

Political Science and International Relations



Department

Registration

Here are some things to remember as you register for classes this week and next.

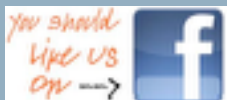
IMPORTANT DATES:

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
POLITICAL SCIENCE
AND INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES ASSOCIATION**
Meet your colleagues. Discuss
politics. SUB 408. 7:00pm.

**4/18
FILM: THE HUDSON: A
RIVER AT RISK**
7:00pm, LC 100, with director Jon
Bowermaster & Zephyr Teachout.

**4/19
CLIMATE CHAOS,
CORPORATE GREED**
5:30pm, SUB 401. Come learn
about holding oil and gas
companies responsible for
climate change.

**4/21-2
CONFERENCE: WOMEN
IN POLITICS**
At New Paltz and the FDR
Library. See page 3 for details.



1. Don't miss your registration time!
2. You *must* talk with your advisor prior to registering.
3. For the 2017-2018 academic year, remember the following:
 - **POL 390 Junior Seminar** (Dowley). Juniors with an interest in IR or Comparative politics are *strongly* encouraged to sign up for this course. This may also be taken as a senior seminar, and if so will count as Writing Intensive. Please sign up for this course by emailing Professor Miller: millerj@newpaltz.edu.
 - **POL 404 Senior Seminar** (Pampinella). Please sign up for this course by emailing Professor Miller: millerj@newpaltz.edu.
 - **Constitutional Law Requirement for Law & Politics Minor**: For 2017-2018, the Constitutional Law requirement can be filled by POL 393 First Amendment Law and Policy (Fall 2017).
 - **American and Law students** may also want to take an Honors Seminar on Administrative Law taught by Federal Administrative Law Judge Robert Weisel (MR 3:30-4:45). Contact Jeff Miller if you're interested in this course.
 - **Theory Requirement**: For the 2017-2018 Academic year, the theory requirement for Political Science can be filled with *any* of the following courses:
 - POL 323 Sovereigns and Subjects (Summer 2017)
 - POL 331 American Political Thought (Spring 2018)
 - HIS 408 Intellectual History of 20th Century Europe
 - PHI 311 Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
 - WOM 421 Feminist Theory

Conferences

SUNY New Paltz's 2017 Model European Union team:

Congratulations to the SUNY New Paltz Model EU Team, which participated in the 30th annual SUNY Model EU. This was Professor Dowley's 10th year directing the New Paltz team. Next year they'll meet in Brussels during January intercession, combined with 10 day study mission (Jan 7-17, 2018).

Pictured: Elizabeth Turner, Ian Donaldson, Nikki Donofrio, Emma Mont, Professor Kathleen Dowley, Jesmine Romanelli, Kirsa Drobnicki, Austin Alvarado, Laura (La La) Mieses, Kylee Leonard, Halle Anderson, Danielle Finn, Mona Mahraoui, and Teresa Mandri. New Paltz played the presidency team (Malta), Belgium, Luxembourg, and Slovakia.

Scholarships

Brownstein Travel Scholarship

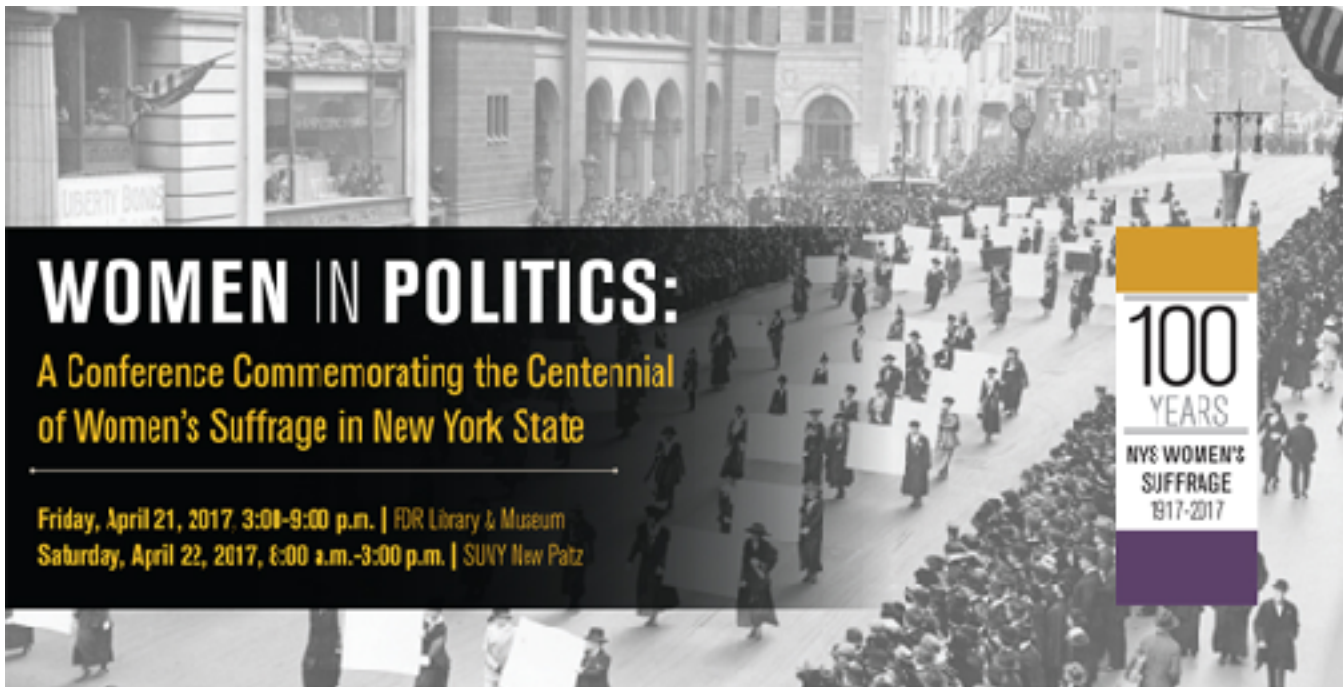
The 2017 Professor Lewis Brownstein International Relations Travel and Research Endowed Fund is now open to accept applications. Established in 2016 by the Department of Political Science and International Relations in honor of Professor Emeritus Lewis Brownstein, the scholarship provides a margin of excellence by supporting student travel to foreign countries with an academic component. Applicants must have completed their fourth semester prior to travel, be registered as a major in either International Relations or Political Science, full-time, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, and have completed at least nine credits in the major.

