

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

9/6

WELCOME BACK SESSION

Don't be late! 5:00pm. Honors Center.

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COUPS, CLERICS, AND CONSPIRACIES

Professor Ozler discusses politics in Turkey after the attempted coup. 7:00pm. CSB Auditorium

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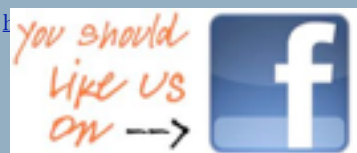
LAW SCHOOL?

Alumna Darienn Powers ('14) returns to talk about applying to law schools.

10/20

TRUMP V. CLINTON

Professor Bruce Miroff (SUNY Albany) comes to talk about the presidential campaign. 5:00pm. LC 108.



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Welcome Back!

We hope you're rested and ready for the 2016-2017 academic year and the presidential campaign season. We have a whole line-up of events and speakers planned for the fall semester, including a talk on recent events in Turkey, the upcoming U.S. presidential election, and law school. And check out the Brownstein Fellowship (below), as well as the SCUSA conference (p. 9). Excellent opportunities.

This semester we're also hosting a welcome-back event on Tuesday, September 6 at 5:00pm in the Honors Center (College Hall). Come say hello to your colleagues and professors and hear about what we've got on the docket for the fall semester.

See you all in class.

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 15, 2016.

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Greetings from the Political and International Studies Board



With the new semester about to begin, that means The Politics & International Studies Association (PISA) is getting ready for another exciting semester of meetings and events! PISA is a nonpartisan organization here at SUNY New Paltz and we work to promote and stimulate dialogue regarding current news events between students. This year, our E-board includes: President Peter Enia, Vice President Oren Koralashvilli, Treasurer Geraldine Humbert, and Secretary Sam Klein.

With the help of the Political Science Department, we plan and organize fun, exciting, and interesting events throughout the year. We have a Facebook group that includes all contact information you might need if you're interested in sponsoring an event with us or joining our weekly meetings. Get ready for some engaging guest speakers, conferences, and discussions! Can't wait to see you all in the fall.

For more information regarding the association or membership, feel free to contact us at sunypolisci@gmail.com, or you can simply go like our Facebook page!

Internships (Paid!)

Open Primaries

The mission of Open Primaries is to advocate for open and nonpartisan primary systems, counter efforts to impose closed primaries, educate voters, train and support spokespeople, and participate in the building of local, state and national open primaries coalitions.

Open Primaries is currently looking to fill three positions, which come with a \$400 monthly travel stipend to their interns. Weekly commitment is 20hrs so it could in theory be manageable for a student to do this and a few classes, schedule permitting.

Check out the website for details: <http://www.idealists.org/view/nonprofit/35ZD959dnnSCp/>

OPEN PRIMARIES

What's Happening in Turkey?

Coups, Clerics, and Conspiracies: What Lies Ahead for Turkish Democracy?

Tuesday, September 13

Professor Ş. İlgü Özler
Department of Political Science
and International Relations
SUNY New Paltz



Ş. İlgü Özler is the Director of the SUNY Global Engagement Program in NYC in NYC and an Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY New Paltz. Her research is on the relationship between comparative political institutions and civil society. She focuses on political parties, non-governmental organizations and social movements. She has done research on the urban slums and squatter areas in Turkey, Mexico and Chile. Her recent work has been on Turkish civil society organizations and the Justice and Development Party in Turkey. She is a special consultant to the Earth Child Child institute a United Nations Economic and Social Council accredited non-governmental organization. She is the founder and coordinator to the Mid Hudson Valley Amnesty International Chapter, the President of the United Nations Association of the Hudson Valley, and serves on the Board of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Özler received her Ph.D. in Political Science from University of California, Los Angeles (2003).

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

Politics

Ulection



Ulection is a social network for civic engagement that provides students and faculty a space to discuss campus and community issues with each other, candidates, and elected officials. The goal is to inspire young people to get involved in their community's political process – something which our data shows is at historic lows.

Ulection is making an impact in San Francisco as students are actively discussing issues and interacting with candidates, elected officials, and joining social and political organizations. They have partnered with local chapters of the League of Women Voters and have been published in local papers.

Interested? Ulection has an internship opportunity for students interested in communications and public relations. If you are interested in this position follow the links: Internships.com with them: [Communications and Public Relations Intern](#).



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APPLICATION DEADLINE
September 19, 2016

Additional information and application materials are available at www.RangelProgram.org

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2017 Graduate Fellowship Program

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship Program is a U.S. Department of State program, administered by Howard University, that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. Candidates must be graduating seniors or college graduates with strong academic records and a desire to promote positive change in the world. The Rangel Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need. Selected fellows will receive support for graduate school and will enter into exciting and rewarding careers representing the United States overseas. Program information and the online application for the 2017 Rangel Fellowship is available at www.rangelprogram.org.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- An **orientation** to the Program and the Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- **Two summer internships**, one on Capitol Hill in summer 2017 and one overseas at a U.S. embassy in summer 2018. The Program provides stipends, transportation and housing for these internships.
- **Up to \$37,500 annually** toward tuition, fees and living expenses for a two-year master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as Business Administration, Economics, Public Policy, and International Relations at a U.S.-based institution.
- **Mentoring** from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- **Employment in the State Department Foreign Service** for those who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements, with a **contractual agreement** committing each Rangel Fellow to a minimum of five years of service as a Foreign Service Officer.

