

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

1/20-1/26

### ADD/DROP PERIOD

Harder after the 26th

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### MAY GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE

Registrar's Office, HAB 19

2/3-4/1

### COURSE WITHDRAWAL PERIOD

If you've got \$20.

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## Department

### Welcome Back

On behalf of the entire PSIR Department, I would like to welcome all of our returning and new students to the Spring 2016 semester. Whether you are interested in the 2016 presidential election, the U.S. military and political strategy in Afghanistan and Iraq, or the political consequences of the Great Recession, there are plenty of opportunities for you to learn more about political events and issues both inside and outside of the classroom over the next few months.

With this in mind, I would encourage all of you to take advantage of the many opportunities the Department offers to supplement your classroom learning, such as internships, study abroad, Pi Sigma Alpha, Model United Nations, the upcoming New York State Political Science Association Conference, and other special events.

If you have any questions about the PSIR Department, please feel free to come by and chat. Department Office: 845 257 3540, JFT 816.

## Internships

### Senator Charles Schumer Spring Internship

Interns will be expected to perform a wide variety of duties, including assisting the Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director in daily office operations, policy research, and event planning. Additionally, interns will be responsible for providing constituent services to individuals who contact the office seeking assistance. Interns will be able to work with all levels of Senate staff, and other federal, state, local agencies. Interns will frequently work on team and individual projects, as well as develop ideas for local, state, and federal policy.

Students who apply for this internship should demonstrate a high level of maturity and professional responsibility. Experience working in a government or political office is preferred. It is crucial that applicants possess strong verbal and written communication skills. Demonstrated ability to manage others will also be considered.

Students may do this internship for academic credit. Those interested should contact: Allison Biasotti

Deputy Regional Director  
Office of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer  
One Park Place | Suite 100 | Peekskill, NY 10566  
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## Journals

## Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal

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The Editorial Board of the Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal at Oakland University is officially calling for manuscripts for the Spring 2016 issue.

The Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics is an online, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the publication of undergraduate student research from all areas of Political Science.

Undergraduates should consider submitting research they have completed in senior seminars, capstone courses, and methods courses. Honor theses are also welcome, as long as they are under 35 double-spaced pages. In general, manuscripts selected for publication are well-written with a well-developed thesis, compelling argument, and original analysis.

In the forthcoming Fall 2015 issue, the Journal will publish five manuscripts including topics on Guantanamo Bay as an unexceptional space, the women's right movement in Afghanistan, prison rape legislation, and female representation in legislatures across the globe. Therefore, the E-Board welcomes a wide range of manuscript topics! Previous issues are available online: <http://www.psjournal.org/>

The submission deadline is **\*FEBRUARY 1\*** for the Spring 2016 issue. Manuscripts should be submitted via email here: [psajournalou@gmail.com](mailto:psajournalou@gmail.com)

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## Jobs

## Mortgage Bankers Association

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Recent New Paltz grad and poli sci major Nichole Wischoff gives a shout-out to this semester's graduates: "I really want to connect other SUNY New Paltz students with jobs, as I remember how difficult it was right out of school to jump into something full-time and promising. The real estate finance industry finds itself with an aging workforce, and a great need for entry level talent to take up the charge. I know it isn't exactly political science material, but some of the opportunities and career paths most definitely are."

The Mortgage Bankers Association is holding a **free** online career fair on behalf of its member companies on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> between 1-4pm ET. Our member companies are sourcing talent from graduating college students all over the country, and they are hiring at a rapid pace.

Common entry level job areas that are hiring are in

- Mortgage loan production (sales)
- Operations
- Loan servicing

The average starting salary for many of the positions start in the \$40,000's, depending on the location. **Careers in mortgage banking are suited to all backgrounds**

There are many opportunities available starting out in mortgage banking and grads can make a long-term, fulfilling career out of it.

The direct link to the career fair is: <https://app.brazenconnect.com/events/mortgage-bankers-association-career-fair>.

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## Conferences

## Student Conference: Asia and the Environment

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*April 14-15, 2016*

[The Bard Center for Environmental Policy](#) is pleased to host this second annual gathering designed specifically for undergraduate and graduate students engaged in research related to Asia and the environment. Students are invited to submit posters and papers for presentation at the conference.

Today it is impossible to think seriously about the challenges of sustainable development and the environment without understanding the local and global environmental footprint of rapid economic growth in Asia—and the Asian response. At the same time, Asian Studies students increasingly require familiarity with the scientific, cultural, and political dimensions of environmental crises and sustainable development.

With the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, Bard College is sponsoring this second annual student research conference, providing a venue for students to present undergraduate, masters and PhD level research at the intersection of these critical issues. The conference seeks to shed critical light on how we all might live sustainably—or not—in a 2050 world with three billion more people, limited resources, a thickening blanket of carbon dioxide heating the planet, and a global economic development process increasingly defined by Asian models and leadership.

The conference will be held on the campus of Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY in the scenic Hudson Valley, which is easily accessible by train from New York City. Registration is \$30, and housing and meals will be provided for student participants. Meals are included for non-student registrants.

