money spent on it – is classified, there is very little public debate about the massive sums the taxpayers are paying out for these programs, and very little oversight on their effectiveness.

Following the award presentation, join us for a panel discussion on some of the unique concerns Risen and others have raised, including:

- How can we achieve greater transparency and accountability in the seemingly never ending war on terrorism?
- What is the appropriate response for Congress and inspectors general in overseeing spending on counterterrorism program?
- Are the trillions of dollars we are spending making us proportionately safer?
- What risks, legal and otherwise, do journalists face in covering national security issues?

The event takes place in the Honors Center (College Hall) from 10:00am-12:00pm on Thursday, September 17. It is free and open to the public.

SUNY MODEL EU



**Find out how you can join!
Travel to Europe during Winter Session!
Earn 3 credits toward your PSIR major!
Meet and connect with students & faculty from
all over SUNY and Europe!**

**SUNY Model EU Info Session:
Thursday September 10, 5-6 pm,
Honors Center**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information regarding registration for the 3 credit SUNY EU Study mission, contact Professor Kathleen Dowley (dowleyk@newpaltz.edu) or go to the Center for International Programs website at SUNY New Paltz:

<https://studioabroad.newpaltz.edu/>

Real Politics

Democratic National Political Convention Academic Seminars



This two-week course examines the role of national political conventions in the process of nominating and electing a party's candidates for president and vice president of the

United States. The course takes place on-site at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. This special academic seminar places students in volunteer fieldwork positions with the party, convention committee, host committee, media, and many other convention related organizations and events.

This two-week on-site offering is held at the Democratic National Convention, July 17-29, 2016.

You can check out their website: <http://www.twc.edu/Seminars/democratic-national-convention>

Art and Politics

Gays in the Military: Art Exhibit and Lecture

photographic practices lecture:

Vincent Cianni:
Gays in the Military

SUNY New Paltz, Art Department
Photography Program

Monday 10/19/2015
5:30 - 7pm, LC 102

Gays in the Military is an investigation into the aftermath of the military's ban on lives and careers of LGBT service members from WWII veterans to recent enlistees and active duty personnel. The project combines photographs, text and audio recounting their experiences of discrimination, harassment and civil and human rights abuses.

Vincent Cianni has exhibited his work nationally and internationally, including the Stephen Daiter Gallery, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Museum of the City of New York, and the George Eastman House. *Gays in the Military* was published by Daylight Books in May 2014 and was featured in the New York Times Sunday Review and The Katie Couric Show. He recently presented at TEDxUniversityofNevada and has lectured on the book in numerous places including the Library of Congress. Cianni's photographs have appeared in publications such as *Aperture*, *Double Take*, *The New Yorker*, *Slate*, *ViceUK*, *Photography as Activism*; *New York 400: A Visual History of America's Greatest City*; and *The Polaroid Book*. He holds an MFA in Photography from SUNY New Paltz and teaches at Parsons, The New School for Design in NYC.

Support for this lecture was provided by the Office of Academic Affairs. If you are a person with a disability who will require accommodations, please contact Andrea Frank franka@newpaltz.edu by October 5.



Image courtesy of Vincent Cianni

Thinking About Law School?

Come Get the Facts



Darienn Powers (Political Science, '14) is currently in her second year at Syracuse University School of Law. She has trained in Israel with the Counter-Terrorism Studies Executive Certificate Program at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel, and is also an associate articles editor for the *Impunity Watch Law Journal*. While at New Paltz she served as president of the Political Science Club and interned at the U.S. Supreme Court's Clerk's Office.

Are you applying to law schools this year? Are you thinking of a career in the law?

Come join us to hear Political Science alumna Darienn Powers, who returns to campus to talk about life at law school, the application process, and the legal profession.

We'll meet on Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 in the Honors Center (College Hall). Light refreshments will be served.

Real Politics

Republican National Political Convention Academic Seminars



This two-week course examines the role of national political conventions in the process of nominating and electing a party's candidates for president and vice president of the United States. The course takes place on-site at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. This special academic seminar places students in volunteer fieldwork positions with the party, convention committee, host committee, media, and many other convention related organizations and events.

This two-week on-site offering is held the week before and week of the Republican National Convention, July 10-22, 2016.

Website Link: <http://www.twc.edu/seminars/republican-national-convention>

(Paid!) Internships

CSEA Legislative and Political Action Internship

The Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) will sponsor two full-time undergraduate internships for the Spring 2016 semester. The Doug Lundquist Legislative Intern Program provides students with an inside look at state government and has been very successful in locating permanent employment for past interns in federal, state, and local government positions, as well as lobbying firms.

Students work under the direct supervision of professional lobbyists and political consultants. Normal intern duties include but are not limited to bill research, tracking legislation, monitoring legislative & interest group activities, attending legislative events, and assisting lobbyists in working directly with elected officials. Interns may also take an active role in campaigns & electoral politics.

The internship provides a stipend of \$1500/month, commencing in January and continuing through the end of June. Students are required to live in Albany and work on a full-time basis. Credit hours and grading procedures can be arranged through SUNY New Paltz.

Interested candidates should apply no later than **October 16, 2015**. Students should submit a resume and short writing sample to: CSE-PAF Internship, 143 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.

Contact CSEA Legislative Director, John Belmont 518-436-8622, john.belmont@cseainc.org with any questions.



Wednesday Workshops

Fall 2015

12:30-1:30p.m.

HUM 116 (except 10/28)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Wed. Sept 2	Volunteer Opportunities – Erica Wagner	HUM 116
Wed. Sept 9	Internships – Beth King	HUM 116
Wed. Sept 16	Graduate School – Dawn McCaw	HUM 116
Wed. Sept 23	Resume – Samantha Rettinger	HUM 116
Wed. Sept 30	Career Fair Prep* – Beth King	HUM 116
*Networking Fair for Internships & Jobs is on Tuesday October 6 in Student Union MPR		
Wed. Oct 7	Interview Skills – Emily Zurner	HUM 116
Wed. Oct 14	Networking – Christine Daly	HUM 116
Wed. Oct 21	HawkHire – Beth King	HUM 116
Wed. Oct 28	Company Research – Anne Deutsch	STL 18
Wed. Nov 4	Co-curricular Transcript – Michael Patterson	HUM 116
Wed. Nov 11	Major to Career – Marcia Tucci	HUM 116
Wed. Nov 18	ePortfolios – Emily Zurner	HUM 116
Wed. Nov 25	Thanksgiving Break—No Classes	-----
Wed. Dec 2	Resume – Samantha Rettinger	HUM 116

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Humanities 105

(845) 257-3265

careers@newpaltz.edu

Department

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 JFT 920	M 1:30 - 3:30 F 1:45 - 3:15 T 1:45 - 3:15
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 1:00 - 5:00
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