

Political Science & International Relations

March 2025

Dear all,

As spring break approaches, there are a variety of things to keep in mind.

All majors - Don't forget that you must be cleared by your advisor in order to register for fall 2025 classes. As you plan out your schedule, the following may be helpful:

1. To meet your Political Theory requirement, there are two options in fall 2025:
 - **POL210** – The Nature of Political Thinking (3 credits, Online Asynchronous)
 - **PHI270** – Philosophy and the American Founding (3 credits, fully seated)
2. **POL346** - International Political Economy fulfills the IR Economics requirement (or upper division IR elective) but does not require macro/microeconomics as a prerequisite.

In addition, we will be welcoming Prof. Jeff Sherman who will join us in fall 2025. Among the courses he is offering is a course on the Middle East, something we haven't been able to offer in a long time (read about him in the newsletter). Prof. Dowley is offering no classes this fall as she will be on sabbatical leave for the 25-26 academic year.

Some important additional information:

- The GEP (Global Engagement Program) is becoming available as a fall, spring or summer opportunity (more details in the newsletter). However, as of spring 2026, the GEP will no longer fulfill the Seminar requirement.
- Internships: You may count a maximum of 9 internship credits towards our majors and 3 credits towards our minors.

This newsletter also provides information about upcoming talks this spring. Also note the information on internships and funding opportunities available to you. Finally, consider joining the PSIR club. I urge you all to get involved, attend a talk and learn about new opportunities. If you have questions, contact your Major advisor or me. We are always ready to assist.

Best of luck through the rest of the semester.

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SPRING 2025 Important Dates

March 10

Mid-point of semester

March 15

August 2025 degree applications due

March 17-21

Spring Break

March 26

Reflections on a Changing World Order Panel

April 1

Fall & Academic Year study abroad applications due

April 7

Summer registration begins

April 12

Passover

April 14

Last day to request course withdrawal

May 5

Last day to declare S/U

May 5

Last day of classes

May 9-15

FINAL EXAMS

May 17

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Commencement Ceremony

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Meet the department's newest addition Professor Jeff Sherman

By Sadie Leia Watkins



Jeff Sherman will be joining the faculty of the Political Science and International Relations department as a new professor this coming fall semester. Professor Sherman grew up in Colorado and pursued his undergraduate studies in Portland, Oregon at Lewis and Clark College, where he majored in International Affairs. After he graduated, he moved to New York City and worked as a study abroad advisor at the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). He then moved on to work at the University of New Hampshire as a study abroad advisor, where he also obtained his Masters degree in Political Science. Finally, he completed his Ph.D. at the University of California at Santa Cruz in International Relations; his research focused on military innovation, more specifically the use of drone warfare and what it means to have autonomous weapons systems and how those fold into politics. He continues to research this today. He has previously taught at SUNY Farmingdale, Iona University, Stevens Institute of Technology, and as a visiting professor at the University of Massachusetts Boston. He is currently a visiting Professor at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

Professor Sherman will be taking on a number of courses, including Introduction to

International Politics, International Relations of the Middle East, and War and International Politics. In the spring, he will be teaching the U.N. Semester (taking over from Professor Ozler) and Politics of Environment and Development. He has a number of tactics when tackling each course he teaches. For the Intro course, he tries to point out how interdisciplinary it can be; he tries to offer a kind of sampler platter to give students an idea of how it can tie into every field of study. He also tries to incorporate short videos for each aspect (e.g. globalization, climate change policy, etc.) of the course. In the advanced classes, he will have them be more reading intensive, and will expect students to come prepared to have interesting discussions around the reading. He will also use simulations of mock scenarios, such as a U.N. level meeting about climate change negotiations.

Professor Sherman is looking forward to returning to New York. He is excited to hang out in the Hudson Valley and enjoy the nature that is all around.

