

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

12/18  
**OFFICIAL END OF THE FALL  
SEMESTER**

12/18  
**RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE**

1/20  
**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**  
Don't be late!

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**MAY GRADUATION  
APPLICATIONS DUE**  
Registrar's Office, HAB 19

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## Winter Break!

Classes are done! Good luck on your final exams!

Ready for a long winter break? Don't get too relaxed . . .

Summer is coming and it's not too late to begin thinking about internships, summer programs, and even scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year.

In this issue of the PSIR Newsletter, we've put together some time-sensitive program information you may want to look into over the next few weeks; hit the ground running in the spring.

And also, have a safe and warm break. See you all in January 2016 (!)

Internship Resources

## American Political Science Association

A good place to start looking is the APSA "Internship Resources" page. They have a listing there of positions at the APSA (in Washington, D.C.) as well as listings of other political science related internships.

Check out their page at:

[http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/  
Internship-Resources](http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/Internship-Resources)

## Conferences

## Student Conference on U.S. Affairs - West Point



## John Carey, '15

The first thing I noticed at the SCUSA conference was the beauty of the West Point campus. The fall leaves were in force and the air was beautiful. The cadets had remarkable poise and politeness. The event was impeccably organized. Regarding our purpose, the theme of our conference was “Confronting Inequality” with a focus on the modern rapid advancement in development. Madeline Albright proved to be an amazing speaker, clear and thoughtful, someone who retains an

advisory position in the federal government. Her thoughts on the topic helped guide our roundtable discussion on the following day. I especially remember her injunction on over glorifying the rich. This financial aspect of inequality is my own topic for my Honors thesis, and I know that inequality is both a historic and current topic in America. Our roundtable focused on inequality in North America. Some memorable facets of our discussion included the importance of community policing, a lot of discussion about the current state of racial and gender equality, and a subsection on tax policy, which I contributed to for our final paper. We had helpful guidance from two very capable co-chairs, Paul Solman from PBS Newshour and Purdue University race and ethnic studies professor Dr. Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. I am grateful to both of them, as well as to my fellow table delegates and especially to the Political Science Department for sponsoring my participation. I not only had a wonderful time, but I feel like I learned a great deal in just a few days at West Point.

## Summer Institutes

## 2016 Ralph Bunche Institute



The American Political Science Association (APSA) is accepting applications for the 2016 APSA Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI). The deadline is **January 15, 2016**. The

RBSI is an annual, intensive five-week program held at Duke University that is designed to introduce students to the world of doctoral study in political science. Students must be juniors; for additional information on eligibility requirements and the application process, please visit [www.apsanet.org/rbsi](http://www.apsanet.org/rbsi).

## Internships

**Office of the New York State Attorney General: Spring 2016 Internships**

The Office of the NY State Attorney General has part-time internship positions for volunteers or externships for course credit open for the Spring 2016 academic semester for undergraduate and graduate students. These positions are available statewide within the Divisions of Criminal Justice, Economic Justice, Social Justice, State Counsel, Appeals and Opinions, and the Regional Offices. Students are needed to assist professional and support staff in all phases of their work including but not limited to: non-legal research; data entry; drafting of correspondence and memos; assisting with consumer complaint intake and mediation; and performing clerical tasks such as filing, answering telephones, scheduling meetings. We are seeking bright, hardworking students who are committed to public service and have excellent research and writing skills; fluency in other languages (e.g., Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, Korean, etc.) in addition to English is a plus, but not required.

Students selected for an internship or externship with the OAG will be assigned to one of the bureaus in the main offices in Manhattan or Albany, or to one of our smaller regional offices located in Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Harlem, Hauppauge, Mineola, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Watertown or White Plains. Applicants should only apply for those bureaus and/or regional offices of interest to them. Location preferences will be honored; however, bureau assignment may ultimately be made based upon the needs of the office.

