

# 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://>

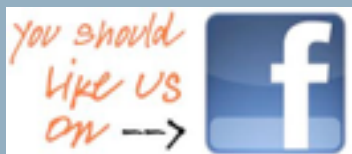
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4/22 - 4/23

### NY STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

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## New York State Political Science Conference



## NEW YORK STATE Political Science Association

This weekend (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. You can also access the program online here: [http://www.nyspsa.org/program\\_schedule](http://www.nyspsa.org/program_schedule)

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!

## Scholarships

## Let LA&S Fund Your Summer Internship

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with the generosity of SUNY New Paltz alumnus and Liberal Arts and Sciences Advisory Board Member, Mr. Jeffrey Korn '79 has established the LA&S Summer Internship Scholarship to support low-paying or unpaid summer internships for students. These are merit-based awards that take into account the student's GPA, the quality of the internship, the relevance of the internship to the student's academic major and educational goals, and the relevance of the internship to the student's future career.

### Deadline 4/25

#### Guidelines:

- Applicants should have a 3.3 or higher cumulative G.P.A.
- Preference will be given to students in their junior year; seniors who will graduate in May or August are not eligible for this award.

To apply, students should submit the following:

- A 300-500 word description of the internship and its relation to the student's academic major, educational goals, and career plans
- A resume
- An academic transcript with cumulative GPA 3.3 or higher
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty

Submit the application to Laura Barrett, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, JFT 614.

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## O'Brien Internship Scholarship Fund

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## Jobs

## Brooklyn Defender Services - NY Immigration Family Unity Project

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Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS) is one of the largest public defense providers in the United States. We represent more than 45,000 clients per year in a variety of legal proceedings in New York City, primarily indigent criminal, family, and immigration defense. BDS represents clients who have diverse, complex and multi-faceted needs in a high volume and very fast-paced setting.

### Brief Description of Job:

Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS) seeks a full-time **Administrative/Legal Assistant** to work with our NYIFUP attorneys and other professional staff to challenge the deportation of our noncitizen clients and secure immigration benefits on their behalf. Since November 2013 BDS has been serving as assigned counsel under NYIFUP—a first-in-nation program that provides legal representation for indigent New Yorkers in detained removal proceedings at the Varick Street Immigration Courts and in New Jersey. Our NYIFUP team secures our immigrant clients' release from immigration detention and defends them against deportation, arguing in immigration court for a finding of non-deportability, and applying for Cancellation of Removal, Adjustment of Status, and other discretionary waivers of deportation based on favorable factors in our clients' lives. Our NYIFUP Practice is currently comprised of a staff of ten attorneys, two BIA accredited representatives, and three administrative assistants.

### Qualifications:

- Strong writing and verbal skills, required
- Associate Degree or 2 years of finished college courses required
- At least two years of prior office experience required, preferably in a law office
- Computer literacy (Windows environment), Microsoft office, and good knowledge of the Internet, required
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and interest in immigrant rights or public interest legal work
- Must be able to multi-task and work as part of a team
- Must be able to exercise sound judgment, be highly organized and detail-oriented, and possess strong time-management skills
- Must have a proactive ability to follow through on pending tasks, including by diligently and relentlessly following up on pending requests for documents or other items from courts, agencies, clients, family members, community members, etc.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to remain calm under pressure
- Bilingual in Spanish and English, preferred

### How to Apply:

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume and list of three references to [immigrationjobs@bds.org](mailto:immigrationjobs@bds.org). Include "BDS Immigration Practice Assistant" in the subject line. No phone calls, please.

### Deadline (if applicable):

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. However, submission by **Monday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m.** is highly encouraged.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience.

## Jobs

## Grassroots Campaigns

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In the last seven years, we've seen a lot of big changes in this country. After helping elect Barack Obama, progressive leaders and activists were able to implement the largest change in healthcare availability in over 100 years. We've seen marriage equality go from 6 states to the entire nation. We've seen Hawaii become the first state to ban plastic grocery bags, and three states ban fracking.

That's a great start, but there's a lot of work left to do.

It's still legal in 29 states to fire someone from their job just because of their sexual orientation. Women's reproductive healthcare is under constant attack, threatening access to basic healthcare services for millions of American women. The effects of global climate change are becoming more pronounced and severe, and time to do anything about it is running out.

Grassroots Campaigns is a national, progressive political consulting firm specializing in running face-to-face field campaigns. Over the next year, our activists will reach millions of people all across the country to talk about the issues and call those people to action, inspiring millions to act by giving donations, time, and energy to top organizations working on the issue. We're currently partnering with groups like the ACLU, The Nature Conservancy, Doctors Without Borders, and many others. In 2016, we'll also be working in key states across the country to elect candidates who will advance progressive issues. We're Hiring!

Grassroots Campaigns is looking to interview interested students to join our teams as Canvass Directors and Assistant Canvass Directors. We're already running campaigns in major cities across the country, and we'll be launching new projects in places like Minnesota, Florida, Texas, and Arizona as we build towards 2016.

There is no better time get involved and shape the next generation of activists that will take this country in a more progressive direction and see change on issues that matter now.

Conor Kelly will be on the New Paltz campus from Tuesday the 26th of April till Thursday the 28th of April meeting with interested candidates and holding interviews. Students who are interested should contact Conor directly:

[ckelly@grassrootscampaigns.com](mailto:ckelly@grassrootscampaigns.com)

(347) 705 3665



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**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.

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**Salary:**

Salary will be commensurate with experience and within the parameters of BDS's compensation scale.



Talks

## Immigration and Emigration: Italy

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The Luigi and Anita Traverso Endowment for Italian Studies, The Italian Studies Program, and the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures present

# Pre-Occupied Liquid Spaces: The Journeys of Italian Emigrants Abroad and Foreign Immigrants toward Italy

Dr. Teresa Fiore, Montclair State University

As the debate over migrants crossing the Mediterranean continues to make headlines all over the world, Italian plays and films offer a more nuanced look at seas and oceans as spaces that have been cyclically occupied by migrants over time. Italy's past and contemporary history offers a unique laboratory for rethinking national identity and transnational connections.

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016 • 5 pm**  
**Coykendall Science Building Auditorium**

Professor Fiore holds the Inserra Endowed Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies at Montclair State University (NJ). She is the recipient of several prestigious fellowships, and is widely published in international journals and collections. Her book, *Pre-Occupied Spaces: Remapping Italy's Transnational Migrations and Colonial Legacies*, is forthcoming from Fordham University Press this fall.



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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)**