

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 4-March 30

**Course Withdrawal Period**  
Students will receive a **W**, and  
there is a \$20 fee

February 24

**GEP General Interest Meeting**  
Honors Center, 6:30-7:30

February 28

**Last Day for Students to Submit**  
**Work for "I" in Fall 2019 classes**

March 1

**Summer Study Abroad Deadline**

March 3

**SUPER TUESDAY PRIMARIES!**

Primaries held in Maine, Mass,  
California, Alabama, North  
Carolina, Arkansas, Texas,  
Tennessee, Colorado, Minnesota,  
Vermont, Virginia, Utah,  
Oklahoma and American Samoa

March 10

**Midpoint of Spring Semester**

March 12

**Annual Gary King Lecture**  
**"Gaining Voice: Black Seat Share**  
**and Policy Representation in**  
**States"**

**By Christopher J Clark (UNC)**  
SUB MPR, 6-7:30

## February Newsletter

Hope you are all surviving "Watergate" and a mini early semester break!

Inside find details of upcoming programs, internship opportunities, a profile of retiring Professor of Political Science Gerald Benjamin, and the **Tentative** Fall 2020 schedule. The final schedule will not be approved for another several weeks, but we wanted to assist in planning. Keep in mind that those courses listed as "staff" have been requested, i.e. we would like to hire someone to teach them, but at the moment, they should be considered "pending" courses.

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 spring office hours are Tuesdays 11-1 and Fridays 10-noon.

**Kathleen Dowley, Associate Professor and Chair, PSIR**

**GLOBAL  
ENGAGEMENT  
PROGRAM**

**GENERAL INTEREST  
MEETING AND PANEL**

**FEBRUARY 24**  
**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**HONORS CENTER**

**Food will be served**

## Tentative Fall 2020 Political Science Schedule

### *POL210 The Nature of Political Thinking*

01	PI	20	3 HUM3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MR	09:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Jeffrey Miller
	Not yet								

### *POL216 American Govt and Politics*

01	PI	40	4 USS3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TWF	12:30 PM - 01:40 PM	Daniel Lipson
03	PI	40	4 USS3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MWR	11:00 AM - 12:10 PM	
04	PI	40	4 USS3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TWF	02:00 PM - 03:10 PM	Daniel Lipson

### *POL220 Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds*

01	PI	40	4 WES3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MWR	12:30 PM - 01:40 PM	Jeffrey Miller
02	PI	40	4 WES3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MWR	02:00 PM - 03:10 PM	Jeffrey Miller

### *POL227 Intro International Politics*

01	PI	40	4 SSCI	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TWF	08:00 AM - 09:10 AM	Jonathan Schwartz
02	PI	40	4 SSCI	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TWF	09:30 AM - 10:40 AM	Jonathan Schwartz

### *POL229 Intro to Comparative Politics*

01	PI	40	4 WRDL	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MWR	03:30 PM - 04:40 PM	Kathleen Dowley
02		40	4 WRDL	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MR	05:00 PM - 06:50 PM	Staff

### *POL300 Political Science Research Methods*

01	PI	25	4	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TWF	09:30 AM - 10:40 AM	Scott Minkoff
02	PI	25	4	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TWF	12:30 PM - 01:40 PM	Scott Minkoff

### *POL303 Campaigns and Elections*

01		35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MR	03:30 PM - 04:45 PM	Joel Lefkowitz
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### *POL316 American Public Policies*

01		30	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TF	02:00 PM - 03:15 PM	Scott Minkoff
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### *POL342 Politics of Developing Areas*

01		35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TF	12:30 PM - 01:45 PM	Jonathan Schwartz
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### *POL350 Introduction to Law*

02	PI	35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	R	05:00 PM - 07:50 PM	<b>HYBRID</b> Shala Mills
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### *POL353 International Relations of the Americas*

01		35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MR	12:30 PM - 01:45 PM	Joel Lefkowitz
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### *POL356 Sex Discrimination and the Law*

01		35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TF	09:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Daniel Lipson
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### *POL366 American Foreign Policy*