ABOUT THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE

Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State are responsible for formulating, implementing and supporting U.S. foreign policy. Their work includes analyzing political and economic events around the world; negotiating with foreign governments; assisting U.S. citizens abroad; educating foreign audiences about American culture and values; and managing an embassy's operations. They are engaged in foreign policy issues such as conflict resolution, human rights, environmental and health issues, nuclear nonproliferation, and educational exchange. A Foreign Service career is much more than just a job; it is a uniquely demanding and rewarding way of life. Foreign Service Officers work in Washington and in more than 250 diplomatic posts worldwide. As representatives of the United States, Foreign Service Officers have a direct impact on people's lives, witness history in the making, and help create and implement U.S. policy.

Talks

Bruce Miroff on the 2016 Presidential Election

Bizarre. The Election of 2016

Thursday, October 20

Professor Bruce Miroff
Rockefeller College of
Public Affairs and Policy
University at Albany



Bruce Miroff received his PhD in political science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1974. In addition to SUNY Albany, he has also taught at the University of Texas, Austin, the University of California at Davis, and Williams College. Miroff teaches and writes on the American Presidency, American Political Development, American Political Theory, and Political Leadership. He has received the Excellence in Teaching Award and is a Collins Fellow at the University at Albany. Along with numerous articles and book chapters, he has authored or co-authored five books: *Pragmatic Illusions: The Presidential Politics of John F. Kennedy* (1976), *Icons of Democracy: American Leaders as Heroes, Aristocrats, Dissenters, and Democrats* (1993), *The Liberals' Moment: The McGovern Insurgency and the Identity Crisis of the Democratic Party* (2007), *Debating Democracy: A Reader in American Politics, Sixth Edition* (2009), and *The Democratic Debate: American Politics in an Age of Change, Fifth Edition* (2010).

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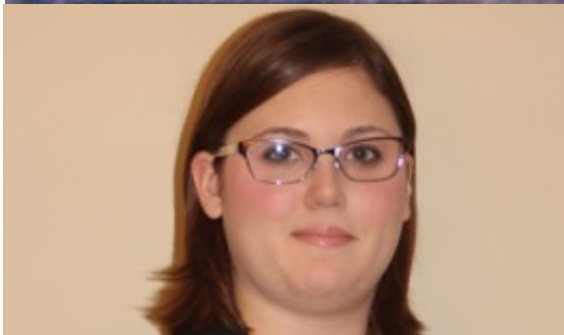
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Careers

Darienn Powers ('14) on Law Schools

Thinking About Law School?

Come Get the Facts



Darienn Powers (Political Science, '14) is currently in her final year at Syracuse University College of Law. She has trained in Israel with the Counter-Terrorism Studies Executive Certificate Program at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel, and is also Editor-in-Chief for the *Impunity Watch Law Journal*. This summer she worked with a federal magistrate in Syracuse. While at New Paltz she served as president of the Political Science Club and interned at the U.S. Supreme Court's Clerk's Office.

Are you applying to law schools this year? Are you thinking of a career in the law?

Come join us to hear Political Science alumna Darienn Powers, who returns to campus to talk about life at law school, the application process, and the legal profession.

We'll meet on Thursday, September 22nd at 4:00 in JFT 1010. Light refreshments will be served.

SCUSA 2016

CONFERENCE

68TH ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS (SCUSA)

This is a major annual conference hosted by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Approximately 200 undergraduates from across the country attend. Throughout the conference, the student delegates and cadets debate and formulate policy recommendations that realistically model American strategic responses to significant national and global challenges. The highlights of the four-day conference include the opening senior panel discussion on the evening of November 9th, an evening keynote banquet address, four roundtable sessions, and a closing-report session on November 12th. Recent keynote speakers have included Secretary Madeleine Albright, Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Lieutenant General (Ret.) Brent Scowcroft, and Admiral James Stavridis.

Our organizing theme this year is "Democracy & Democratization: Challenges & Opportunities." Beginning the day after the U.S. presidential election, the conference invites participants to consider the challenges and opportunities facing the United States as it responds to key questions concerning the health and future of democracy. Among the questions to be explored are: what are the political, normative, and material limits to promoting democracy in the world? Does democracy confront greater challenges in some countries and regions? How does political radicalism in its many forms challenge democracy? What does the survival of authoritarian and hybrid regimes indicate about the long-term prospects for democracy internationally? Can democracy successfully navigate ethno-religious conflict?

The conference runs from 9 November to 12 November, and all costs except for transportation (to and from West Point) are born by West Point and SUNY New Paltz. The Poli Sci/IR Department will nominate one student for this event. If you're interested submit a one-page letter of interest along with a resume to Jeff Miller in JFT 814 by Monday, September 12th.





Networking
Trips and Guest Lectures
Discussing Current Affairs



POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION



**Political Science
&
International Relations
Department Welcoming
Session for Students**

Come join the Political Science and International Relations Department and the Politics and International Studies Association on **Tuesday, September 6th at 5pm** in the Honors Center to meet your professors for the semester. Come meet your new professors and classmates for the semester!

Meet and greet with
your professors!

Great time for new and
returning students to
get to know their
professors outside the
classroom.












Did I mention the FREE
pizza and
refreshments?

Get to meet other
students in your major!

Location:
The Honors Center
(College Hall)

Department

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