

Political Science and International Relations



Department

Welcome Back

Welcome to all returning and new students to the Spring 2017 semester.

We've got a busy semester ahead, beginning with a roundtable discussion on the implications of the Trump presidency on February 7. Mark your calendars for that.

You can also take the next week before classes to do the following:

- Find out what texts or materials you'll need in advance of the semester (many professors post this information on Blackboard prior to the beginning of the term). Have everything ready to go on the first day of class.
- It's not too late, find an internship for the spring semester. Talk with your advisor about options.
- Look ahead to summer. Plan for an internship or fieldwork now, and check out the listings in this newsletter.
- Submit your best work to an undergraduate journal or to a conference. This is an especially good idea if you're planning on applying to graduate school.

In this issue of the PSIR Newsletter, you'll find information about summer internships, conferences, publishing possibilities, faculty publications, and student accomplishments.

If you have any questions about the PSIR Department, please feel free to come by and chat. Department Office: 845 257 3540, JFT 816.

See you all in class.

IMPORTANT DATES:

1/20

INAUGURATION DAY

West Front of the U.S. Capitol Building.

1/21

WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Register and get info at:

www.womensmarch.com

1/23

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Get back from DC in time.

2/7

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY

Come hear the latest. 6:30, LC 102. More info on p. 3.

1/30-2/5

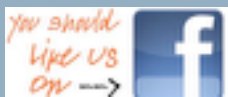
ADD/DROP PERIOD

If you must.

2/1

MAY GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE

Registrar's Office.



Internships

Pace Law Environmental Scholarship

Award: \$3,000-\$10,000 towards tuition

Application: Accepted on a rolling basis through April 2017

In support of the Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities' mission, Pace Law is offering a "Merit Scholarship" award to a Fall 2017 entering student who is either currently enrolled in or has earned his or her bachelors or masters degree from one of the Consortium's [member institutions](#) and has demonstrated an interest in environmental issues affecting the Hudson-Mohawk River watershed.

Scholarship benefits consist of a merit scholarship ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 towards law school tuition, depending upon the student's qualifications and Pace's financial resources. The award is renewable each year based on continued academic excellence.

Interested students should attach a half to one full page statement to the Pace Law application stating how he or she has been involved in Hudson-Mohawk River watershed environmental issues during their undergraduate work or why they have a particular interest in the environmental issues affecting the region. The scholarship recipient will be expected to complete at least one project related to a regional environmental issue(s) while at Pace Law School.

Full details and application: www.environmentalconsortium.org/resources/scholarships/tgf.html

Inquiries: Environmental Consortium Office, info@environmentalconsortium.org or 914-773-3091.

Internships

Senator Charles Schumer's Office



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, and well as with other federal, state, and 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 government or a political office is preferred. It is crucial for applicants to 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 a week. Their specific scheduling will be determined based on their class schedule and availability. In accordance with the United States Senate policy, all interns are unpaid. All 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 schumer.senate.gov), resume, cover letter, and a short 3-5 page writing sample to Megan Glander at megan_glander@schumer.senate.gov. In this email please indicate your preferred contact information and days and times that you are available to work.

Events

Roundtable on Trump

Roundtable on the Trump Presidency

Tuesday, February 7

Nancy Kassop Gerald Benjamin
Daniel Lipson Stephen Pampinella

moderated by Scott Minkoff



Join faculty members from the Department of Political Science and International Relations as they discuss the implications of the Trump presidency for domestic and international issues. Brief presentations by the panelists will be followed by questions from the audience and discussion.

2/7/17 6:30pm LC 102 SUNY New Paltz

Sponsored by The Department of Political Science and International Relations.

Internships

DHS Summer Internship

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) Summer Internship Program provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in projects at federal research facilities located across the country focused on helping DNDO meet its mission of “implementing domestic nuclear detection efforts for a managed and coordinated response to radiological and nuclear threats, as well as integration of federal nuclear forensics programs”. This program will prepare a diverse, highly talented, educated, and skilled pool of scientists and engineers to address issues relating to national security and nuclear detection and to enhance the future scientific and technical workforce to be both knowledgeable and trained in fields of specific interest to DNDO.

Undergraduate students receive a stipend of \$600 per week for ten weeks plus travel expenses.

Graduate students receive a stipend of \$700 per week for ten weeks plus travel expenses.

Research experiences are offered at: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley, CA) • Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (Livermore, CA) • Los Alamos National Laboratory (Los Alamos, NM) • National Security Technologies – Remote Sensing Laboratory (Los Vegas, NV and Andrews AFB, MD) • Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Richland, WA)

Application deadline: January 25, 2017, at 11:59 PM EST

How to Apply: Applications and supporting materials must be submitted at <https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/2828>

Program Information: Detailed information about the internships can be found at <http://orau.gov/dndo/>

Internships

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers for a program that provides information and assistance to unrepresented immigrants facing deportation. They are training volunteers on an on-going basis to provide screenings, as well as application assistance for those eligible for asylum. Non-lawyers, law students, and lawyer volunteers are needed, especially Spanish speakers, but there is plenty of work for everyone. If you are interested in volunteering with Catholic Charities send an email to Jodi Ziesemer <Jodi.Ziesemer@archny.org> who will sign you up.

Faculty

Nancy Kassop was in *Politico*

Check out what she has to say in an article by Josh Gerstein and Nancy Cook titled: "Trump's White House counsel faces unusual challenges" (Understatement of the year?)