Details <https://newpaltz.academicworks.com/opportunities/2506>

Deadline: 1 May 2017

Conferences

Women in Politics



Registration is now open for “Women in Politics: Past, Present & Future,” a conference commemorating the centennial of women’s suffrage in New York State, which will begin on Friday, April 21, at the FDR Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., and will continue on Saturday, April 22, at SUNY New Paltz.

The conference is a product of collaboration between the Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives, local historically-focused organizations and a number of the College’s academic departments.

[Please follow this link to learn more and register: www.newpaltz.edu/benjamincenter/]

Summer

Human Rights Delegation In Rwanda



Applications are open for students to participate in Global Youth Connect’s (GYC) Human Rights Delegation in Rwanda from August 6 - August 19, 2017.

Global Youth Connect aims to play whatever positive role it can in assisting the youth of Rwanda in furthering their progress and promise, and repairing some of the damage that international actors caused to this small nation, its people, and the whole world in the process.

For more information please visit: <http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/rwanda>. You can also send any questions to outreach@globalyouthconnect.org.

Trips

PISA goes to Washington, D.C.



Students with the Political and International Studies Association traveled over spring break to Washington, D.C. with Professor Nancy Kassop. In addition to the regular highlights, this year students got to attend hearings for both Supreme Court nominee Gorsuch as well as House Intelligence Committee hearings with FBI Director Comey. Pictured here: Richard Pezzella, Jennifer Covais, Kirsia Drobnicki, Jimmy Collins, Julianna Mullane, Elee Wolf-Sonkin, Samantha Klein, Rebecca Grigas, Travis Tropeano, Arjeta Prenaj, and Halimat Sulayman.

Scholarships

LA&S Internship Scholarship

Have an internship this summer? Think about applying for the LA&S Internship Scholarship. These merit-based awards take into account GPA, internship quality, relevance of the internship for the major, and educational goals.

Guidelines:

- You must be a major in a department or program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- You must have a 3.3 or higher GPA
- Preference is given to juniors. Seniors graduating in May or August are not eligible.

To apply, submit:

1. A 300-500 word description of internship and its relation to your major, educational goals, and career plans.
2. A resume
3. An academic transcript
4. Two letters of recommendation from your professors.
5. Provide a statement of financial need and copy of your FAFSA form.

Deadline: May 1, 2017 The link to Apply for Scholarships Online can be found on my.newpaltz.edu by clicking on Money then Apply for Scholarships Online under Financial Aid

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Judy Paige O'Brien LA&S Scholarship

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Centrino Family/Rubin Benjamin Scholarship

The Benjamin Center is pleased to announce the availability of the Centrino Family/Rubin Benjamin Scholarship. This undergraduate scholarship includes an internship to provide experience in applied policy research at The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz for the 2017/18 academic year.

The Centrino Family/Rubin Benjamin scholarship provides a year-long full tuition award and a paid internship for an outstanding junior or senior who is interested in a career in public service. An interested applicant must be a full-time student and may be in any academic major. Applicants should be entering their junior or senior year at SUNY New Paltz in the fall of 2017, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, and be available to intern at The Benjamin Center for at least 10 hours per week during the academic year and at least half-time for the following summer. In addition to academic performance, financial need will be considered in making this award.

