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## **Two Day Schedule**

### **Friday, April 10, 2015**

#### **Registration: 12:30 - 4:30 P.M. Hawkins Hall Lobby**

Adam McGlynn, NYSPSA Treasurer, 12:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Tom Mandeville, Clinton Community College, 3:30 - 4:45 P.M.

#### **Complimentary Coffee and Cookies: 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Hawkins Hall Lobby**

#### **Session I 2:00 - 3:15 P.M., in Hawkins Hall**

AP-2: Elections and Scandals Room 144

CP-1 Mobilization, Protest, and Political Violence in Colombia, Kosovo, Mali, and Nigeria Room 135

IR-1: International Powers in Eurasia and Asia: Conflict or Cooperation? Room 137

PP/PA-2: Roundtable: Sustainability Education and Approaches to Teaching Environmental Policy  
Room 143

SL-1: American States and Territories: Sub-National Politics in the United States Room 153B

#### **Session II 3:30 - 4:45 P.M., in Hawkins Hall**

Executive Council Meeting Room 144

AP-4: Undergraduate Panel on Public Opinion Room 135

IR-2: Current Issues in International Relations and American Foreign Policy Room 137

JP/LS-3: Undergraduate Perspectives on the Law: Judicial Process and Politics Room 153B

PP/PA-1: Administrative Reform Room 143

PT-3: Human Rights: Theory and Practice (Undergraduate Panel) Room 153D

**Friday, April 10, 2015 (continued)**

**Keynote Address 5:10 - 6:00 P.M. Warren Ballroom B Angell College Center**

*“Teaching Students About Democracy”*

Dr. Henry Steck, Distinguished Service Professor and Professor of Political Science  
State University of New York, Cortland

**Reception /Dinner Buffet 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Warren Ballroom A Angell College Center**

*Welcome from* Dr. John Ettling

President, State University of New York, Plattsburgh

*Closing remarks from* Wilford Pinkney Jr.

President, New York State Political Science Association

**7:15 - 8:30 P.M.**

**PP/PA-4: Toxic Release! An Eco-Educational Game**  
**Warren Ballroom B Angell College Center**

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**Registration: 8:30 - 1:00 P.M. Hawkins Hall Lobby**

Tom Mandeville, Clinton Community College, 8:30 - 10:25 A.M.

Adam McGlynn, NYSPSA Treasurer, 10:25 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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**Session III 9:00 - 10:15 A.M. in Hawkins Hall**

AP-3: Democratic Theory and Practice Room 144

CP-2: Undergraduate Panel: Issues in Comparative Politics Room 135

IR-4: Current Global and American Foreign Policy Questions Room 143

JP/LS-1: Crafting the Law: Perspectives on Judicial Behavior Room 137

PT-2: Reimagining the Political Theory Canon Room 153B

TL-1: Outside the Box: Rethinking the Classroom, the Curriculum, and Assessment Room 153D

**Session IV 10:30 - 11:45 A.M. in Hawkins Hall**

AP-5: Undergraduate Panel on Political Engagement Room 153D

CP-3: Undergraduate Roundtable: Charlie Hebdo Room 135

HP-1: Undergraduate Research in History and Politics Room 153B

IR-3: Victims, Human Rights, Peace Building and Terrorism Room 143

IR-5: Undergraduates Look at American Foreign Policy Room 137

SL-2: State and Local Environmental Sustainability Initiatives Room 144

**Session V Noon - 1:15 P.M. in Hawkins Hall**

AP-1: American Politics in History Room 144

AP-6: Undergraduate Panel on Political Issues Room 135

IR-6: Undergraduates Look at International Issues Room 143

JP/LS-2: Undergraduate Perspectives on the Law: Civil Rights and Liberties Room 137

PP/PA-3 Policy Evaluations and Innovations Room 153D

PT-1: Bodies, Monsters, Cyborgs, and Animals Room 153B



## Panel Details

**Session I: 2:00 - 3:15 P.M.**

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### **AP-2 Elections and Scandals Room 144**