JOIN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND HISTORY DEPARTMENTS FOR



REFLECTIONS ON A CHANGING WORLD ORDER: THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IN THE AGE OF TRUMP

MARCH 26TH 5:30-6:30PM

LECTURE CENTER 104

Professors Jonathan Schwartz, Ilgu Ozler, and Andy Evans each bring their expertise to bear on the topic. They will discuss the accelerating evolution of the world order, the impact on international institutions, and the growing room for alternative political systems and global leadership.

**ATTEND A VIRTUAL ZOOM INFORMATIONAL SESSION WITH JACLYN NAPOLEON
 APRIL 8TH AT 4:00PM - A ROOM WHERE THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IS TBA
 ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://ALBANY.ZOOM.US/MY/JNAPOLEON?OMN=82319096070](https://albany.zoom.us/j/jnapoleon?omn=82319096070)**



**GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT
 ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & POLICY**



GRADUATE DEGREES

- Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Master of International Affairs (MIA)
- MA in Political Science
- Graduate Certificates
- BA/MIA Combined Degree

DEADLINES

- Spring: December 1
- Fall: February 1 (funding consideration)
- Fall: July 1
 - Contact us at rockadmissions@albany.edu

BA/MIA COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM

Diplomacy & Global Governance | Global & Homeland Security | Global Public Management | International Development

- Begin graduate coursework during your senior year at New Paltz
- Accelerate the Master's program by one semester
- Pay undergraduate tuition rate for Master's courses (about half the cost)
- Fall Deadline: May 1, Spring Deadline: December 1

**2025 GARY KING
VISITING LECTURER****A LECTURE BY PROFESSOR****SARAH
STROUP****5:30 PM****THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2025****SCIENCE HALL 181**

Stroup is Associate Professor of Political Science at Middlebury College. Stroup's research focuses on international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and their roles in global politics. Notable publications include *Borders Among Activists* (Cornell University Press, 2012) and *The Authority Trap* (Cornell University Press, 2017, with Wendy Wong). At Middlebury, she teaches courses on the politics of humanitarianism, international political economy, and non-state actors in world politics.

Fall 2025 courses are available!!

Start your planning now!

**Political Science
list of courses:**



**International Relations
list of courses:**



JOIN NEW PALTZ'S POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

The Political Science and International Relations Association (PSIRA) holds meetings every other week, where attending students debate and discuss some of the most pressing political issues in the United States and in the world today.

If you want your voice to be heard, would like to be involved in future political careers, and if you want to make a difference then the PSIRA is a great start!

Dates/Times of Meetings: Every other Wednesday at 6:30 in LC 103

Where to find us: Instagram (@newpaltz.psira),

GroupMe (Link-

https://groupme.com/join_group/106024326/paaxN54T), or Engage Eboard:

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Join the Group Me here!



Changes are coming to the Global Engagement Program next year!

Read the interview with Professor Ozler below to find out what!

What should students be looking out for regarding the Global Engagement Program?

The GEP is going year round starting this Fall 2025. We anticipate the Fall and Spring full semesters (12-15 credits): 3 credits from Global Engagement Seminar, 3 credits from Research Colloquium (will no longer count toward Senior Seminar starting in Spring 2026), and 6-9 credits GEP Fieldwork from a globally engaged internship. See our website for past internship sites ranging from Council on Foreign Relations to the United Nations to the IRC. Summer program will be 8 credits Fieldwork only. The student will be able to take advantage of many different programming in the organizations that the internships take place as well as professional development opportunities that the program offers.

What made you decide to dedicate your time fully to the GEP?

The program offers great opportunities for students to find their pathway into their careers in international affairs. Having a year round program will allow for more of our students to take advantage of the great internships at the United Nations and beyond.

What does your change of focus mean to your future in the department?

I will always be in the department and be available to contribute to the life of the department. My office, JFT 912, is always open to all students.

What should students know about the classes you typically teach, but no longer will?

