

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

3/20-3/23

### WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

PISA's annual trek to the capital, hosted by Professor Kassop.

3/21 - 3/25

### SPRING BREAK

Try to forget about your midterms.

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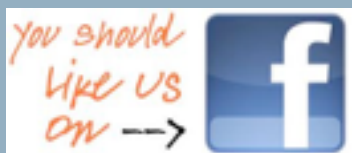
### COL JOSEPH DAVIDSON

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

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### PANEL DISCUSSION ON SYRIA

5:00 - 6:30, LC 104. See p. 7 for details.



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## Department

### Registration

Registration for Summer and Fall 2016 approaches. Make an appointment early to see your advisor and arrange your schedule. Before you visit your advisor, have a preliminary schedule sketched out and make sure you don't have any holds (library, parking, *etc.*) on your registration.

**Seminars.** We will offer three senior seminars in the 2016-2017 academic year. The fall International Relations seminar will be taught by Professor Schwartz. In the spring, Professor Mauceri will offer a seminar through the Latin American Studies Program, and Professor Minkoff will offer a seminar in American Politics. To register for these seminars, you *must* email Jeff Miller in advance to reserve a space. Priority will be given to graduating seniors.

**Junior Seminars.** Not ready for the senior seminar yet? Try out a junior seminar to build up your skill set. Professor Lefkowitz is offering one this fall (POL 390).

## Scholarships

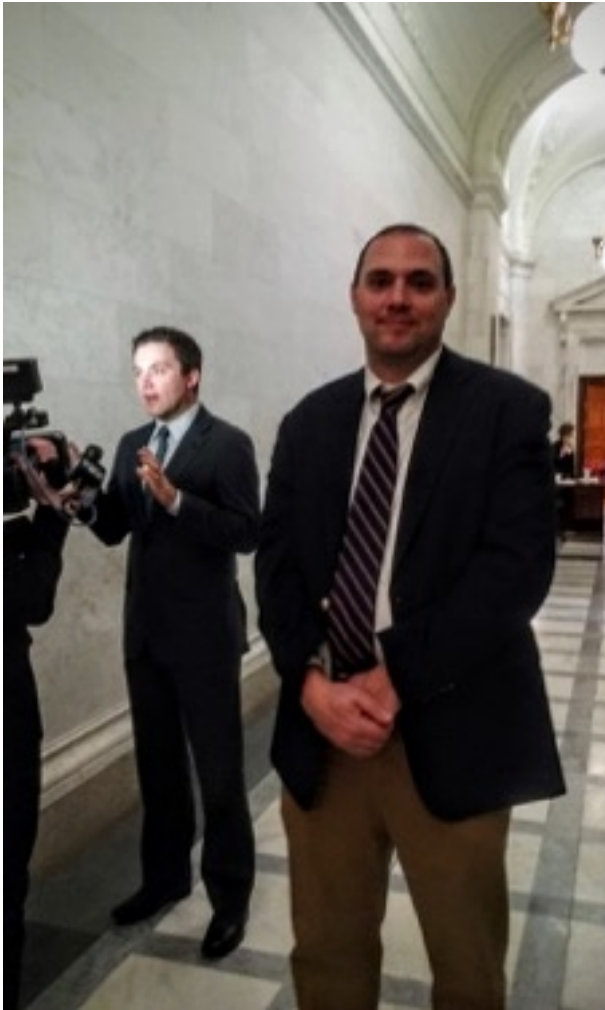
### Cetrino Family/Rubin Benjamin Scholarship

The Benjamin Center is pleased to announce the availability of the Cetrino Family/Rubin Benjamin Scholarship. This undergraduate scholarship includes an internship to provide experience in applied policy research at The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz for the 2016/17 academic year.

The Cetrino Family/Rubin Benjamin scholarship provides a year-long full tuition award and a paid internship for an outstanding junior or senior who is interested in a career in public service. An interested applicant must be a full-time student and may be in any academic major. Applicants should be entering their junior or senior year at SUNY New Paltz in the fall of a 2016, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, and be available to intern at the Benjamin Center for at least 10 hours per week during the academic year and at least half-time for the following summer. In addition to academic performance, financial need will be considered in making this award.

