

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

TUESDAYS

PISA

Meet your colleagues. Talk politics. SUB 408, 5:00pm

9/20

MICHAEL MOORE

LC 100, 7:00pm, The Youth Vote and the 2016 election.

9/22

LAW SCHOOL?

Alumna Darienn Powers ('14)

Postponed! New date T.B.A.

9/26

CONSTITUTION DAY/ PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Join PSIR Professors Minkoff and Lipson as they talk about the the first presidential debate with a special focus on the Constitution. 8:00pm, CSB Auditorium.

10/20

TRUMP V. CLINTON

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

Department

Fall Semester during a Presidential Election

With the U.S. Presidential election just over a month away, we have a whole list of related events on campus.

Michael Moore is coming to campus September 30th (**tomorrow!**), Professor Bruce Miroff is coming on October 20th, and our own Professors Lipson and Minkoff will be coordinating a discussion of constitutional issues related to the presidential race just prior to the first presidential debates (8:00pm 9/26).

Come participate! And don't forget about the voter tools below.

The 2016 Elections

Voting Information



Check if I'm registered:

<http://www.canivote.org/>

Deadlines, locations, materials:

<http://campusvoteproject.org/studentguides/>

Registration assistance

(military/overseas voting):

<https://www.fvap.gov/>

Registration and reminders:

<https://turbovote.org/register>

Register online/absentee:

<https://yourvoteyourvoice.usvotefoundation.org/vote/home.htm>

Sample ballots:

<http://lwg.org/>

Internships (paid!)

New York Union Semester



Live in New York City. Defend workers' rights. Get paid and earn college credits.

New York Union Semester is a full-time intensive academic and internship program that provides students with an opportunity to put their passion for social justice to work, both inside and outside the classroom. The Spring 2017

semester runs from January 30 to May 26, 2017.

When should students apply for New York Union Semester?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and early applicants are given priority. [Apply now!](#) Final deadline for Spring 2017 is **November 1, 2016**.

Do Union Semester interns get paid?

[New York Union Semester](#) students receive a **stipend of \$7,000** over the course of semester to cover tuition and living expenses.

Where are New York Union Semester interns placed?

New York Union Semester has partnerships with a variety of unions and worker organizations across the five boroughs. Students intern four days a week for fifteen weeks. We try to pair students' interests and experience with the needs of our partners.

Internships (paid!)

CSEA Legislative and Political Action

The Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), New York's leading union, is offering *two* paid, full-time internships for students interested in how politics and policy works in New York State.

This is a full-time internship which runs from the beginning of the legislative session in early January through the end of the session in late June.

The program is open to all juniors and seniors. Applicants should have an interest in the legislative and governmental process, though no experience is required.

To apply, please send a resume and a short writing sample by October 21 to:

Ben Parsons, Legislative Representative
143 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
518 436 8622
ben.parsons@cseainc.org



Internships

New York State Senate and Assembly Internships



Are you interested in politics and working in government? Then consider applying for the New York State legislative internships.

This is a full-time internship for Spring 2017 in the New York State legislature in Albany, New York, in which students work directly for a state representative in either of the two houses of the legislature (Assembly or Senate). In addition, students will also take evening classes focusing on New York state government,

politics, and policy making.

Students can also earn up to 15 college credits. For American government concentrations in the Political Science major, six of those credits can go toward the concentration, another three count toward the major elective, and the last six count toward graduation but not the major or liberal arts credits.

This is a paid internship that includes a stipend of \$5,025 to cover the cost of living in Albany. We will advise you in finding housing while living in Albany as well.

We strongly encourage students to apply for this internship. It will provide you with essential experience and professional contacts working in the most important state capital in the country.

I'll be discussing the internship in classes over the next several days including my own to encourage students to apply. We will also have an information session at a later date (to be determined) at which the internship coordinators for the Assembly and Senate will attend.

The deadline for applications is October 29.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Professor Pampinella at pampines@newpaltz.edu, or stop by his office in JFT 1000.

