

Political Science and International Relations



IMPORTANT DATES:

9/13

GERALD BENJAMIN MEETING

3:30, JFT 1010.

9/17

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM INTEREST MEETING

5:00, Center for International
Programs.

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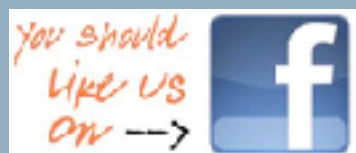
CONSTITUTION DAY: EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE AND THE PRESIDENCY

Professor Kassop on the concept
of executive privilege. 7:00pm
Honors Center (College Hall).

10/5

WEAPONIZED CITIZENSHIP

Mark your calendars. NP alum
Ross Dardani ('11) visits to
discuss his Ph.D. Thesis,
"Weaponized Citizenship: A
Critical Race Theory Analysis of
U.S. Citizenship Legislation." 3:30,
JFT 1010.



Your Future

Internships

Let's say you're a graduate of SUNY New Paltz with an excellent cover letter, great grades, and glowing letters of recommendation. It might not be enough in today's job market! Internships are a way to get hands-on experience and mentoring; they could give you the competitive edge when it comes to applying for a job.

With the fall campaign season heating up, all the major political campaigns are looking for interns (Faso and Metzger are advertising in this newsletter - see page 3). Contact a campaign, and ask if you can help out. Alternatively, visit a local governmental office (with your resume!) and ask about possible volunteer positions.

The 2018 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://lww.org/>

Conferences

SCUSA 2018

CONFERENCE 70TH ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS (SCUSA)

The largest and oldest conference of its type, SCUSA is an important means through which we promote civil-military engagement among future leaders from around the world. In addition to 60 cadet delegates, approximately 200 undergraduate and graduate students from over 100 universities and 20-30 countries attend SCUSA each year. Conference highlights include an opening senior panel discussion on the evening of October 24th, a keynote address banquet on October 25th, four roundtable sessions, and a closing session on October 27th at which delegates will present recommendations for U.S. foreign policy developed during their roundtable sessions. The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Susan Rice, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Other recent keynote speakers have included Amb (Ret) Douglas Lute, Dr. Richard Haass, Secretary Madeleine Albright, Ambassador Thomas Pickering, and Lieutenant General (Ret.) Brent Scowcroft.

The Conference theme this year is "Cooperation Reimagined: American Influence in an Increasingly Complex World." The world we live in is changing, forcing America to reevaluate its role within the international system it has led for the past 70-plus years. Amplified by technological innovations and the speed of communications, a widening set of states, organizations, and empowered individuals can shape geopolitics. Such rapid transformation on the international stage necessitates adapting to a post-world war order. In order to increase the likelihood of achieving preferred outcomes, the United States must assess its roles and those of its allies and partners while redefining global cooperation. During this year's 70th Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA 70), "Cooperation Reimagined: American Influence in an Increasingly Complex World," delegates will consider multifaceted, thought-provoking issues that affect the world we know today. Working with students from around the globe, SCUSA 70 delegates will consider complex problems and recommend innovative ways to reimagine global cooperation.



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 **Wednesday, September 12th**.

Internships

Metzger State Senate Campaign

Jen Metzger's campaign for NY State Senate is looking for campaign Fellows and Interns who want to gain experience at a fast-paced and competitive state level political campaign.

Successful applicants will have a passion for Democratic politics and be hard working, self-motivated, and willing to learn new skills. They will gain experience in the campaign's field, finance, research, communications, and/or political operations. Additionally, interns will have the opportunity to improve their public speaking, writing, and research abilities.

We ask for a commitment of 8-10 hours per week for Interns, and 15-25 hours per week for Fellows. We are looking for Fellows and Interns who can start immediately, but we are flexible with exact dates. These internships are unpaid, but we are happy to assist with receiving academic credit.

Please send your resume and a short explanation (1-2 paragraphs) of your interest in working on a political campaign and what you hope to gain from the experience to rachael@jenmetzger.com.

Internships

John Faso Congressional Campaign

The Faso Congressional campaign is looking for unpaid internship, willing to work with the institution for credit. Minimum of 10 hours a week. Hours can be set based on amount necessary for a credit based internship.

Internship Description:

This is a fast paced internship working for a republican candidate seeking re-election for the NY- 19 Congressional seat. The NY-19 district covers 11 upstate counties including:

Sullivan, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Broome, Montgomery, Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Ulster and Rensselaer.

Brief summaries of duties include, but are not limited to, direct voter contact through mailers, telephone, or personal visits. Participating in all stages of voter outreach projects, campaign events, fundraisers, and community events. Gathering, analyzing, and entering data. Conducting research. Assisting with office duties.