Interested students should apply through Scholarships Online which can be found on [www.my.newpaltz.edu](http://www.my.newpaltz.edu) on the Students tab under Money. A letter of interest, an unofficial transcript, and recommendations from two faculty members must be received no later than April 8, 2016. Qualified applicants will be invited to interview during early May.

## Internships

**John Carey ('16) at the New York State Assembly**

Working at the New York State Assembly since January has been a roller coaster ride and I think all of us interns have learned a lot. There is something happening every day and it's fun to see things in the news that are happening at the place where you work. I have gotten along wonderfully with my Assemblymember, and I'm glad that I've been able to contribute. Since starting work, I have been directly involved in the communications and documents the Assemblyman shares with other Members. I have attended Session to ask Members for signatures and been introduced to these important figures in the process, and I have most of all gotten some idea of how the place operates. It's not all bad; there are a lot of hopeful things and a lot of inspiring conversations that I have sat in on.

Student readers of this passage will be happy to know that my Member is a foundational supporter of the push to end automatic tuition increases known as "rational tuition" that is up for renewal this year. I have been most satisfied to learn more about my own District since I chose and was allowed to work with

my own Member. Overall, it's hard not to feel like you somehow accomplished something in the world when you work at a place like this, even if it is as the proverbial "low man on the totem pole".



## Internships

## Citi Global Internship Program - Summer 2016

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The application process for the Global Internship Program in London, Los Angeles and New York is due to close by April this year.

Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested students are advised to apply ASAP to secure a spot.

Students and recent graduates may apply via [www.city-internships.com/apply/](http://www.city-internships.com/apply/)

We find the [program gallery](#) is a popular resource to help students visualize the program in action.

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## Academics

## Urban Affairs Forum

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Professor Scott Minkoff is heading up a new website - **Urban Affairs Forum** - sponsored by the journal *Urban Affairs Review* in a new effort to create a place where people who study urban, local, and regional issues can share their research as well as offer thoughtful and accessible discussions of current events.

The site will also provide a forum for previewing in-progress research and linking to and discussing articles on other sites having to do with urban, local and regional issues.

Check it out: <http://urbanaffairsreview.com/>

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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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## Graduate School

**Labor Studies**

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The Murphy Institute is currently accepting applicants for our [MA in Labor Studies](#); the early admissions deadline is **March 15, 2016**.

The [MA in Labor Studies](#) strengthens the ability of students to advocate for equity and social justice in their communities and workplaces. Students develop critical thinking, analytical and leadership skills, while learning about labor law, organizing, collective bargaining, international perspectives, labor relations and strategic research.

For more information on the application process please contact:

Laurie Kellogg 212-642-2055 or 718-440-1550 [laurie.kellogg@cuny.edu](mailto:laurie.kellogg@cuny.edu)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the [Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship for Diversity in Labor](#), which promotes diverse leadership in the labor movement and in labor studies. Students can receive up to \$30,000 for graduate study. To be eligible for the graduate scholarship applicants must first be admitted to the MA in Labor Studies program. The deadline for the [scholarship application](#) is April 15, 2016.

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## Internships

**Senator Charles Schumer**

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Senator Charles Schumer's Peekskill, NY office is looking for summer interns. 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, 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 applicants possess strong verbal and written communication skills. Demonstrated ability to manage others will also be considered.

Interns will be expected to work a minimum of 8-10 hours per week. Their specific scheduling will be determined based upon class schedule and availability. In accordance with United States Senate policy, all internships are unpaid. Work will be performed in the Peekskill, NY office.

Students may do this internship for academic credit. Those interested should submit an application (found online at [www.schumer.senate.gov](http://www.schumer.senate.gov)), resume, cover letter, and short 3-5 page writing sample to Allison Biasotti at [allison\\_biasotti@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:allison_biasotti@schumer.senate.gov). Please include the days and times that you are available to work and your contact information.



Talks

## Terrorism Talk at UCC

## SPECIAL EVENT

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SPRING  
16

## LECTURE

The Dr. Donald C. Katt Institute  
for Constitutional Studies

## COMBATTING TERRORISM: Challenges to Traditional Constitutional Norms

*Apple vs the FBI, Presidential War  
Powers, and Muslim Civil Rights*

### Dr. Schuyler Foerster

Monday, March 14  
7:00 p.m.

