

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

MONDAYS POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION MEETING

Every Monday at 5:00pm. Check out their Facebook page for details: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/280766691979829/?fref=nf)

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4/14

PANEL DISCUSSION ON SYRIA

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

4/22 - 4/23

NY STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Here at SUNY New Paltz.



Department

New York State Political Science Conference



NEW YORK STATE Political Science Association

Next week (4/23-4/24) SUNY New Paltz hosts the annual meeting of the New York State Political Science Association. At this conference, political scientists from all over the world present their recent work at panels over two days.

You can check out a copy of the conference program on the Political Science and International Relations Department Blackboard site to see what panels you might like to attend, or just drop by the department office to look at a copy.

Two students from New Paltz will be presenting at the conference. They are: Masooma Rahmaty, who will present her paper "Promotion of Human Rights and the Responsibility to Prevent," and Terence Gagstetter, whose paper is titled "Under the Influence: The Role of Solicitor General and Interest Group Amicus Curiae Briefs in Environmental Cases at the U.S. Supreme Court." Good luck to both of them!

Professor Gerald Benjamin will give the keynote address at the conference on Saturday morning at 10:15: "Looking Back, Looking Ahead: A Half Century as a Political Scientist in New York."

Don't miss this exciting event!

Internships

Shomari Linton ('17) at NYPIRG

As an intern for NYPIRG in the Environmental Protection Campaign, it was exciting to go to SUNY Purchase and meet other project leaders from different schools. I could see that they all are making a difference by making people aware of the resources around them. Attending workshops on how to be a great project leader, hunger and homelessness in SUNY schools, and many others showed me how I myself am on a path to making a difference by just being aware and having the ability to tell others.



Jobs

Paralegal with the Brooklyn Defender Services

Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS) seeks a full-time Paralegal to work with our NYIFUP attorneys and other staff to challenge the deportation of our noncitizen clients and secure immigration benefits on their behalf.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required and prior paralegal or related experience preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and interest in immigrant rights or public interest legal work.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including the ability to compose, edit and proof correspondence and documents.
- Must take initiative, be able to exercise sound judgment, be highly organized and detail-oriented, and possess strong time-management skills.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent use of software applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Fluency in Spanish preferred.

How to Apply:

Applicants should email Lisa Schreibersdorf and Marianne Yang, lschreib@bds.org; myang@bds.org with a brief description of their relevant experience and a statement as to why they are interested in the position by Friday, April 14, 2016. If you would like to ask any questions or need more time, speak to Marianne Yang, ext. 167.

Jobs

Part-Time Paralegal Position



Kakalec & Schlanger, a plaintiff-side consumer and employment law firm, is seeking a part-time paralegal (15 hours/week) to work in its Manhattan office. We are a firm whose principals come from legal services and government backgrounds, and who are dedicated to providing high-level advocacy on behalf of those who have been treated unfairly.

Paralegal duties will include: organizing/coordinating/tracking legal files and documents; handling client intake; preparing exhibits and other case materials; researching potential matters; and otherwise assisting with all aspects of federal court litigation. The paralegal will also perform some office management duties for the firm.

Applicants should have excellent communication and writing skills, and be able to review, understand, and follow attorney and client guidelines. Applicants must also have outstanding computer skills, including mastery of advanced functions in Microsoft Word (e.g., tables of contents and authorities, proper formatting, footnotes, headers, footers, mail merge, etc.) and Adobe Acrobat (merging documents, splitting documents, creating pdf forms, editing pdf's etc.). Applicants should also have experience with CRM software, and the ability to touch-type. Compensation is competitive and depends upon experience.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references with contact information including email addresses to: info@kakalec-schlanger.com.

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!).



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

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

Your future

Finding a Federal Job

How to **effectively** apply for

Federal Jobs at the **U.S. Dept. of Labor** and other **Federal Agencies**

Thursday, April 14
12:30–2:00 pm
Student Union, 409

PRESENTED VIA WEBINAR
BY DOLORES GARCIA
Recruitment Coordinator, U.S. Dept. of Labor

Dolores is a seasoned federal recruiter who rates resumes
and applications for federal jobs in the New York and Boston regions.

Light refreshments will be served.

Career Resource Center, Humanities, 105
www.newpaltz.edu/careers



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Internships

Senator Charles Schumer



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), resume, cover letter, and short 3-5 page writing sample to Allison Biasotti at allison_biasotti@schumer.senate.gov. Please include the days and times that you are available to work and your contact information.

The Center for Middle Eastern Dialogue at SUNY New Paltz presents

SYRIA: A PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 14, 2016

5:00-6:30 p.m.

LC 104

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**, Senior Editor at *World Politics Review*: “The War on Culture Being Waged in Syria by ISIS and Assad”
- **Stephen Pampinella**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, SUNY New Paltz: “The Current Political Situation in Syria”
- **Clinton Bennett**, Department of Philosophy, SUNY New Paltz: “Syria’s Religious Landscape: the Civil War’s Impact on Inter-Religious Relations”

The event will be moderated by International Relations students Denera Ragoonanan '16 and Zach Grossman '16.

Supported by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Lifetime Learning Institute at SUNY New Paltz, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Philosophy, and the Department of Political Science and International Relations

Photo by Frederick Deknatel



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Conferences

Student World Affairs Conference



SWAC

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 3rd 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 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.



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.

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Faculty Office Hours for Spring 2016

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

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