Chair and Discussant: Cyril Ghosh, Wagner College, [Cyril.Ghosh@Wagner.edu](mailto:Cyril.Ghosh@Wagner.edu)

The Congressional Campaigns of Louise M. Slaughter of New York  
Philip Grant, Pace University, [pgrant@pace.edu](mailto:pgrant@pace.edu)

Inter-Party Competition for Congressional Seats: The 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s  
Harvey L. Schantz, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, [Harvey.Schantz@Plattsburgh.edu](mailto:Harvey.Schantz@Plattsburgh.edu)

Sex, Power, and Cover-Ups: Defining Political Scandal as American Pop Culture  
Jim Twombly, Elmira College, [jtwombly@elmira.edu](mailto:jtwombly@elmira.edu)

### **CP-1 Mobilization, Protest, and Political Violence in Colombia, Kosovo, Mali, and Nigeria Room 135**

Chair and Discussant: Azzedine Layachi, St. John's University, [layachi@stjohns.edu](mailto:layachi@stjohns.edu)

Conflict and Women's Right to Land: The Case of Colombia  
Paola Fajardo-Heyward, Canisius College, [fajardop@canisius.edu](mailto:fajardop@canisius.edu)

Mobilization Strategies in Colombia's 2013 National Strike: From "Dignity" to "Popular Power"  
Diego Medina, The Graduate Center, CUNY, [dmedina@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:dmedina@gc.cuny.edu)

Local Ownership, Democracy, and Social Justice after Peace Building in Kosovo and Timor-Leste  
Lisa Rickmers, The Graduate Center, CUNY, [lisarickmers@gradcenter.cuny.edu](mailto:lisarickmers@gradcenter.cuny.edu)

The Impact of Poverty and Income Inequality on Terrorism and Political Instability: The Cases of Nigeria and Mali  
Binneh s Minteh, Rutgers University, [bminteh@scarlet.rutgers.edu](mailto:bminteh@scarlet.rutgers.edu)

**IR-1 International Powers in Eurasia and Asia: Conflict or Cooperation? Room 137**

Chair: Harvey Strum, Excelsior College, [strumh@hotmail.com](mailto:strumh@hotmail.com)

Discussant: Sharon Murphy, Nazareth College of Rochester, [smurphy3@naz.edu](mailto:smurphy3@naz.edu)

Aquino's Administration from Internal Security to External Defense: Challenging China's Claim in the South China Seas

Emma Delgado, De LaSalle University, Philippines, [Emma.delgado@dlsu.edu.ph](mailto:Emma.delgado@dlsu.edu.ph)

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Russia's Eurasian Vision: Bringing Power Politics Back In

Lasha Tchantouridze, Norwich University, [ltchanto@norwich.edu](mailto:ltchanto@norwich.edu)

Typology of Japan's Elitism

Hiroshi Itoh, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, [itohh@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:itohh@plattsburgh.edu)

**PP/PA-2 Roundtable: Sustainability Education and Approaches to Teaching Environmental Policy (Co-listed with Teaching & Learning Section) Room 143**

Chair: Gina Keel, SUNY Oneonta, [keelgl@oneonta.edu](mailto:keelgl@oneonta.edu)

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Heather Sullivan-Catlin, SUNY Potsdam, [sullivha@potdam.edu](mailto:sullivha@potdam.edu)



**SL-1 American States and Territories: Sub-National Politics in the United States Room 153B**

Chair and Discussant: Jeffrey Kraus, Wagner College, [Jkraus@Wagner.edu](mailto:Jkraus@Wagner.edu)

Puerto Rico: Home of Second Class Citizens in a Colonial Setting  
Frank P. LeVeness, St. John's University, [levenesf@stjohns.edu](mailto:levenesf@stjohns.edu)

Health Care in New York State  
Jeffrey Kraus, Wagner College, [Jkraus@Wagner.edu](mailto:Jkraus@Wagner.edu)