Since 1978 our department has been offering the the United Nations semester class. We will continue this tradition without a break. For Spring 2026, I will be running the Global Engagment Program in NYC. And the United Nations Semester course that I traditionally would teach, will be taught by a new faculty member, Jeff Sherman. Dr. Sherman comes to us with many years of experience in teaching. He is a specialist in International Security and Technology. He has used creative teaching methods such as simulations in the past and is excited to teach the UN Semester course.

Global Engagement Program is accepting applications for Fall 2025!



Fall 2024 Cohort at SUNY Global Center

The Global Engagement Program (GEP) offers academic coursework related to global issues and a field experience through *internships*. New York City offers a wealth of opportunity for students to gain hands on experience in the world of international affairs. The presence of the United Nations Secretariat and offices of all UN related organizations offers possibilities for students in many fields of study related to global affairs including education, the arts, the social and natural sciences, and business. GEP offers an opportunity to have a global experience while remaining within New York state.

Students obtain a globally engaged and internationally focused internship in New York City, attend weekly seminar and colloquium and conduct a major research project. The goal of this course is to gain field experience in international affairs. Students will be able to demonstrate multicultural and interpersonal communication skills and become fluent in the current state of international relations including UN and affiliated organizations as well as international non-governmental organizations.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis and a maximum of 20 students will be admitted to the program. We strongly encourage students to apply early.

Contact Professor Ozler for more information: ozleri@newpaltz.edu

Office Hours Tuesdays 11am-3pm 912 JFT



Scan here to apply!

Would you be interested?

Talking Politics Over Coffee

This would be an opportunity for Political Science and International Relations students to discuss the politics of the day or week with their peers and professors in an informal setting over coffee and tea.

If this is something you would be interested in, contact Sadie Watkins (watkinss2@newpaltz.edu) or Professor Schwartz (schwartj@newpaltz.edu).



TURNUP

Youth Activism Remote Internship

What is TurnUp?

TurnUp Activism is a progressive non-profit organization dedicated to making the world more **just, fair, and equitable** for all by increasing youth activism and civic engagement to **strengthen our democracy**.

About the Internship

Interns work in remote teams of mission-driven young people from all around the country to help amplify **youth civic engagement** and participate in **activism on many progressive/social justice issues** including climate change, racial justice, reproductive rights, ending gun violence, and combating voter suppression.

Internship Structure

- Fully **remote** with optional in person activities
- Rolling admission - **start and end any time!**
- High school, college, and graduate students can apply
- Flexible time commitment - **you choose between 5-30 hours/week**
- Hours can count towards **community service or school credit**
- Learn from **world-renowned** speakers from a variety of fields

Skills Developed

- Communication
- Professionalism
- Critical thinking and writing
- Leadership
- Collaboration
- Public speaking
- Grassroots organizing

Benefits



Earn valuable letters of recommendation



Bolster your resume



Be eligible to win prizes and awards



Widen your networking scope

Curriculum



Grassroots Activism



Voter Registration and Turnout Projects



Research activism, Civics, and Social Justice Issues



Writing and Reflection

Apply Here!

<https://bit.ly/2023TurnUpInternship>



Visit <https://www.turnup.us/Internship> to learn more



JOIN OUR INTERNSHIP
AND BECOME A FORCE
FOR CHANGE!

Internship Funding Opportunities for 2025!

Living Internship Stipend

Enables students to participate in an unpaid internship or curricular applied learning in public service and high-demand non-profit sectors related to their major and/or future career goals, but that is not required by their major.

Award: Up to \$3,000

Campus Auxiliary Services Stipend (CAS)

Supports students involved in a semester-long internship or student teaching placement that is required by their major.

Award: Up to \$2,000 for fall/spring; Up to \$3,000 for summer

Applied Learning Travel Grant

Supports students who are completing an internship or applied learning experience, including student teaching, that is required by their major and are commuting more than 15 miles one way. The grant is designed to cover travel expenses.

Award: \$500 per student

Living Internship Stipend



CAS Stipend



Travel Grant





PSIR Faculty Office Hours-Spring 2025

Welcome to the Department of Political Science and International Relations!

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