

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

7/18

### REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Will you be in Cleveland? Runs  
through 7/21.

7/25

### DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

In Philadelphia. Report back if you  
attend. Runs through 7/28.

8/29

### FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

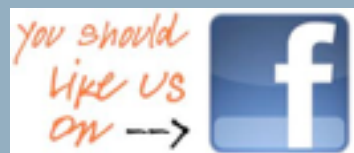
Don't be late!

9/6

### WELCOME BACK SESSION

Don't be late! 5:00pm JFT 1010.

<https://www.facebook.com/nppolisci>



## Department Summer

You may be having a relaxing summer, but events in the world don't slow down. As I write, France is dealing with the aftermath of a horrific terrorist attack, protestors around the United States are demonstrating about police shootings, and the U.S. Presidential elections head into the Democratic and Republican party conventions.

The world needs more people knowledgeable about politics and international relations. While you're enjoying your summer, keep up with current events. Read a newspaper like the *New York Times* every day, get involved in a local campaign, and make your voice heard.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in late August.

## Scholarships

### Brownstein Travel and Research Fund



The Department of Political Science and International Relations is proud to announce a new annual scholarship, named in honor of recently retired Professor Emeritus Lewis Brownstein. This scholarship was largely funded by SUNY New Paltz alumni, in gratitude for Professor Brownstein's dedication and decades of service at New Paltz.

The scholarship supports student travel to foreign countries with an academic component. We'll offer the first scholarship in the amount of \$890 this fall to an eligible student. You can find the specific details and apply here: <https://newpaltz.academicworks.com/opportunities/1510>

The deadline for applications this year is September 6, 2016.

## Internships

**Senator Charles Schumer**

Sen. Charles Schumer's Office seeks self-motivated and professional college students or recent college graduates for a part-time or full-time internship. Intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to: researching legislative issues, attending hearings, preparing follow-up memos, performing legislative research, answering phones, processing mail and other administrative duties. This internship presents an opportunity for both a unique learning experience and an inside look at the political process.

Applicants must be hard-working, have strong writing and communication skills and have a demonstrated interest in public policy. This is an unpaid internship. New York ties a plus.

**Please send a resume, cover letter, a 2-3 page academic writing sample and a completed copy of our intern application to [allison\\_biasotti@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:allison_biasotti@schumer.senate.gov)**

The **application can be found at:** <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/students/internships>

## Jobs

**Community Fellow (Mandarin Speaker)**

Community Fellows are recent college graduates who conduct outreach and legal intake in underserved neighborhoods of New York. They screen immigrant New Yorkers for legal relief, and help them file applications for citizenship, green cards, DACA, and more.

Community Fellowships run for two years, at a salary of \$38,000 per year plus benefits. Fellows will be trained by Immigrant Justice Corps at the start of their fellowship and will meet as a group throughout the course of the fellowship for professional development, skills training, and support.

Community Fellowships are available to students who are completing their undergraduate degree in 2016 or completed it in 2015 and are committed to immigrant justice. Community Fellows will become Board of Immigration Appeals [accredited representatives](#). Community Fellows are placed in community-based host organizations throughout New York City, and their work is directly supervised by Immigrant Justice Corps' supervising attorneys. Spoken proficiency in Mandarin required.

Interested applicants should email Victoria Neilson, [vneilson@justicecorps.org](mailto:vneilson@justicecorps.org) the following: a resume; a detailed statement of interest (no longer than 500 words); an unofficial transcript; and two references. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so the sooner you submit, the better.

## Research Report

## Professor Daniel Lipson

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During my Fall 2015 sabbatical, I set out to submit two manuscripts on the legal and political battles over race-based and gender-based affirmative action in university admissions.

In addition, I sought to make headway on a third manuscript on energy and environmental politics in an age of resource depletion and ecological limits to growth.

I submitted the first manuscript – “*Fueling the Backlash against Affirmative Action: The Quiet Influence of Ultra-Conservative Foundations and Patrons*” – to *New Political Science* by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of my sabbatical. I submitted the second manuscript – “*The Mobilization of White Women in the Battle over Race-Based Affirmative Action*” – to *Politics, Groups, and Identities* by the beginning of the 12<sup>th</sup> week of the semester.

As expected, my writing of the third manuscript — titled “*Biophysical Limits and the Centrality of Fossil Fuels in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Politics*” — took the remainder of the Fall 2015 sabbatical leave. I was invited to submit this manuscript to a top-tier journal in the discipline (*Political Research Quarterly*) and will do so by the end of the 2016 calendar year. My proposal to present a paper on this topic at the *American Political Science Association* (APSA) conference in September was accepted, so I will continue to engage with scholars this September in Philadelphia.

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### 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>

## Internships

## Zephyr Teachout - Campaign Internships

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The Zephyr Teachout Congressional Campaign is currently accepting applications for internships this election cycle. Interns will gain real world experience, learn how a political campaign functions from the inside, and learn valuable skillsets for the future. For high school students, this will fulfill the community service portion of your courses. For college students, there will be an opportunity to gain both college credit and

valuable experience that will make your resume stand out for prospective employers.

Working on a political campaign is a fast-paced, exciting environment, where there is always something going on and interesting things to do. It's a great opportunity to participate in the civic process, and make a positive impact on a crucial congressional race. If you're looking for a way to make a difference, consider applying to help out an incredible candidate for Congress of the United States.

To apply, send your resume to [devin@zephyrteachoutforcongress.com](mailto:devin@zephyrteachoutforcongress.com)

## Scholarship

## Professor Nancy Kassop, quoted in the *Washington Post*

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Professor Nancy Kassop, who begins a semester-long sabbatical this fall, was quoted in a recent *Washington Post* article by Andrew Rudalevige on White House Lawyers. The piece is titled: "No, White House lawyers would not prevent a president Trump from overstepping his constitutional bounds."

You can read the entire article here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/06/14/no-white-house-lawyers-would-not-prevent-a-president-trump-from-overstepping-his-constitutional-bounds/>

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