On Relative Opinions of Federal and State Governments  
Daniel Tomkins, University of Wyoming, [dtomkin1@uwyo.edu](mailto:dtomkin1@uwyo.edu)

Who Participates in Local Development Decisions, The Growth Machine or the Homevoter? A Case Study of Development Politics in Saratoga Springs  
Robert Turner and Matthew Barnes, Skidmore College, [bturmer@skidmore.edu](mailto:bturmer@skidmore.edu)

Municipal Dissolution in New York State  
Lisa Parshall, Daemen College, [lparshal@daemen.edu](mailto:lparshal@daemen.edu)

**Session II: 3:30 - 4:45 P.M.**

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**Executive Council Meeting Room 144**

**AP-4 Undergraduate Panel on Public Opinion Room 135**

Chair and Discussant: Michael A. Armato, University at Albany, [Marmato@Albany.edu](mailto:Marmato@Albany.edu)

Public Opinion and Supreme Court Decisions  
Arin Liszka, St. Bonaventure University, [liszkaae11@bonaventure.edu](mailto:liszkaae11@bonaventure.edu)

Public Opinion and Media Framing on Gun Control: Changes in Public Opinion on Gun Control After Shootings and How Media Frame the Issue  
Daniel Myers, St. Bonaventure University, [myersdc11@bonaventure.edu](mailto:myersdc11@bonaventure.edu)

Foreign Policy Crises and the Effect of Presidential Rhetoric on Public Opinion  
Tony Molino, University at Buffalo, [tonymoli@buffalo.edu](mailto:tonymoli@buffalo.edu)

Educating the Nation: Money, Media, Misinformation & the Common Core State Standards Initiative  
Kenneth White, Jr, Union College, [whitek2@union.edu](mailto:whitek2@union.edu)

Government Surveillance and Public Trust, Tyler Piraino, St. Bonaventure University, [piraintj12@bonaventure.edu](mailto:piraintj12@bonaventure.edu)



**IR-2 Current Issues in International Relations and American Foreign Policy Room 137**

Chair: Sharon Murphy, Nazareth College of Rochester, smurphy3@naz.edu

Discussant: Lasha Tchantourizde, Norwich University, ltchanto@norwich.edu

Politics of Denial: Arguments for the Effectiveness of Torture  
Scott Monje, Encyclopedia Americana, smonje@optonline.net

Human Suffering and the Broad Human Security Concept  
Chris Dolan, Lebanon Valley College, chrisdolan635@gmail.com  
Marie Gorman, Lebanon Valley College, Mag003@lvc.edu  
and Kayla Zimmerman, Lebanon Valley College, Kaz003@lvc.edu

The IMF and Governance Reforms: Can Better Rules Lead to Optimal Outcomes  
Philip Giurlando, Trent University, Canada, phil.giurlando@gmail.com

**JP/LS-3 Undergraduate Perspectives on the Law: Judicial Process and Politics Room 153B**

Chair and Discussant, Sam Edwards, Green Mountain College, sam.edwards.3@gmail.com

Lights, Camera, Attitude: An Explanation of Public Opinion's Effect on Supreme Court Decisions  
Rebecca Sellers, Lycoming College, selrebe@lycoming.edu

Does the Current Discovery Process Have a Bias to Court Outcomes and Rulings?  
Courtney Slisz, Buffalo State College, sliszcl01@mail.buffalostate.edu

Public Trust Doctrine and Environmental Law  
Jennifer Timmons, Green Mountain College, timmonsjl@greenmtn.edu

Constitutional Rights as an Unfunded Mandate: The Problems with the Implementation of *Gideon v. Wainwright* in New York State  
Harrison Hartsough, SUNY, Geneseo, hlh3@geneseo.edu

**PP/PA-1      Administrative Reform    Room 143**

Chair: Gina Keel, SUNY Oneonta, keelgl@oneonta.edu

Discussant: Hiroshi Itoh, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, itohh@plattsburgh.edu