Applications are received online. To apply, go to: <http://www.ag.ny.gov/job-postings>, and use the drop-down menu to show Undergraduate & Graduate positions. e decision on each application.

## Research

**Midwestern Political Science Association**

**MPSA is now accepting proposals for Undergraduate Research Posters (Section 76) through December 10, 2015.** This section welcomes proposals for poster presentations on the research, scholarly, and creative experiences of undergraduate students. It provides students with the opportunity to present their projects in a professional environment and learn more about academic research and graduate education. Poster sessions are scheduled in the exhibit hall where conference attendees can view poster displays throughout the day and interact casually with presenters. Visit [www.MPSAnet.org/16undergrad](http://www.MPSAnet.org/16undergrad) for more information and to submit a proposal.

## Spring Break

**Alternative Spring Break**

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Give Where You Live: New Paltz, NY

March 18-24, 2016

**\*\*Application deadline: [December 11th by 4pm](#)\*\***

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.

In 2015, our 14 ASB participants completed a total of 700 hours of volunteer service, leadership, and teambuilding activities in one week. The team held a donation drive at Stop & Shop in New Paltz to collect donations for the SUNY New Paltz Food Pantry and Ulster County SPCA. In four hours, the students collected 342 items and \$390.18 as well as a \$200 donation in the group's name to Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. In addition to these collections, the group also volunteered at Whirligig Farm, The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Scenic Hudson, Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh, the New Paltz Recycling and ReUse Center, and made dog/cat toys for the Ulster County SPCA.

**\*\*To see photos, a video, and read about past student experiences, go to <http://asbnewpaltz.wordpress.com/> \*\***

Application: Start your application now! Among other items, the application requires a resume and detailed answers to application questions. Additional information and an application can be found at <http://www.newpaltz.edu/careers/asb2016application.pdf> Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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Did you know that the PSIR Department and your colleagues are on Facebook? And on no fewer than three pages? You can keep up with what's going on. News from colleagues, events, job and internship opportunities (and back issues of this newsletter!).

Find them at:

The **Global Engagement Program** page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/430694620371088/>

The **Political Science and International Relations Association** page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280766691979829/>

The **Political Science and International Relations Department** page: <https://www.facebook.com/nppolisci?>

## Internships

## Leadership and the American Presidency

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Do you want to change the world? Are you committed to serving your community and your country? Do you want to develop yourself as civic minded leader? The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is committed to providing financial support to all students accepted into this program. Through our partnership with The Fund for American Studies (TFAS), students will be eligible for a range of scholarship support. Spend a semester in the nation's capital with students from around the country and the world who are just as passionate about making a difference through strong leadership. The intensive and immersive schedule is designed to maximize your time in Washington by combining learning in the classroom with practical internship experience and special events with prominent public leaders. Leadership and the American Presidency (LTAP) will help you define and strengthen your leadership skills and learn lessons from the American Presidency, all while giving you an insider's view of Washington. By the end of the semester, you may be ready to call DC home! Our partnership with TFAS and DCInternships.org means that you will work with one of the oldest, most respected study in D.C. programs to ensure academic credit, housing, and internship placement.

Learn more about the program at [DCInternships.org](http://DCInternships.org)

## Summer Institutes

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The **United Nations Summer Study** (UNSS) program, offered by The New School's Graduate Program in International Affairs, puts graduate and undergraduate students on the ground in the United Nations and in New York City. Unlike other UN study programs, UNSS takes you beyond a narrow focus on security and diplomacy to investigate development, human rights, humanitarian action, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, environmental, and reform issues. UNSS course work prepares you to understand and engage with contemporary issues, policies, and debates in international affairs. UNSS practicums, not found in any other UN summer program, enable you to gain hands-on experience in the UN system.

2016 Program: June 4 - July 22

Early Action Application Deadline: January 31

Final Application Deadline: March 31

Click here to find out more: <http://www.newschool.edu/united-nations-summer-study/>

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