01	PI	35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	TF	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Stephen Pampinella
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### *POL379 Women in Politics*

01		35	3	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	MR	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	KT Tobin
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### *POL404 Seminar in International Relations*

01	PC	20	4	WI	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	T	03:30 PM - 06:20 PM	Stephen Pampinella
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### *POL406 Seminar in Law*

01		20	4	WI	08/24/20	12/17/20	1	W	03:30 PM - 06:20 PM	<b>HYBRID</b> Nancy Kassop
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## Professor Gerald Benjamin announces phased retirement

SUNY New Paltz announced this week that Dr. Gerald Benjamin, associate vice president for regional engagement and director of [The Benjamin Center](#) for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz will enter a phased retirement after a distinguished, 50-plus year career at the College. His retirement will take effect on June 30, 2020.

Effective Feb. 14, Benjamin will step down as director of the Benjamin Center. During spring 2020 he will support the Center's transition to new leadership, complete several center projects and continue teaching his course in state government. In retirement, Benjamin will be affiliated with the Center as a researcher and be available to teach courses periodically.



“Dr. Gerald Benjamin is the foremost scholar and expert on local and state government in New York and is held in high esteem by his faculty and administrative colleagues, state and local government officials, other scholars, and thousands of students who have taken his courses,” said President Donald P. Christian. “He has contributed greatly to the campus community, the region and the state during his longstanding career at SUNY New Paltz.”

Benjamin joined the New Paltz faculty as an assistant professor of political science in 1968 and was appointed to his current role in 2008. Originally founded as the Center for Regional Research, Education and Outreach (CRREO) by Benjamin and then-President Steven Poskanzer, the Benjamin Center is the principal locus of the College's efforts engage with communities, governments, not-for-profits and businesses across the Hudson Valley. As the leading independent, university-based public-policy research center in the Hudson Valley, it conducts research on regional topics; encourages faculty to build regionally-based service activity into their scholarship and teaching; creates and directs institutes and programs to meet regional needs; and offers conferences and programs on matters of regional interest.

Over the course of his tenure at the College, Jerry has taught a great range of American government courses, with particular focus on political processes and institutions in local and state government. In 2002, he achieved the University's highest rank when he was appointed distinguished professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees. He has served as chair of the Department of Political Science & International Relations, presiding officer of the faculty and dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (1996-2008). He will be missed by all of us here in the department, as a scholar, teacher, and friend.



## ***Are you an undergraduate female student aspiring to become a public service leader?***

**Apply to the 2020  
2020 NEW Leadership™ New York Summer Institute  
May 27th - June 2nd, 2020**

### ***DEADLINE March 2, 2020***

***New Leaders will take part in training sessions, experiential workshops and field trips to help them explore and develop their own leadership capacity.***

***Students will receive an introduction to the women's rights movement, politics and policy making, campaign and community organizing, coalition building in diverse and global communities, and advocacy skills. Networking, mentoring opportunities and special events will also take place throughout the week.***

***New Leaders will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of the program and are encouraged to implement a project back on their home campus or community for which they can receive a mini-grant from the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society.***

**[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)**

***For more information:***

***Visit us at [NEW Leadership New York](#) website, and take a look at the NEW Leadership New York [Brochure](#).***

***Contact Bilge Avci, Program Coordinator, at [newleadership@albany.edu](mailto:newleadership@albany.edu) or (518) 591-8762***

***The NEW Leadership™ New York Summer Institute is a fully funded, intensive, one-week residential program to educate college women about the political process and teach them to become effective leaders.***

#### ***Eligibility and Application Process***

- The program is open to undergraduate students (or recent graduates) enrolled in any New York State college of university AND to all New York State residents who are enrolled as undergraduates in out-of-state schools.***
- Applicants should demonstrate interest and experience in developing leadership skills and are expected to have at least 3.0 GPA. Under certain circumstances, applicants with GPA below 3.0 will be considered, however, they must provide strong justification for why they should be considered.***
- The program is provided **free of charge** to all participants. Housing, meals and parking permits at the University at Albany are also provided free of charge to participants. (Travel expenses of applicants to and from the institute site are not reimbursed.)***
- Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society. All materials must be postmarked or received via email by **March 2nd, 2020.*****

# JEFFREY D. SACHS

## Keynote “The Age of Sustainable Development”



Global Goals Teach in Week  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 17**  
**6-7:30PM**  
SUNY New Paltz Campus  
**LECTURE CENTER 100**

Professor Sachs will join via VC and will be available to answer questions after his talk.