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/trump-transition-counsel-mcgahn-231725>

Internships

Kirsten Ibe: Congressman Elect John

This semester I had the amazing opportunity to become an intern for the John Faso campaign for Congress! I wanted to volunteer for the campaign, so I signed the volunteer form on the campaign website. The next day I received a phone call from the Dutchess County Legislator and District Coordinator for the Faso Campaign, Mark Coviello, asking if I would be willing to be interviewed for an intern position. He asked me some questions and before I knew it, I was an intern! Coincidentally, Faso himself was coming to the school that Tuesday to speak with students about this very position.

This was my first experience working on an official campaign, but I was quickly shown the ropes. I was one of the only interns for the Ulster County area. This meant that even though I was only one person, I could make a real difference in the success of the campaign, and I would be able to get as much work as I wanted. I would go door-to-door canvassing twice a week, as well as attending other campaign events (press conferences, socials, etc.). I had the pleasure of meeting John Faso a few times, and the fact that he took an interest in getting to know me (and my course of study) really made all of my efforts worthwhile, especially since we won! I received a call the day after the election from Mark, thanking me for all of my hard work. He made it clear that I had actually had an influence on the final results. He also offered me another internship as a fundraising coordinator with The Hero Project (a charity he founded to help returning veterans get back on their feet), saying that I had a bright political future ahead of me and that he would like to help me succeed in it.

The reason I'm writing this is to remind all of you that an internship really can open up so many doors for you. Many local campaigns are always looking for interns or volunteers, and that can be a great stepping stone to get you on the right track towards a rewarding political career. This type of reference is valuable on anyone's resume, regardless of your major.

Get out there and get involved in the political world, because I am living proof that one person really can make a difference in achieving real results. This whole experience became far more exciting and interesting than I had expected in the beginning. It made me clarify and reassess my own political and personal views, and taught me more about myself as well. If you're tired of feeling like your voice is never heard, or want to be part of something bigger than yourself - while getting out of the sidelines - seriously consider an internship. You'll be surprised at how much you will get out of it, while making a real contribution to the world around you!

Jobs

Fairweather Consulting Research Assistantship

15 hours per week, flexible hours. Available immediately.

Duties include data gathering & research. Must be comfortable generating graphs in Excel and in using Microsoft Office generally. Very strong writing skills required. Must be self-motivated with high standards for one's work and able to meet deadlines.

An exceptional opportunity to learn about not-for-profit organizations, economic development and a variety of other topics. A sense of humor a definite plus.

To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter describing your qualifications, a resume and three references via this website.

Contact: Peter Fairweather

Fairweather Consulting

Phone: 845-255-0611

Fax: 800-658-0548

Web: www.fairweatherconsulting.com Looking for a research assistant for a small consulting practice in New Paltz.

Conferences

Student World Affairs Council



The 2017 Student World Affairs Conference will be held at Bard College on Friday, March 3.

It brings undergraduate students from across upstate NY to present papers on a wide variety of international topics. It is an excellent opportunity for undergrads to

meet students from other institutions and to present their work in a professional but pressure-free environment. It would be great to have some New Paltz students present papers, chair sessions and attend other sessions that day. Papers that were done for classes last semester are a perfect fit for this conference.

Proposal abstracts are only 200-500 words, due on February 1. See link for details.

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Jobs

Green Corps



We're the Field School for Environmental Organizing

Are you passionate about the environment? Are you ready to learn how to run campaigns to help solve the climate crisis or save our last wild places? We offer a year-long, paid training program that will prepare you for a career in environmental organizing. Here's how it works:

Part One: Classroom Training

You'll participate in eight weeks of intensive classroom training, conducted by representatives from a wide range of organizations and campaigns.

Our staff and trainers present overviews on the biggest issues facing our environment as well as teaching our organizers a variety of valuable skills such as volunteer recruitment, campaign planning, public speaking and much more.

Part Two: Field Training on Real Campaigns

As a Green Corps organizer, you'll receive the bulk of your training through hands-on experience; working on behalf of organizations such as the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society and Food & Water Watch. Job responsibilities include recruiting, training and supervising volunteers; organizing visibility events; securing media coverage; and building strong coalitions.

You'll lead three to five different campaigns in communities across the country. By working with several different campaign partners, you'll gain experience tackling a diversity of issues and working with a variety of individuals. For example, a team of organizers recently helped run a campaign that persuaded Kellogg's, the cereal company, to pressure its supplier of palm oil to stop destroying tropical forests. Other Green Corps organizers have played critical roles in the retirement of over a dozen coal-fired power plants on the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign.

Part Three: Launch Your Career

After completing the training program, Green Corps connects graduates to groups looking to hire full-time staff. Our alumni now work with organizations such as Environment America, Greenpeace, Corporate Accountability International, Rainforest Action Network, National Wildlife Federation, 350.org and NRDC, among others.

Location And Compensation




The target annual compensation for this position is \$26,000. Green Corps offers a competitive benefits package. We also offer an excellent training program and opportunities for advancement.

Green Corps organizers go where the fight is and wherever they can make the biggest impact. They could work on campaigns almost anywhere in the country and while location preferences are considered for placements, we require all organizers to be geographically flexible.

[Apply today at GreenCorps.org!](http://GreenCorps.org)

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Where to find people.

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