College Lounge,  
Vanderlyn Hall



Dr. Schuyler Foerster, Brent Scowcroft Professor of National Security Studies at the United States Air Force Academy, examines how terrorism is different from traditional conflict, how it blurs the lines between "war" and "crime," and how it crosses traditional boundaries between domestic and foreign policy. Specifically, he will focus on the ongoing legal conflict between Apple CEO, Tim Cooke and the FBI over access to the iPhone of one of the San Bernadino terrorists. Dr. Foerster will also examine the nature and limits of presidential war powers as well as how calls to ban Muslims from the United States are incompatible with the basic civil rights given under the Constitution.



For more information  
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## Lectures

**United Nations: Sustainable Development Goals**

## **Transforming Our World: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The 2030 Agenda**

Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 - 7:30

The Sustainable Development Goals are a global plan of goals and targets for human and planetary sustainability for the next 15 years, a 17-point plan to end poverty, combat climate change and fight injustice and inequality.

For more information see: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

Guest Speaker, Jimena Leiva-Roesch, currently serves as a policy analyst at the International Peace Institute. From 2009 to March 2015, she worked for the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the UN in New York, where she last served as Counselor. She was the lead negotiator for the Sustainable Development Goals and the post 2015 development agenda. Jimena was also Guatemala's point person for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She has represented the Group of 77 and China in negotiations at the UN. Jimena offers hands-on training in negotiations to new diplomats at the United Nations University in Tokyo and other institutions.

The event will take place at Lifebridge Sanctuary: 333 Mountain Road, Rosendale NY 12472. RSVP to: [info@rivertides.org](mailto:info@rivertides.org)

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### Panel Discussion

## **Syria**

The Center for Middle Eastern Dialogue at SUNY New Paltz will present a panel on Syria from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016, in LC 104. The event is free and open to the public.

The panel will include talks by the following speakers, with a question and answer session after the final presentation:

- Frederick Deknatel is a senior editor at *World Politics Review*, an online global affairs journal based in New York. He's also a freelance journalist and writer and has contributed to *The Nation*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New Republic*, and other publications, covering Middle Eastern politics, culture, and books. His presentation will be on "The War on Culture Being Waged in Syria by ISIS and Assad."
- Stephen Pampinella is Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations. He specializes in international security, counterinsurgency, and state building. Pampinella is also a Fellow at the Bard Center for Civic Engagement and recently served as Academic Director of the Bard College US Foreign Policy Summer Institute. His topic will be "The Current Political Situation in Syria."
- Clinton Bennett holds a PhD from Birmingham University in Islamic Studies and has authored over a dozen books on various aspects of Islam, including contemporary thinkers and movements. He has taught Religious Studies part-time at SUNY New Paltz since 2008. His presentation will be on "Syria's Religious Landscape: the Civil War's Impact on Inter-Religious Relations."

The event will be moderated by students Denera Ragoonanan (International Relations) and Zach Grossman (History and International Relations).

## Conferences

## Student World Affairs Conference



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## STUDENT WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

### April 16, 2016

You're invited to join the 2016 Student World Affairs Conference- submit a paper and mark your calendars!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Student World Affairs Conference will be hosted at Dutchess Community College on Saturday, April 16, 2016. This year's theme will center on **global poverty and development**.

We welcome proposals from students of political science, history, philosophy, gender studies, economics, business, and more.

The conference provides an excellent interdisciplinary venue for undergraduate students, academics, researchers, and professionals in private and public organizations to discuss issues and share their work related to political science and associated disciplines.

Please **submit your abstract** of 200-500 words to [SWACHudsonValley@gmail.com](mailto:SWACHudsonValley@gmail.com) by **Friday, March 18**.



The Student World Affairs Conference will be hosted at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, New York. For more information, please visit [www.sunydutchess.edu](http://www.sunydutchess.edu).



The Student World Affairs Conference is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. For more information, please visit [www.hvworldaffairsCouncil.org](http://www.hvworldaffairsCouncil.org).

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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

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