Sponsored by Strategic Planning and Assessment Council  
Co sponsored by Department of Economics, The Global Engagement Program, Department of Political Science and International Relations

The event is free and open to public.

## GLOBAL GOALS WEEK



### Think Global Act Local: Engage for a Sustainable Future at SUNY New Paltz

Wednesday, February 19 from  
3:30 to 6:30

Student Union Building Multi-Purpose Room  
Join students, faculty, and staff in envisioning a just, equitable, sustainable future at SUNY New Paltz using the framework of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development in this participatory workshop led by students from the United Nations Semester class. This workshop is intended to deepen your understanding of the Global Goals as well as foster conversation, dialogue and creative thinking about how we as a campus community can work to achieve Global Goals here at SUNY New Paltz by 2030.

# U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program

## Intern in Washington, D.C. or Abroad

How far could a student internship at the U.S. Department of State take you? Just for starters, it would give you a coveted inside look at diplomacy in action, and the range of careers and responsibilities found in the Foreign Service and Civil Service. You'll gain valuable work experience that you can apply to virtually every endeavor — whether you work in government or the private sector. Most of all, you will feel good about doing something worthwhile for your nation.

The **U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program** is an unpaid internship with the opportunity to work in U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world, as well as in various bureaus located in Washington, D.C. and at Department offices around the United States. This program is designed to provide substantive learning experiences in a foreign affairs environment.

While the duties of U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program participants vary from bureau to bureau, office to office, and embassy to embassy, it is not uncommon for these students to:

- Participate in meetings with senior-level U.S. Government or foreign government officials
- Draft, edit, or contribute to cables, reports, communications, talking points, or other materials used by policymakers in furthering U.S. foreign policy objectives
- Support events, including international and/or multilateral meetings and conferences or
- Engage directly with U.S. audiences in helping to explain the work of the Department of State or foreign audiences in helping to promote U.S. foreign policy and improve understanding of U.S. culture and society

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program [Keep Me Informed](#)

## Fall 2020 Student Internship Program

Now Accepting Applications

We are now accepting applications for the Student Internship Program. Students should go to [USAJOBS.gov](https://USAJOBS.gov) to apply. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2020.

- [Apply Now](#)
- [Selection Process](#)
- [Which Office?](#)

- [Internship FAQ](#)



## Where to find us

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## Spring 2020 Faculty Office Hours

PROFESSOR	PHONE/EMAIL	DAYS	TIMES	OFFICE
Gerald Benjamin	845 257 2901 benjamig@newpaltz.edu		By appointment	HAB 704A
Kathleen Dowley	845 257 3558 dowleyk@newpaltz.edu	Tuesdays Fridays	11 am-1:00 pm 10 am-noon	JFT 816
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Daniel Lipson	845 257 3543 lipsond@newpaltz.edu	Tuesdays and Fridays	10:00-11:00 am And 2:00-3:00 pm	JFT 810
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Jeff Miller	845 257 3934 millerj@newpaltz.edu	Wednesdays	12-4:00	JFT 920
Scott Minkoff	845 257 3541 minkoffs@newpaltz.edu	Tuesdays Thursdays	2:00-4:30 pm	JFT 320
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Stephen Pampinella	845 257 3549 pampines@newpaltz.edu	Tuesdays Wednesdays	2:30-4:30 pm 9-11:00 am	JFT 522
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John Tobin*	tobinj@newpaltz.edu	Tuesdays	4:30pm-5:00pm	JFT 804