More information can be found at the below links:

Assembly internship: <http://nyassembly.gov/internship/>

Senate internship: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/undergraduate-program>

Internships

Senator Charles Schumer

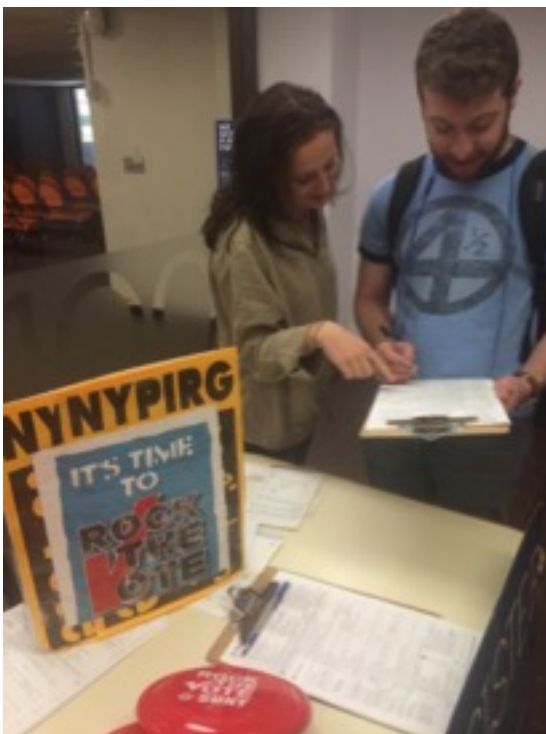
Sen. Charles Schumer's Office seeks self-motivated and professional college students or recent college graduates for a part-time or full-time internship. Intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to: researching legislative issues, attending hearings, preparing follow-up memos, performing 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

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

Internships

Trina Curry ('17) for the New York State Public Interest Group

As an intern for NYPIRG, I am an advocate in the New Paltz community, as well as for New York State. NYPIRG coordinates grassroots campaigns, produces studies on a wide array of issues as well as lobbies public officials. NYPIRG is a nonpartisan activist group fighting to expand the rights of voters in New York through community outreach, advocacy, and media work.

Specifically, I am working on the voter mobilization portion of the New Paltz chapter. As many of you may have seen NYPIRG is getting the students active in the political system; we are ambitious in increasing voter turnout and participation -- not just for the presidential election but for local politics too. We have already registered many students in the past year and are continuing to do so this semester.

Talks

Michael Moore - The Youth Vote and the 2016 Election



Academy Award winning filmmaker and best selling author **MICHAEL MOORE** will be speaking on the importance of the youth vote in the 2016 election. Young people make up an increasing share of the U.S. population yet they have the lowest rates of voter participation of any age group. At the same time the most pressing issues of the day, from climate change to student loan debt, will impact young people most severely. Moore brings his insightful political analysis and wry sense of humor to this lecture on why our fate rests on political mobilization among America's youth.

Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm in Lecture Center 100.

Talks

Jonathan Haidt - How Two Incompatible Sacred Values are Driving Conflict and Confusion in American Universities



The College is pleased to welcome [Jonathan Haidt](#), the Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership at New York University's Stern School of Business, to deliver a talk titled, "How two incompatible sacred values are driving conflict and confusion in American universities."

Making something sacred and then worshipping it together is an ancient and culturally universal means by which people bind themselves together into groups and institutions. Universities in the 20th century explicitly worshipped truth. In the 21st century, some universities began adding social justice as an additional sacred value.

In this talk, Haidt will draw from his research on moral psychology to show why these two values sometimes conflict, and how that conflict is driving the anger and mutual incomprehension that has been dividing so many college campuses since last fall. Haidt will urge a schism as the only viable resolution: let some universities commit themselves completely to

understanding the world while others commit themselves completely to changing it.

In addition to his work as an educator and researcher, Haidt is a frequent contributor to national publications. In the last year, he has authored or co-authored cover stories in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Atlantic* addressing the ongoing national debate about the intellectual and moral climate on college campuses.

Thursday, September 29, 2016

7 p.m.

Lecture Center 100

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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	Lipson, Daniel	lipsond@newpaltz.edu	JFT 810	W 2:00-3:00 R F 11:00-12:00
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