Political Science and International Relations

Fall 2019 Semester

October 31: Brexit Update! Brexit is…to be continued…

Advance registration is nearly upon us. Please make appointments to see your advisors in order to receive electronic clearance to register for spring 2020.

If you need to register for EITHER the American or Comparative/IR seminar in the spring, you MUST first receive electronic permission from the Chair, so please email me at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu with your preference.

- POL 300 is a pre-requisite for the seminars, and you must take it before you sign up for seminar.
- Registration priority will go to those students who need the seminar to graduate this spring (or summer).
- IR students needing a foreign policy course to graduate should register for POL 365 International Relations of East Asia with Professor Schwartz.
- Students who want to take Professor Lipson’s Constitutional Law class but have not taken POL 216 American Government must contact Professor Lipson to receive an electronic override into the course.

If you have any questions about the PSIR Department, please feel free to come by and chat. Department Office: (845) 257-3540, JFT 816. My regular office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-4.

Kathleen Dowley, Associate Professor and Chair, PSIR

Poll Workers Needed for 2019 Elections.
You, too, can be an Election Inspector!

To find out how, send an email to the Ulster County Board of Elections: elections@co.ulster.ny.us OR Call our office at 845-334-5470 and ask for Jennifer Matera or Adrianne Theetge, Election Inspector Coordinators.

Partial day hours now available, @ $15/hr.
Internship Opportunity

International Rescue Committee is looking for interns!

If you are interested in learning about volunteer and internship opportunities with one of IRC’s US Program offices, please visit the link below for more information:

https://rescueglobal.secure.force.com/volunteer/

The IRC's impact at a glance:

The International Rescue Committee responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises and helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future. In more than 40 countries and in 26 U.S. cities, our dedicated teams provide clean water, shelter, health care, education and empowerment support to refugees and displaced people. Here are highlights of our impact over the last year:

In 2018, the IRC and our international program partners:

- Provided 1.6 million children with schooling and education opportunities.
- Supported 15,645 existing businesses and 4,738 new businesses.
- 21,982 people participated in awareness-raising sessions on governance-related topics, such as individual rights, conflict mitigation and local government hotlines.
- Trained 23,852 people on child protection, gender-based violence and protection principles, and service delivery.
- Reached 1.2 million people through our efforts to raise awareness about human rights, protection and gender-based violence.
- Supported 27,827 village saving and loan association (VSLA) members. VSLA participants saved more than 1 million USD.
- Supported 16,177 schools, education centers, vocational training centers and safe healing and learning spaces.

In the United States in 2018, the IRC:

- Served 9,127 people with economic empowerment programs, including financial coaching, vocational training and asset building.
- Worked with 8,027 volunteers in the U.S. who collectively provided more than 200,000 hours of service.
A Conversation with Congressman Antonio Delgado

The Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz welcomed Antonio Delgado, member of the U.S. House of Representatives for New York’s 19th Congressional District, to the College on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019.

The focus of this public conversation was Congressman Delgado’s early experience in Congress and his priorities going forward as he represents and serves constituents in his 11-county district.

Photo of Political Science and International Relations students meeting with Delgado. In photo are Matt Hemsley (Political Science Major and President of New Paltz Democrat Club), Graham Polhill (Political Science Major), Simon Spindell (Political Science Major), and Nicole Castillo (International Relations major).
Contest Announcement

International Affairs Forum announces its Student Award Competition for Fall 2019!

Visit: https://www.ia-forum.org/StudentAwards/

Topics for the competition are Disinformation/Misinformation and Education. Write your essay on either topic.

Awards: Winning submissions will be published in our next issue of International Affairs Forum.

Deadline: November 24 2019, 11:59 pm EST

Guidelines:

- Submissions should be approximately 700 to 1000 words.
- Entrants must currently be enrolled in college.
- Include a separate bibliography and footnotes, where applicable, for your piece.
- Articles/papers should offer an interesting point-of-view based upon well-researched and documented data and analysis of that data. We may ask you to provide supporting documentation sources for your piece. Authors of opinion editorials need to be able to verify factual claims if requested. IA-FORUM does not refuse to run editorials of view-points contrary to the Editor or staff but will refuse any submission that displays poor taste or unsubstantiated demagoguery.
- IA-FORUM reserves the right to edit for space and style if necessary. Whether to contact the author about these changes prior to publication is at the discretion of the Editor.
- For winning submissions, we will ask for a high-resolution picture of you, at least 571x571 pixels. Moreover, we ask that you identify the piece by one of the following political perspective categories:
  - Conservative
  - Independent/Other
  - Liberal

SUBMISSION FORMAT

All pieces should be in a Word (.doc), text (.txt), or .rtf format. If you wish to include pictures and graphs, contact an IA-FORUM Editor first. All submissions need to include the date of submission and the name and contact information (in particular e-mail) of the author.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit pieces and address questions to EDITOR@IA-Forum.org
You are invited to join the 7th annual Student World Affairs Conference (SWAC) at Marist College - submit a paper and mark your calendars!

**SWAC is an annual undergraduate student research conference.** It provides the opportunity for students to present on their research broadly related to world affairs, and to interact with students from other colleges and universities in the region and beyond.

Student paper proposals should be submitted via:  
http://marist/swac2020abstract

The conference is free and open to all, yet advance registration is required via:  
http://maris.st/swac2020registration

SWAC ‘20 is co-sponsored by Marist College, a comprehensive liberal arts college in Poughkeepsie, New York.  
www.marist.edu

For further information, please contact Michael.osullivan@marist.edu, or Juris.pupcenoks@marist.edu
The Student World Affairs Conference welcomes proposals from undergraduate students of political science, history, philosophy, gender studies, economics, business, and related disciplines. Any student paper which deals with a topic in world affairs is appropriate for the conference. The conference provides an excellent interdisciplinary venue for undergraduate students, academics, researchers, and professionals in private and public organizations to discuss issues and share their work.

Proposal Submission
Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words via the following link (or by clicking on the QR Code below):
http://mari.st/swac2020abstract

The deadline for proposal submissions is January 31, 2020. Paper acceptances will be announced no later than February 5. Upon acceptance, final papers must be submitted to the discussant by February 19.

Please note that while there are no page limits, the final paper must be at least five pages in length. While students are welcome to write new papers for the SWAC, in the past most students submitted abstracts based on papers previously already written for classes. At the conference, students will present on their paper for 10-12 minutes each, followed by brief comments from the panel’s discussant and a Q-and-A session.

For further information, please contact Michael O'Sullivan at Michael.osullivan@marist.edu, or Juris Pupcenoks at Juris.pupcenoks@marist.edu.
Election Year Special!

Political Communication

Special Topics CMM393

Politics & Policy Messaging Advocacy
Social Change Analytics

Analyzing the 2020 Primaries

Offered Mondays and Thursdays 5pm-6:15pm

While the course does not count for credit in our major(s), we did think it might be of interest as an elective!
## Fall 2019 Faculty Office Hours

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