

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

2/25

### REPUBLICAN DEBATES

Watch them with PISA and Democracy Matters: LC 104, 9pm. Pizza...

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### COL JOSEPH DAVIDSON

Reconstruction in Iraq. 3:30, JFT 1010. See page 4 for details.

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### WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

See page 2 for details.

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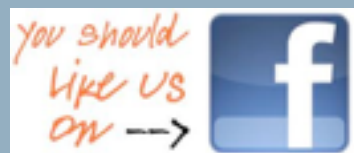
### TUNNEL VISION

SUB 418, 6:30pm. See page 5 for details.

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### PANEL DISCUSSION ON SYRIA

5:00 - 6:30, LC 104



## Department

## Changes coming to the major

Some big changes are coming to the Political Science and International Relations majors this fall semester. After consulting with students and evaluating assessment results for the department, we have decided to institute a few changes:

- POL 300 **Scope and Methods of Political Science** moves from three to four credits. This allows you extra time and instruction to nail down SPSS and regression analysis.
- All **Senior Seminars** move from three to four credits. You asked for more time to work on your papers in the seminars, and we heard you.
- A new **Junior Seminar** (POL 390). This elective course introduces seminar-level work in the junior year. We plan on offering one or two of these every semester, staffed by full-time members of the department and focused on their area of expertise.

We've also reduced the Elective Course requirements in both Political Science and in International Relations by three credits (from 15 to 12 credits in International Relations, and from 9 to 6 credits in Political Science). This new credit-level requirement will affect *only new students to the major*. If you want to be considered under the new requirements, you'll have to redeclare your Political Science or International Relations major after the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester (come to the department office).

On pages six and seven of this newsletter you can find preliminary schedules for the 2016-2017 academic year, including the new credit levels.

**Seminars.** We have three seminars scheduled for next year. In the fall, Professor Schwartz will offer one in IR. In the spring, Professor Minkoff will offer an American seminar, and Professor Mauceri will offer a comparative seminar (housed in the Latin American Studies Program).

Seminar seats go to students based on credit levels, and *you must register your preference with the department to reserve a spot*. Email Jeff Miller ([millerj@newpaltz.edu](mailto:millerj@newpaltz.edu)) to do this.

Jobs

## Student Activities Manager

The Office of Student Activities & Union Services is seeking applicants for 2016-2017 Student Activities Manager (SAM) positions. SAMs work with our office to oversee all aspects of the Student Union during morning, evening, and weekend hours, provide management and technological support to events and programs in the Student Union, and supervise our student HQ Attendants and Set-Up Crew. SAMs gain critical thinking and problem solving skills through event and facility management, learn hands-on customer service skills while working with clients from across campus and our neighboring community, and gain experience with balancing and prioritizing a variety of tasks/projects in a fast-paced environment.

For more information about the SAM position, including a link to our 2016-2017 online application, please visit <http://www.newpaltz.edu/saus/sam.html>.

Trips

## Spring Break in Washington, D.C.!



Networking  
Trips and Guest Lectures  
Discussing Current Affairs



POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

# Trip to Washington DC !

**WHEN:** Spring Break ; March 20th - March 22nd

**DEPARTURE:** From HAB Circle @ 7AM 3/20

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED, For More Information Please Email**  
**[SUNYPOLISCI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SUNYPOLISCI@GMAIL.COM) or Follow**



**Politics and International  
Studies Association**

**NOTE: LICENSED INDIVIDUALS WILLING TO DRIVE WILL GET PRIORITY**

**SINCE 1997 THE CLUB HAS USED THE DC TRIP TO MEET WITH  
CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL AIDES, SUPREME COURT OFFICIALS,  
WHITE HOUSE REPORTERS, AND PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS.**

**THIS TRIP IS FUNDED BY PISA.**

## Alumni

## Tom Savidge in the Daily Caller

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Thomas Savidge (Political Science, '15) has a piece on Bernie Sanders and socialism at the online site *The Daily Caller*.

You can read the piece here: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/02/18/socialism-is-not-the-answer-and-it-never-will-be/#ixzz40dafwPyK>

Tom is an Advocate at Young Voices and a student in the Master of Public Policy program at George Mason University.