To stay informed about this conference and future opportunities, [please sign up for our mailing list here](#).

To submit a paper for a panel or an idea for a poster presentation, please send a one paragraph abstract to [jofrench@bard.edu](mailto:jofrench@bard.edu). Undergraduate students must also include a letter of support from a professor. Proposals will be accepted through **March 15, 2016**.

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### Model European Union

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SUNY's Model European Union team under the direction of Professor Kathleen Dowley visited Brussels, Belgium where they participated in an EU simulation with over 140 students from all over SUNY. Congrats to the team!

Pictured here with Professor Dowley are: Iris Li, Stefanie Liew, Zachary Grossman, Oren Koralshevili, Emma Mont, Jesmine Romanelli, Danielle Finn, Ashley Cimato, Mona Mahraoui, Ian Donalson, Eric Parmely

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## Internships

**Citi Internships**

The application process for the 2016 summer Global Internship Program in London, Los Angeles and New York is now open.

City Internships runs immersive career training programs for college students and recent graduates. They're designed to expand participants' horizons and get them job-ready. For each program, on top of hard and soft skill building at weekly career seminars, workshops and networking events, participants undertake an internship placement at one of our partner companies. Students and graduates develop real-world skills, build their professional network and fast-track their career.

Your students can apply here: <http://city-internships.com/apply/>

Placements are available in banking and financial services, art, fashion and design, marketing, advertising and PR, consulting and professional services, entertainment, media and journalism, law and politics and lastly, technology and engineering.

Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested students are advised to apply ASAP to secure a spot. You can read more about the program on our home page: <http://city-internships.com/>

**Earn a full scholarship for the Global Internship Program. through the Student Ambassador Program:** <http://city-internships.com/about/student-ambassadors/>

## Department

**Find us on Facebook**

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?fref=ts>





Enter your essay to win a FREE trip to New York and speak at the United Nations.



By competing in the Many Languages, One World Essay contest, you could be selected for an all-expense-paid trip to share your ideas in a Global Youth Forum at Hofstra University and present at the United Nations!

### About Many Languages, One World

Organized by ELS Educational Services, Inc., and the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), Many Languages, One World was created to promote multilingualism and the continued study of the six official languages of the United Nations, and to bring global-minded young scholars from all over the world together to engage in dialogue about global issues and initiatives. See the video on last year's winners at [ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu](http://ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu).

### To Participate

The essay, not to exceed 2,000 words, should explore how multilingual ability advances global citizenship and cultural understanding. The essay should reflect the entrant's academic, cultural and national context. Entries must be in an official language of the United Nations – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish – that is neither your first language nor the principal language of instruction during your primary or secondary education.



Join the conversation on social media using #MLOW2016.

### To Enter

You must be a full-time university student and must be 18 years of age or older by **31 March 2016**. You must be recommended by a faculty member or authorized representative at the university you are currently attending in order to participate. For complete contest rules, eligibility and details, visit [ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu](http://ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu).

Many Languages, One World is a joint effort between ELS Educational Services, Inc., and the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI). To learn more about UNAI, visit <https://academicimpact.un.org>.



DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSIONS IS THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2016 AT 11:59 PM EST.

[ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu](http://ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu).



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**Visit your professors...**

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## Faculty Office Hours for Spring 2016

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|---------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| <b>Gerald Benjamin</b>    | 257-2901 | <b>HAB704</b>    | By appointment                               |
| <b>Max Crook</b>          | 257-3540 | <b>JFT404</b>    | MR 3:30-4:30                                 |
| <b>Kathleen Dowley</b>    | 257-3558 | <b>JFT920/SS</b> | M 12:20-2:30 (JFT)<br>R 12:30-2:30 (SSH)     |
| <b>Nancy Kassop</b>       | 257-3544 | <b>JFT812</b>    | M 12:00-1:00, T 2:00-3:00,<br>R 1:00-2:00    |
| <b>Joel Lefkowitz</b>     | 257-3792 | <b>JFT818</b>    | MR 2:00-3:00<br>W 11:00-1:00                 |
| <b>Daniel Lipson</b>      | 257-3543 | <b>JFT810</b>    | W 11:00-12:00<br>R 10:00-1:00                |
| <b>Philip Mauceri</b>     | 257-2680 | <b>OM323</b>     | MWR 1:30-3:00                                |
| <b>Jeff Miller</b>        | 257-3934 | <b>JFT816</b>    | TF 10:00-12:00                               |
| <b>Scott Minkoff</b>      | 257-3541 | <b>JFT1008</b>   | T 3:30-5:00, W 9:30-12:00                    |
| <b>Ilgu Ozler</b>         | 257-2635 | <b>JFT912</b>    | MW 9:30-11:30                                |
| <b>Stephen Pampinella</b> | 257-3549 | <b>JFT1000</b>   | W 10:00-11:00,<br>W 1:00-2:00, R 10:00-12:00 |

**Department Secretary: Erin Stewart. 257-3540 [stewarte@newpaltz.edu](mailto:stewarte@newpaltz.edu)**