Monitoring Progress:

Will report to the office on a daily basis and receive tasks there. Will be monitored by the office manager.

Who we are looking for:

We are looking for students from all walks of life and from all different majors who are interested in politics and have a basic knowledge of the federal government. There is no GPA requirements or experience requirements, we are just looking for students who are willing to work hard and want to learn.

We are looking for fall interns to apply by the end of September 15th. Applicants should email their resumes to Kyriacos@johnfaso.com

Contact Person: Kyriacos Ouloupis, Regional Field Director, Kyriacos@johnfaso.com

Talks

Ross Dardani (Poli Sci, '11) on US Citizenship

Ross Dardani
Muhlenberg College
Friday, October 5, 3:30pm

Separate and Unequal: U.S. Citizenship in the Unincorporated Territories



Professor Dardani will provide a general overview of the history of U.S. citizenship and then focus on how citizenship functions in the U.S. unincorporated territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

Dr. Ross Dardani completed his undergraduate degree at SUNY New Paltz and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut in the fields of public law and political theory. He is currently a visiting assistant professor in the political science department at Muhlenberg College. His research and teaching interests include law and society, constitutional law, critical race theory, U.S. government and American political thought. He studies how the Supreme Court influences

American politics, the manifold ways law matters to ordinary citizens and the societal forces that shape the U.S. legal system. He has a particular focus on how the Supreme Court's decisions involving race relations are influenced by the larger structural forces of U.S. society. He has interned at the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court of the United States and worked at the American Bar Association.

10/5/18 3:30pm JFT 1010 SUNY New Paltz

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Talks

Professor Gerald Benjamin

On Thursday, September 13th at 3:30 in JFT 1010, Professor Gerald Benjamin will meet with students to discuss comments he made regarding Congressional candidate Anthony Delgado in a July 17th 2018 article in the *New York Times* (you can read the article here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/17/us/politics/antonio-delgado-lyrics.html>).

In light of the role race and racism play in U.S. politics, our discipline pays close attention to the centrality of white racial resentment in driving the rise of right-wing populism and racial scapegoating. We understand that racial resentment is a powerful force that may benefit Representative Faso's campaign in our largely white district. We were particularly troubled by Professor Benjamin's seemingly uncritical acceptance of Congressman Faso's campaign strategy to "other" Delgado by highlighting his time as a rap musician.

Members of the Department of Political Science and International Relations differ on a wide range of policy and political matters, but we all believe in the importance of racial inclusion as well as a civil discourse that is free of bigotry.

Professor Benjamin has asked to speak in person with PSIR students to discuss his remarks as well as answer any questions you may have. You are all, consequently, invited to attend the meeting and engage with Professor Benjamin.

Programs

Global Engagement Program Interest Meeting



On Monday, September 17th, the **SUNY Global Engagement Program** will be hosting two general information sessions at the Center for International Programs at 5-6 PM for students interested in the program. There will be *FREE* food served!

The SUNY Global Engagement Program (GEP) provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the extensive global affairs conducted in New York City. **This program runs every fall semester.** The program provides a fully integrated 12-15 credit academic and internship experience comprised of three interconnected components: an internship with any number of globally engaged organizations based in New York City, an opportunity to critically reflect on that work with fellow students similarly positioned, and an original research project on issues with which students are intimately engaged. These experiences shape careers *and* lives.

At the general information meetings, we will discuss further program details, including the application process, housing information, and the [SUNY Global Center](#) in New York City. For more information, you can check out our video of alumni testimonials [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail us at gep@newpaltz.edu. We hope to see you at one of our informational sessions!

Working in Politics

Unity Fellowship

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**NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY****UNITY FELLOWSHIP**

**FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE
ALL OVER NY STATE.**

Fellows will be trained on the basics of organizing & campaign fundamentals and then placed in a community to carry out grassroots activities.

**APPLY TODAY AT
[HTTPS://ACT.NYDEMS.ORG/NYDEMSFELLOWS/](https://act.nydem.org/nydemsfellows/)**

Talks

Nancy Kassop on Executive Privilege

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ

Political Science and International Relations



Constitution Day 2018

Executive Privilege and the Presidency



Join Professor Nancy Kassop of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY New Paltz for a talk about the concept of executive privilege. Presidents throughout history have asserted a claim of confidentiality over their documents or communications with their advisors, when Congress or the courts have demanded information from them.

Resolution of these controversies is often, but not always, accomplished through negotiation and compromise. Understanding the history and nature of executive privilege may become relevant once more, as Special Counsel Mueller proceeds with his investigation into the 2016 presidential campaign and its aftermath.

The event takes place in the Honors Center (College Hall) from 7:00 - 8:00pm on Monday, September 17. It is free and open to the public.

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