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## Jobs

## Welcome Center

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The Welcome Center is now accepting new applications for the Fall 2016 semester. Welcome Center employees are, in many cases, the first interaction visitors will have with the campus. Student employees are responsible for providing visitors, students, faculty and staff with campus information in a friendly, accurate, and helpful manner. Greeters are knowledgeable in all aspects of the New Paltz campus from office locations and academic programs to cultural offerings and campus events.

Students will have the opportunity to enhance their customer service, communication and critical thinking skills through interaction with visitors, students and members of our campus community.

Please visit our Welcome Center Employment website for more information and a link to the Welcome Center application.

<http://www.newpaltz.edu/welcomecenter/employment.html>

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## Department

## Find us on Facebook

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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:

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

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

**Political Science and International Relations Department:** <https://www.facebook.com/nppolisci?fref=ts>

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Talks

**Colonel Joseph Davidson on Reconstruction in Iraq****Colonel Joseph D. Davidson  
Garrison Commander  
Fort Hamilton, NY  
Thursday, March 31, 2016****Personal Observations  
and Lessons Learned  
from Phase IV  
Operations in Iraq**

Colonel Davidson is a Cavalry officer who has served in a variety of command and staff positions in combat brigades throughout the US and overseas including multiple combat deployments to Iraq.

Prior to assuming command of the Fort Hamilton Garrison, he served as the Chief of Staff for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization where he managed and synchronized an organization of 1,500 people in support of the global Counter-IED mission.

He holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science from the State University of New York at New Paltz and holds a Master in Military History from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College as well as a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University, Washington, DC.

*There will be pizza...*

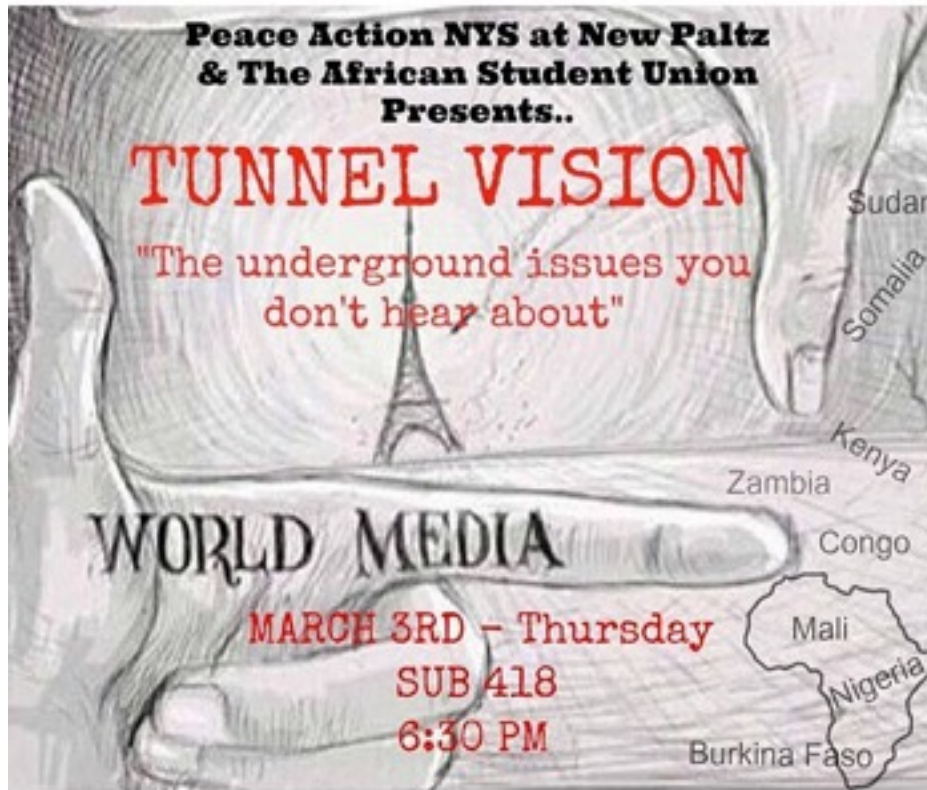
**3/31/16    3:30pm    JFT 1010    SUNY New Paltz**

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Experiences

## Tunnel Vision



Experiences

## SUNY New Paltz Model UN Team



Congratulations to the SUNY New Paltz Model United Nations team. Under the direction of Professor Kathleen Dowley, they traveled to Boston to participate in the Harvard University Model United Nations Program. SUNY New Paltz represented Libya at the Model U.N. this year.