The Surprising Story of Canada's New National Securities Regulator  
Ian Roberge, Glendon College, York University, [iroberge@gl.yorku.ca](mailto:iroberge@gl.yorku.ca)

Taming and Upgrading Japan's Powerful Mandarins: Reform of the Bureaucratic Personnel System since 2007

Ko Mishima, East Stroudsburg University, [kmishima@esu.edu](mailto:kmishima@esu.edu)

The Politics and Personnel Practices of the Metropolitan Police of Buenos Aires  
Rod Colvin, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, [roddrick.colvin@gmail.com](mailto:roddrick.colvin@gmail.com)

Potentials and challenges of transitioning the U.S.-E.U. Safe Harbor Program from a hybrid system of authority to a non-state market driven system of authority

Sarah Brennan, Baruch College, [sarah.brennan@baruchmail.cuny.edu](mailto:sarah.brennan@baruchmail.cuny.edu)

**PT-3 Human Rights: Theory and Practice (Undergraduate Panel)    Room 153D**

Chair and Discussant: Dan Lake, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, dlake001@plattsburgh.edu

Inexorable Doom: The State of the State of Exception  
Julian Mostachetti, SUNY New Paltz, N02239737@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu

An Ethnographic Analysis on Government Participation and Perception among Bronies  
Alexandra Agostinelli, Buffalo State, agostiaj01@mail.buffalostate.edu

Political" Criticisms of Human Rights: Three Variants  
Sam Stevens, University of Vermont, sfsteven@uvm.edu

Humanitarian Intervention: Its Inception and its Limitations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Joseph Anzalone, St. John's University, joseph.anzalone10@stjohns.edu

**5:10 - 6:00 P.M. Keynote Address**

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Warren Ballroom B  
Angell College Center

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Henry Steck

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State University of New York, Cortland

Past President  
New York State Political Science Association

*“Teaching Students About Democracy”*

*At a time when democratic currents sweep so many parts of the world, building and sustaining effective democracies seems very problematic at best. Do our students fully understand the possibilities of democracy--the great global revolution that de Tocqueville described nearly two hundred years ago? Do we--how do we?--prepare our students--whether as future political scientists, policy makers or citizens--to understand the variety of democratic possibilities?*

*I invite students and colleagues to join me in this conversation.*



**6:00 - 7:30 P. M. Reception/Buffer Dinner**

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Ballroom A  
Angell College Center

*Welcome from* Dr. John Ettling  
President, State University of New York, Plattsburgh

*Closing remarks from* Wilford Pinkney Jr.  
President,  
New York State Political Science Association



**7:15 - 8:30 P.M.**

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**PP/PA-4: Toxic Release! An Eco-Educational Game Ballroom B Angell College Center**

Come Play! Dr. Gervich and SUNY Plattsburgh students created this participatory, computer-based environmental policy simulation. Play roles of industry professionals, community members, and government regulators to manage risk and shape policy. The project is supported by the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) University Challenge, with support from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Gamemaster, Curt Gervich, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, cgerv001@plattsburgh.edu

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Adam McGlynn, NYSPSA Treasurer, 10:25 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**Session III: 9:00 - 10:15 A.M.**

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**AP-3 Democratic Theory and Practice Room 144**

Chair and Discussant: Olivia O'Donnell, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, odonnego@plattsburgh.edu

Diverse Perspectives on Democracy: Suggestions for a Syllabus

Henry Steck, State University of New York, Cortland, Henry.Steck@Cortland.edu

Attitudes Towards Immigration Policy Via Partisanship and Ethnorace: A View from la Frontera

Jessica Lavariega Monforti, The University of Texas-Pan American, lavariegai@utpa.edu

and Adam McGlynn, East Stroudsburg University, amcglynn@esu.edu.

