

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

FRIDAY, SEP 1

December Graduation Deadline
Bring completed forms to
WH115

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CAS Fall Internship Deadline
Contact Career Resources
HUM 105

THURS, SEP 7

Study Abroad Fair 11-3
SUB MPR

THURS, SEP 7

Political Science Club Meeting
6:30-7:30, location TBA

MON, SEPT 18

Constitution Day Event

“The Winning Legal Strategy
Behind the Right to Marriage
Equality”

CSB Auditorium, 5-6:30

Video Followed by Q & A with
Professor Nancy Kassop



WELCOME BACK!

The start of the Fall 2017 semester is now upon us, and I want to take a few moments to introduce myself, and remind you about some important changes and opportunities available to you this term. For those that don't know me, my name is Kathleen Dowley, Associate Professor of Comparative Politics, and I will serve as “interim” chair of the Department this year while Professor Jeff Miller takes a well-deserved year of sabbatical. Because he will occasionally still use his office, and because he will return as Chair next year, I will be holding my “Chair” office hours upstairs in my regular office in 920 JFT. You are welcome to drop by with questions during my office hours (Mondays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30, Wednesdays 1:30-3:30), but it also might be best to email Erin Stewart (stewart@newpaltz.edu) to schedule a time.

Keep in mind that while Professor Miller is away, we are not able to offer his usual political theory courses, (POL 220/323) but American Political Thought (offered in the spring) can/will be allowed to count as the required Theory course (via workflow) if you have been unable to take 220/323 before now.

Junior Seminar in Political Science: Post-Conflict Peacebuilding

Fall 2017: MH 2-3:15* space still available!

Overview

This class focuses on an old problem but one that has received new international attention since the end of the Cold War: how to rebuild states and societies after political conflict, particularly after civil or internal conflict. Since the early 1990s, the predominant form of warfare across the globe has been civil war in which two or more armed groups fight each other for territorial control in an internationally recognized state. Whereas global powers often neglected such “small wars,” their importance has increased significantly since the end of the Cold War. The policy world has encouraged investment in a standard set of prescriptions: international peacekeepers, democratization, power-sharing institutions, disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of rebels, and some mechanism to acknowledge war crimes. Yet, the record suggests that a great deal of variation exists in the policies and approaches that post-war governments pursue. Why do some governments pursue a particular package of initiatives while others do not? And why do the majority of countries that experience civil war fall back into civil war, most often within 5 years of reaching an agreement on peace. Contact Professor Dowley at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu for more information about adding the course.

Fall Events

3 Credit Winter Session SUNY Model EU Study Mission And Simulation in Brussels, Capital of Europe!

January 6-19, 2018

INFO SESSION

Thursday, Sep 7

4:30-5:30

Honors Center Seminar Room, College Hall

Contact Professor Dowley at

dowleyk@newpaltz.edu for More Information

The SUNY Model EU Study Mission in Brussels, Belgium is a 12 day, 3-credit Study Abroad experience that includes participation in the transatlantic Model EU simulation, as well as an extended and intensive week of scholarly inquiry into the policymaking process of the European Union. Students participating in the Study Mission will prepare for the simulation at their own universities with the help of faculty at New Paltz and Albany (remotely). Preparatory materials, a syllabus, and advance readings will be posted to the study mission Blackboard page, accessible by password to students on any SUNY campus. In addition to preparing their country and alter ego's position on the simulation's agenda items, Study Mission participants will do some additional readings prior to departure on Belgian Politics, the EU policy process, and the "case study" areas of **immigration policy and immigrant integration**.

Study Mission Program Costs:

Activity	Cost (USD)
Administrative Fee (To CIP)	\$200
Program Fee	\$650
Tuition (in state, 3 credits)	\$834
Medical/Travel insurance (one month)	\$50
Total Mission Cost	\$1734

*r/t airfare not included in above costs



Study Mission and Model EU participants will stay at the **Ibis Hotel-Ste Catherine, Rue Joseph Plateau 2, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, +32 (0)2 513 7620**, full breakfast included, program fee includes additional 4 group dinners, 2 campus lunches during simulation, all transportation to briefings, and Ghent/The Hague, and Model EU registration fee.

Mission Highlights

- **Briefing at the European Council**
 - **Briefing at the European Commission**
 - **Tour the EU Parliamentarium**
 - **Tour/Visit Belgian National and Flemish Regional Parliaments**
 - **Trip to Medieval Ghent**
 - **Trip to The Hague, Netherlands to visit the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court**
 - **Briefing in Molenbeek on Deradicalization programs enacted at local levels**
 - **NATO Briefing at US Mission to EU**
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Internships

Opportunity for Students!

We have 2 openings for students to be selected as NAFSA Youth representatives at the UN starting this October 2017. We are accepting applications on a rolling basis. The sooner we get the application it will be reviewed for selection. This is an amazing opportunity to get a UN badge that enables them to have access to meetings, high level events, NGO briefings etc. This is experiential learning at its best. One of our past Youth Representatives at the UN had the honor of attending a tribute to outgoing Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the taking of Oath of Office by the Secretary-General-designate António Guterres.

NAFSA Youth reps are expected to blog about their weekly attendance at Thursday's UN DPI NGO briefings. Additionally we welcome anyone interested from the NAFSA community to attend these NGO briefings as guests and our NAFSA youth reps help coordinate it and meet you at the UN as part of their duties.

- **Please use this link to apply to be the next NAFSA youth rep at the UN:**
connectingourworld2014.wordpress.com/...



SUPERVISOR MAJESTIC'S 2017 Fall Internship – Gardiner, NY

Interns will be expected to perform a wide variety of duties, including daily office operations, policy research, event planning, budget preparation, updating social media and assisting with campaign plans. Additionally interns will be responsible for providing constituent services who contact the office seeking assistance. Interns will be able to work with all levels of town staff.

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, but not required. It is crucial for applicants to possess strong verbal and written communication skills.

Interns are expected to work a minimum of 8–10 hours a week. Scheduling will be determined based on their class schedule and availability. This is not a paying internship. All work will be performed in the Gardiner area.

Students may do this internship for academic credit. Those interested should submit a letter of interest to Marybeth Majestic at supervisor.tog@gmail.com. In this email please include your contact information and days and times that you are available to work.

Department Office Hours

	Name	Email	Office	Hours
	Benjamin, Gerald	benjamig@newpaltz.edu	HAB 704	By appointment
	Dowley, Kathleen	dowleyk@newpaltz.edu	JFT 920	W 1:30-3:30 MR 3:30-4:30
	Kassop, Nancy	kassopn@newpaltz.edu	JFT 812	MR 2:00-3:00 W 12:00-2:00
	Lefkowitz, Joel	lefkowij@newpaltz.edu	JFT 400	MWR 12:30-2
	Lipson, Daniel	lipsond@newpaltz.edu	JFT 810	M 1:00-3:00 W 2:00-3:00 F 11:00-12:00
	Mauceri, Phillip	maucerip@newpaltz.edu	JFT 314A*	MWR 11-12:00 T 9:00-11:00
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	Minkoff, Scott	minkoffs@newpaltz.edu	JFT 320*	TF 2:30-4:30
	Ozler, Ilgu	ozleri@newpaltz.edu	JFT 912	T 9:00-1:00
	Pampinella, Stephen	pampines@newpaltz.edu	JFT 1000	W 10:00-11:00 W 1:00-2:00 R 1:00-3:00
	Schwartz, Jonathan	schwartj@newpaltz.edu	JFT 1016	TF 10:00-12:00

***INDICATES NEW OFFICE LOCATION!**