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

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
By Christopher J Clark (UNC)
SUB MPR, 6-7:30
## Tentative Fall 2020 Political Science Schedule

### PÖL210 The Nature of Political Thinking
- **Days:** MR
- **Time:** 09:30 AM - 10:45 AM
- **Instructor:** Jeffrey Miller

### PÖL216 American Govt and Politics
- **Days:** TWF
- **Time:** 12:30 PM - 01:40 PM
- **Instructor:** Daniel Lipson

### PÖL220 Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds
- **Days:** MWR
- **Time:** 12:30 PM - 01:40 PM
- **Instructor:** Jeffrey Miller

### PÖL227 Intro International Politics
- **Days:** TWF
- **Time:** 08:00 AM - 09:10 AM
- **Instructor:** Jonathan Schwartz

### PÖL229 Intro to Comparative Politics
- **Days:** MWR
- **Time:** 02:00 PM - 03:10 PM
- **Instructor:** Jeffrey Miller

### PÖL300 Political Science Research Methods
- **Days:** TWF
- **Time:** 09:30 AM - 10:40 AM
- **Instructor:** Jonathan Schwartz

### PÖL303 Campaigns and Elections
- **Days:** MR
- **Time:** 03:30 PM - 04:45 PM
- **Instructor:** Joel Lefkowitz

### PÖL316 American Public Policies
- **Days:** TF
- **Time:** 02:00 PM - 03:15 PM
- **Instructor:** Scott Minkoff

### PÖL342 Politics of Developing Areas
- **Days:** TF
- **Time:** 12:30 PM - 01:45 PM
- **Instructor:** Jonathan Schwartz

### PÖL350 Introduction to Law
- **Days:** R
- **Time:** 05:00 PM - 07:50 PM
- **Instructor:** Shala Mills

### PÖL353 International Relations of the Americas
- **Days:** MR
- **Time:** 12:30 PM - 01:45 PM
- **Instructor:** Joel Lefkowitz

### PÖL356 Sex Discrimination and the Law
- **Days:** TF
- **Time:** 09:30 AM - 10:45 AM
- **Instructor:** Daniel Lipson

### PÖL366 American Foreign Policy
- **Days:** TF
- **Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
- **Instructor:** Stephen Pampinella

### PÖL379 Women in Politics
- **Days:** MR
- **Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
- **Instructor:** KT Tobin

### PÖL404 Seminar in International Relations
- **Days:** W
- **Time:** 12:30 PM - 01:20 PM
- **Instructor:** Stephen Pampinella

### PÖL406 Seminar in Law
- **Days:** W
- **Time:** 03:30 PM - 06:20 PM
- **Instructor:** Nancy Kassop
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 Avcı, Program Coordinator, at 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.
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 to apply. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2020.

- Apply Now
- Selection Process
- Which Office?

- Internship FAQ
Where to find us

# Spring 2020 Faculty Office Hours

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