Do Outsiders Have It Harder? Governors' Personal Background, Legislative Success, Public Approval and Electoral Fortunes

Rafael Jacob, Temple University, rafael.jacob@temple.edu



**CP-2 Undergraduate Panel: Issues in Comparative Politics Room 135**

Chair and Discussant, Frank P. LeVeness, St. John's University, levenesf@stjohns.edu

Corruption is Bad, But How? An Analysis of the Adverse Effects on Economic Development  
Bunthai Chiv, SUNY Buffalo State, chivbunthai@gmail.com

The Longest Civil War: Myanmar and the Prospect of Sustainable Peace  
Darby Ratliff, Canisius College, ratliffd@canisius.edu

Religion and Politics in Western Europe: Islam and the Identity Crisis  
Anthony D'Amato, St. John's University, Anthony.damato11@st.john's.edu

**IR-4 Current Global and American Foreign Policy Questions Room 143**

Chair and Discussant, Dan Lake, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, dlake001@plattsburgh.edu

Colonialism Revisited: Colonial Origins of FDI  
Daniel Scott Owens, University of Maryland, College Park, dsowens@umd.edu

Methods of Turkish-American Relations After the Cold War  
Kursat Korkmaz, Syracuse University, kursatkorkmaz25@gmail.com

From the War Path to the Campaign Trail: Why Do Rebel Groups Transform into Competent Political Parties?  
Soyuz Shretha, Binghamton University, SUNY, soyuz26@hotmail.com

**JP/LS-1 Crafting the Law: Perspectives on Judicial Behavior Room 137**

Chair and Discussant: Lisa Parshall, Daemen College, lparshal@daemen.edu

Court of Last Resort Judges as Role Occupants: The Effects of Role Orientation on Judicial Behavior  
Raymond Carman, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, Raymond.Carman@Plattsburgh.edu

Remember, it is the Supreme Court that is Expounding: *The Least Dangerous Branch* and Popular Constitutionalism  
Helen J. Knowles, Skidmore College, hKnowles@skidmore.edu

Privacy and Technology: Constitutional Doctrine Needs an Upgrade  
Sam Edwards, Green Mountain College, Sam.edwards.3@gmail.com

**PT-2 Reimagining the Political Theory Canon Room 153B**

Chair and Discussant: Frank Vander Valk, SUNY Empire State College, Saratoga Springs

The Critical Liberalism of Tocqueville's 'Democracy in America'  
Clifford Smith, University of Toronto, clifford.smith@mail.utoronto.ca

The Theory of Individual Self-Government: Gandhi and Schelling Compared  
Michael Schmidt, The George Washington University, schmidtm@gwu.edu

Representative Claims and Democratic Theory  
Maija Matilla, The New School for Social Research (visiting) / University of Tampere, Finland,  
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**TL-1 Outside the Box: Rethinking the Classroom, the Curriculum, and Assessment Room 153D**

Chair and Discussant: Christopher Palladino, Cairn University, cpalladino@cairn.edu

Identity and the First Year Student: Exploring Identity Through Writing Tasks  
Phyllis Conn, St. John's University, connp@stjohns.edu

Is SUNY Plattsburgh the new Hollywood? A showcase of Plattsburgh State's Environmental Law and  
Policy Film-Making Project  
Curt Gervich, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, cgerv001@plattsburgh.edu

Alternative Ways of Assessing Excellence  
Erika Pilver, Westfield State University, epilver@westfield.ma.edu

Fostering Civic Engagement through Pedagogy in the High School Classroom  
Sara Vieldhouse, American Paradigm Schools in Philadelphia, sara.vieldhouse@gmail.com

**Session IV: 10:30 - 11:45 A.M.**

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**Panel AP-5 Undergraduate Panel on Political Engagement Room 153D**

Chair and Discussant: Kat Slye, University at Albany, KSlye@albany.edu

Youth Turnout and Contemporary Elections: Proposals to Spark Engagement  
Thomas Nelson, SUNY College at Buffalo, erisapollo@gmail.com