A special shout out to James Collins, who won the "Most Likely to Start a Nuclear War"

Pictured above is the New Paltz team. First row from left to right: Tess Greene, Caroline Tenesaca, Valeri Torres Morales, Takeru Kanazawa, Ayaka Yamaguchi, Yasaka Umeda. Second row: James Collins, Austin Alvarado, Carlo Fabros, Genevieve Brown, Rumi Iwata, Zachary Grossman, Martina Nadeau, Christopher Ehring. (Not shown: MaryCatherine Burnell).

Department

**2016-2017 Class Schedule**

# Fall 2016

Course	Days	Times	Professor
216 American Government and Politics	TWF	9:30-10:40	Lipson
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220 Athens and Jerusalem	TWF	9:30-10:40	Miller
227 Intro to International Politics	MWR	8:00-9:10	Pampinella
227 Intro to International Politics	MWR	9:30-10:40	Pampinella
229 Intro to Comparative Politics	TWF	12:30-1:40	Dowley
229 Intro to Comparative Politics	TWF	2:00-3:10	Mauceri
300 Scope and Methods	MR	8:00-9:50	Minkoff
300 Scope and Methods	MR	11:00-1:50	Minkoff
303 Campaigns and Elections	MR	9:30-10:45	Lefkowitz
316 American Public Policies	MR	3:30-4:45	Minkoff
217 Liberalism and its Critics	MR	12:30-1:45	Miller
334 Film and Politics	W	2:00-4:50	Lefkowitz
339 Model United Nations	W	3:30-4:45	Dowley
341 Revolution and Counter-revolution	TF	11:00-12:15	Mauceri
342 Politics of Developing Areas	TF	11:00-12:15	Schwartz
350 Introduction to Law	TF	8:00-9:15	Zuckerman
352 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties	W	3:30-6:20	Constantine
353 International Relations of the Americas	TF	9:30-10:45	Mauceri
366 American Foreign Policy	M	3:30-6:20	Brownstein
390 Junior Seminar in Political Science	MR	2:00-3:50	Lefkowitz
404 Seminar in International Relations	T	3:30-6:20	Schwartz

*Important Notes: Students in Political Science or International Relations may take **any** seminar to fulfill their major graduation requirement. Space in the Seminar in International Relations (POL 404) is restricted by credit level. To reserve a spot in this course, you must email Jeff Miller ([millerj@newpaltz.edu](mailto:millerj@newpaltz.edu)) in advance.*

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227 Intro to International Politics	MWR	9:30-10:40	Mauceri
229 Intro to Comparative Politics	MWR	8:00-9:10	Ozler
300 Scope and Methods	TF	2:00-3:50	Lefkowitz
301 State Politics	MR	2:00-3:15	Benjamin
305 American Legislative Process	TF	9:30-10:45	Minkoff
311 American Environmental Politics	TF	11:00-12:15	Lipson
317 American Judiciary	TF	3:30-4:45	Lipson
323 Sovereigns, Subjects, and the State	MWR	12:30-1:45	Miller
332 American Presidency	MR	12:30-1:45	Kassop
354 European Politics and Government	MR	3:30-4:45	Dowley
355 Criminal Law	TF	8:00-9:15	Zuckerman
365 International Politics of the Asia-Pacific	TF	12:30-1:45	Schwartz
366 American Foreign Policy	MR	5:00-6:15	Pampinella
370 United Nations Semester	T F	3:30-6:20 All Day	Pampinella
372 International Relations: Middle East	MR	11:00-12:15	Ozler
390 Junior Seminar in Political Science	MR	3:30-4:45	Kassop
393 Foreign Relations Law	MR	9:30-10:45	Kassop
393 Climate Change: Science, Politics, Policy	W	12:30-3:20	Lipson
401 Seminar in American Government	T	3:30-6:20	Minkoff
LAM 493 Seminar in Latin American Politics	Date and Time TBA		Mauceri

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**Visit your professors...**

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## Faculty Office Hours for Spring 2016

<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) 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, R 1:00-2:00
<b>Joel Lefkowitz</b>	257-3792	<b>JFT818</b>	MR 2:00-3:00 W 11:00-1:00
<b>Daniel Lipson</b>	257-3543	<b>JFT810</b>	W 11:00-12:00 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, W 1:00-2:00, R 10:00-12:00

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