Interested students should apply through Scholarships Online which can be found on www.my.newpaltz.edu on the Students tab under Money. A letter of interest, an unofficial transcript, and recommendations from two faculty members must be received no later than May 15, 2017. In early June qualified applicants will be invited to interview via Skype.

For more information faculty or interested students may contact The Benjamin Center at [845.257-2901](tel:845.257-2901) or Benjamincenter@newpaltz.edu.

Scholarships

Sustainability Scholarship



Youth for the SDGs Scholarship

Young people working to advance the SDGs are invited to join Peace Boat in Latin America for a unique experiential learning program focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Program dates: June 20-July 3, 2017
(application deadline April 25)

In 2015, 193 UN member states came together to define 17 Sustainable Development Goals to shape the global agenda for sustainable development in the next fifteen years and beyond. Achieving these goals will require an unprecedented mobilization of the energy and skills of young people, who play a key role in promoting and advancing the SDGs through entrepreneurship, volunteering, research, education and other endeavors.

Toward this aim, Peace Boat US is offering two full scholarships for the program "Peace Education and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Latin America", taking place from June 20 – July 3, 2017 onboard Peace Boat, visiting Panama, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.

For more information about the program, visit peaceboat-us.org/programs/latin-america-summer-2017/

Applicants are encouraged to review the Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals website (<http://sdgyoungleaders.org>).

Applicants are also highly encouraged to participate in the UN Ocean Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal #14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development, taking place at the UN Headquarters in New York City from June 5-9, 2017. Online participation is possible.

The scholarship will cover the following:

- Airfare: NYC-Panama, and El Salvador-NYC (or equivalent price)
- Accommodation, meals, and travel onboard Peace Boat and in ports of call for the duration of the program
- Travel insurance from June 20 – July 3, 2017

Costs to be covered by participants:

- Personal expenses including gifts, souvenirs, toiletries, additional food, etc.
- Travel expenses not directly related to the program
- Costs related to extending your stay in Latin America either before or after the program dates

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-28 years old
- Youth who are currently involved in SDG-related initiatives
- Ability to obtain visas for relevant countries
- Possess a passport valid through December 31, 2017

Qualities we are looking for:

- Leadership skills
- Strong speaking and presentation ability (in English)
- Experience volunteering or working on SDG-related initiatives
- Commitment and plans for continuing SDG-related work in the future

Application process:

- In 200 words or less please explain:
 - 1) Brief background of your experience with SDG related initiatives
 - 2) Why you want to join the program
 - 3) How you can use the experience to further your SDG-related work
- Statements can be submitted via email to info@peaceboat-us.org
- Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm (17:00 Eastern Standard Time) on April 25, 2017
- Selected applicants will be contacted by April 30 to conduct an interview via Skype. Interviews will be scheduled no later than May 5
- Scholarship recipients must submit 1 copy of their passport, one photo, and program application form within one week of receiving notification from Peace Boat US.

PEACE BOAT US

For questions, please email info@peaceboat-us.org

Check out their webpage at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=2857>

YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Community Involvement

Spring Cleaning

Nick Libretti ('18) has organized a Rail Trail clean-up on May 6th. This is official Volunteer work that can be used in grad/law school applications. We will be working in partnership with Amy Cohen who is a leading Democrat and who is the proud owner of the Groovy Blueberry in New Paltz.

Where: 1 Water Street, New Paltz



When: May 6th

Time: 9:00 am please arrive 30 mins prior.

Please contact Nick at librettn1@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu to indicate you're coming or for more information.

Department

Where to find people.

	Name	Email	Office	Hours
	Benjamin, Gerald	benjamig@newpaltz.edu	HAB 704	By appointment
	Dowley, Kathleen	dowleyk@newpaltz.edu	JFT 920 Southside	W 1:00-3:00 M 1:00-3:00
	Kassop, Nancy	kassopn@newpaltz.edu	JFT 812	T 10:00-12:00 W 12:00-2:00
	Lefkowitz, Joel	lefkowij@newpaltz.edu	JFT 400	W 2:00-5:00 TF 5:30-6:00
	Lipson, Daniel	lipsond@newpaltz.edu	JFT 810	M 1:00-3:00 R 10:00-12:00
	Mauceri, Phillip	maucerip@newpaltz.edu	JFT 320	M 3:30-4:30 R 10:00-12:00
	Miller, Jeff	millerj@newpaltz.edu	JFT 816	MR 10:00-12:00
	Minkoff, Scott	minkoffs@newpaltz.edu	JFT 1008	W 9:30-12:00 R 1:30-3:00
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	Schwartz, Jonathan	schwartj@newpaltz.edu	JFT 1016	T 10:00-12:00 W 12:00-1:00 F 11:00-12:00