Use What Your Momma Gave You: The Importance of Upbringing on  
Voter Decisions  
Nia Yahaya, SUNY College at Buffalo, Nian.yahaya@gmail.com



The Influence of Law on an Attorney: Its Pertinence and Relationship With Politics  
Adetokunbo Tinubu, SUNY College at Buffalo, Tinubuam01@mail.buffalostate.edu

The Justification for the 2003 Invasion of Iraq: Did the United States have just causes?  
Kyle Newman, SUNY College at Buffalo, newmank01@mail.buffalostate.edu

Refugee Women in Buffalo: Can They Succeed Without Faith  
Maria Camila Gomez, SUNY College at Buffalo, gomezmc01@mail.buffalostate.edu

**CP-3 Undergraduate Roundtable: Charlie Hebdo and the Complex Nexus of Freedom of Speech, Islamophobia, Extremism, Security, and Integration Room 135**

Moderator: Azzedine Layachi, St. John's University, layachia@stjohns.edu

Participants:

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Thomas Rovito, Canisius College, rovitot@my.canisius.edu

Julian Mostachetti, SUNY New Paltz, N02239737@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu

**HP-1 Undergraduate Research in History and Politics Room 153B**

Chair and Discussant: Phyllis Conn, St. John's University, connp@stjohns.edu

Leo Szillard: Political Action and Governmental Policy: Raising Awareness Through Science Fiction  
Christian Lyons, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, clyon003@plattsburgh.edu

State and Society: Political Uprising and Turmoil in Current Day Pakistan  
Fathima Qureshi, State University of New York, Geneseo, fsq1@geneseo.edu

State and Society in South Asia: The Agrarian 'Crisis' in India  
Sheena Kumra, State University of New York, Geneseo, skumra@yahoo.com

State and Society in South Asia: An Alternative Approach to State Building in Afghanistan  
William Willows, State University of New York, Geneseo,  
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**IR-3 Victims, Human Rights, Peace Building and Terrorism Room 143**

Chair and Discussant, Chris Dolan, Lebanon Valley College, [Chrisdolan635@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisdolan635@gmail.com)

True Victims in Zaire: Gendered Constructions of Victimhood and U.S. Involvement in the First Congo War

Emma Jacobs, The Graduate Center, CUNY, [emmajacobs11@gmail.com](mailto:emmajacobs11@gmail.com)

Comparative Analysis of George W. Bush's and Barack Obama's Performance in the War on Terrorism in Iraq

Morteza Oreizi, University of Teheran, Iran, [mortezaoreizi@gmail.com](mailto:mortezaoreizi@gmail.com)

An Alternative Discussion of Direct Participation in Hostilities: Who Are the Unlawful Combatants or Civilians?

Azer Sumbas, Hacettepe University Faculty of Law, Turkey, [azersumbas@hacettepe.edu.tr](mailto:azersumbas@hacettepe.edu.tr)

The Splintering of Shabaab: Al Shaabab's Recruitment Efforts in Kenya

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**IR-5 Undergraduates Look at American Foreign Policy Room 137**

Chair: Scott Monje, Encyclopedia Americana, [smonje@optonline.net](mailto:smonje@optonline.net)

Discussant: Harvey Strum, Excelsior College, [strumh@hotmail.com](mailto:strumh@hotmail.com)

Nuclear Proliferation and Its Effects on Relations between the United States and Iran

Matthew Smolarek, State University of New York, College at Buffalo [mes4535@hotmail.com](mailto:mes4535@hotmail.com)

The Effects of Successful Terrorist Attacks? Let's Shop for Defense!

