March Newsletter

It's almost spring, and that means it's scholarship application season. Inside find information about NP scholarships and beyond, such as the Congressional Black Caucus sponsored scholarship below. We also include flyers for upcoming talks and events of interest.

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

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 5
Classroom to Career Panel:
Featuring Political Science alum Abe Uchitelle ’10
Ulster County Legislator
6:00 SUB 62/63

March 10
Midpoint of Spring Semester

March 12
Annual Gary King Lecture
By Christopher J Clark (UNC)
SUB MPR, 6-7:30

March 14-22
Spring Break
China: Exploring the Uyghur Muslim Situation in Xinjiang

A student panel with opening remarks by Prof. Jonathan Schwartz

10th Floor Conference Room, JFT Tower
March 11th at 5PM

Pizza and Drinks Included
Sponsored by the Political Science and International Relations Club and The Political Science Dept.
**Tentative Fall 2020 Political Science Schedule**

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Apply Now for the Professor Lewis Brownstein Study Abroad Scholarship
Portal open from March 1-March 31

Established in 2016 by the Department of Political Science and International Relations in honor of Professor Emeritus Lewis Brownstein, the scholarship provides a margin of excellence by supporting student travel to foreign countries with an academic component. Applicants must have completed their fourth semester prior to travel, be registered as a major in either International Relations or Political Science, full-time, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, and have completed at least nine credits in the major. **$1000 for summer study, $1500 for fall!**

To apply, please submit the following:
1. An essay of approximately two pages explaining your project, how it fits into your plan of study, and your future goals.
2. One writing sample from a Political Science or International Relations course.
3. The names and contact information of two faculty members who can speak to your qualifications for this scholarship. At least one of these persons must be a member of the SUNY New Paltz Department of Political Science and International Relations.
4. A copy of your academic transcript.

Awards will be made based on academic merit, future potential, financial need, and the particulars of the application.

For more information about this and other NP scholarships you may be eligible for, please visit [http://www.newpaltz.edu/scholarships](http://www.newpaltz.edu/scholarships)
As a part of SUNY New Paltz’s efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals here on campus, Judith Enck has been invited to give the campus community a lecture on the importance of abandoning single-use plastics, the importance of composting, and to mitigate any student/faculty concerns. Judith Enck was the Regional Director of Region 2 of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Obama Administration, and has since founded the Beyond Plastics Initiative at Bennington College.

This lecture will be on Tuesday, March 3rd @5pm, in Lecture Center 102. The lecture will be followed by an Open Forum, which will include a panel of campus leaders, and Judith Enck. The panel will answer questions from the audience about the potential consequences of adapting sustainable policies on campus. The Open Forum is an opportunity for the community to voice both their concerns, and their support. The Open Forum will begin promptly @6pm, at the conclusion of Judith Enck’s lecture.
### Where to find us

**Spring 2020 Faculty Office Hours**

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benjamig@newpaltz.edu | By appointment | HAB 704A        |        |
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Thursdays | 1-4:00 pm
1-2:00 pm   | JFT 400 |
| Daniel Lipson      | 845 257 3543
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Fridays | 10:00-11:00 am
And 2:00-3:00 pm | JFT 810 |
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Thursdays | 2:00-4:30 pm | JFT 320 |
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9-11:00 am | JFT 522 |
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Fridays | 9-11:00 am
8:30-10:30 am | JFT 1016 |
| John Tobin*        | tobinj@newpaltz.edu         | Tuesdays      | 4:30pm-5:00pm | JFT 804 |