Christopher Garozzo, Buffalo State College, [cmgarozzo@roadrunner.com](mailto:cmgarozzo@roadrunner.com)

Rivalry of the American Eagle and Russian Bear: Pursuing Economic Prosperity Through Revision of Foreign Policy

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Transitioning Global Economic Power: China's Ascent, Constraints, and Implications for China-U.S. Relations

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**SL-2 State and Local Environmental Sustainability Initiatives Room 144**

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The Endangered Species Act: State and Local Issues  
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The Influence of Property Rights and Deep Ecology on Public Policy  
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Urban Regimes and Sustainable Development in Los Angeles  
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Redefining Highly Erodible Land: And Why It Matters More Than Ever  
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Close but No Cigar: Failure of a Proposed National Preserve Hunting Regulation in Alaska  
Katie Best, Green Mountain College, bestk@greenmtn.edu

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**AP-1 American Politics in History Room 144**

Chair & Discussant: Harvey L. Schantz, State University of New York, Plattsburgh,  
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Colonial Controversy: Examining Critical Perspectives on the American Revolution in Undergraduate  
American Government Textbooks  
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The Politics of Greed: An Educator's Guide to Point of View and Bias in Historical Synthesis  
David Dwyer, Cairn University, dd954@cairn.edu

Anti-Immigrant Political Movements in New Jersey, 1830-1870  
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**Panel AP-6 Undergraduate Panel on Political Issues Room 135**

Chair and Discussant: Cyril Ghosh, Wagner College, Cyril.Ghosh@Wagner.edu

Gun Control: An Outlet for Government to Stop Gun Violence  
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An Investigation of Local Level Fracking Politics in the Southern Tier  
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Case Study of Thomas Drake: Increasing Retaliation toward Whistleblowers  
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The Impact of Community Supported Agriculture and Urban Farms on The Local Communities in Which They Reside,  
Marion Weiss, SUNY College, Buffalo, weissm02@mail.buffalostate.edu

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula: U.S. Foreign Policy, Yemini Politics, and Growing Instability, 2000-2014  
Cherise Madigan, Nazareth College of Rochester, madigancherise@gmail.com

**IR-6 Undergraduates Look at International Issues Room 143**

Chair and Discussant, Kyeonghi Baek, SUNY Buffalo State, Baekk@Buffalostate.edu

Sovereignty and Universal Human Rights,  
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Big Bully or Good Influence  
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Power Sharing, Autonomy, and Conflict in Greater Kurdistan  
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Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan: Through the Eyes of Offensive Realism  
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The Impact of Islam in Shaping the Future of International Relations in U.S. Foreign Policy  
Bruna Reis, SUNY Buffalo State, brunareis64@gmail.com

**JP/LS-2 Undergraduate Perspectives on the Law: Civil Rights and Liberties Room 137**

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13 + 15 = 28: An Equation to Broaden Enfranchisement  
Andrew Lowy, Skidmore College, alowy@Skidmore.edu

Regarding the Crush Videos Law and Animal Protection as a Compelling Government Interest:  
SCOTUS Made the Right Decision in All the Wrong Ways  
Emily McCoy, Green Mountain College, McCoy.emily36@gmail.com

Faith in the Court: Using the Clause of Faith as an Argument in Favor of Same-Sex Marriage  
Samantha Vroman, Lycoming College, vrosma@lycoming.edu

**PT-1 Bodies, Monsters, Cyborgs, and Animals Room 153D**

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Talking Smack: Discourses on Drug Addiction, the "Opioid Epidemic," and U.S. Drug Control Policy in  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
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Civil Society as a Biopolitical Sphere: "Islam vs. Homosexuality Debate" in Turkey as a Case Study  
Sumru Atuk, The Graduate Center, CUNY, satuk@gc.cuny.edu

Cyborgs, Inforgs, and the Limits of Biopolitics  
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Reading Book II of Plato's Republic through Aristophanes' Acharnians  
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**PP/PA-3 Policy Evaluations and Innovations 153B**

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Federal Impacts on State and Local Land-Use Authority: Competing Approaches to Regional Development

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The New York State Clean Energy Fund Proposal

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Democratic Education and Markets: Segmentation, Privatization and Commodification

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An Analysis of Spending on Lottery Tickets

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