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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
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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
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AP-4: Undergraduate Panel on Public Opinion   Room 135
IR-2: Current Issues in International Relations and American Foreign Policy   Room 137
PP/PA-1: Administrative Reform   Room 143
PT-3: Human Rights: Theory and Practice (Undergraduate Panel)   Room 153D
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**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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AP-6: Undergraduate Panel on Political Issues  Room 135
IR-6: Undergraduates Look at International Issues  Room 143
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.

AP-2  Elections and Scandals  Room 144

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

The Congressional Campaigns of Louise M. Slaughter of New York
Philip Grant, Pace University, 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

Sex, Power, and Cover-Ups: Defining Political Scandal as American Pop Culture
Jim Twombly, Elmira College, 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

Conflict and Women’s Right to Land: The Case of Colombia
Paola Fajardo-Heyward, Canisius College, 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

Local Ownership, Democracy, and Social Justice after Peace Building in Kosovo and Timor-Leste
Lisa Rickmers, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 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
IR-1 International Powers in Eurasia and Asia: Conflict or Cooperation?  Room 137

Chair: Harvey Strum, Excelsior College, strumh@hotmail.com

Discussant: Sharon Murphy, Nazareth College of Rochester, 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
Miguel Ostwani, De LaSalle University, Ostwani_miguel@yahoo.com
and Timothy Joseph Henares, De LaSalle University, tgenares_ph@yahoo.com

Russia’s Eurasian Vision: Bringing Power Politics Back In
Lasha Tchantouridze, Norwich University, ltchanto@norwich.edu

Typology of Japan’s Elitism
Hiroshi Itoh, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, 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

Panelists:
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Gina Keel, SUNY Oneonta, keelgl@oneonta.edu
Kristen Van Hooreweghe, SUNY Potsdam, vanhookl@potsdam.edu
Heather Sullivan-Catlin, SUNY Potsdam, sullivha@potsdam.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

Puerto Rico: Home of Second Class Citizens in a Colonial Setting  
Frank P. LeVeness, St. John’s University, levenesf@stjohns.edu

Health Care in New York State  
Jeffrey Kraus, Wagner College, Jkraus@Wagner.edu

On Relative Opinions of Federal and State Governments  
Daniel Tomkins, University of Wyoming, dtomkin1@uwyo.edu

Robert Turner and Matthew Barnes, Skidmore College, bturner@skidmore.edu

Municipal Dissolution in New York State  
Lisa Parshall, Daemen College, Iparshal@daemen.edu

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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

Public Opinion and Supreme Court Decisions  
Arin Liszka, St. Bonaventure University, 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

Foreign Policy Crises and the Effect of Presidential Rhetoric on Public Opinion  
Tony Molino, University at Buffalo, tonymoli@buffalo.edu

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

Government Surveillance and Public Trust  
Tyler Piraino, St. Bonaventure University, 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, lchanto@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

Taming and Upgrading Japan's Powerful Mandarins: Reform of the Bureaucratic Personnel System since 2007
Ko Mishima, East Stroudsburg University, 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

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

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 21st Century
Joseph Anzalone, St. John’s University, joseph. anzalone10@stjohns.edu
5:10 - 6:00 P.M.  Keynote Address

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Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Henry Steck

Distinguished Service Professor
Professor of Political Science
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/Buffet Dinner

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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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**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
- 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, mattilam@newschool.edu

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.

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

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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, wbw1@geneseo.edu
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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

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

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

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

The Splintering of Shabaab: Al Shaabab’s Recruitment Efforts in Kenya
Thomas Rovito, Canisius College, rovitot@my.canisius.edu

IR-5 Undergraduates Look at American Foreign Policy   Room 137

Chair: Scott Monje, Encyclopedia Americana, smonje@optonline.net

Discussant: Harvey Strum, Excelsior College, 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

The Effects of Successful Terrorist Attacks? Let’s Shop for Defense!
Christopher Garozzo, Buffalo State College, cmgarozzo@roadrunner.com

Rivalry of the American Eagle and Russian Bear: Pursuing Economic Prosperity Through Revision of Foreign Policy
Graeme Eagles, SUNY Buffalo State, eagles.graeme@gmail.com

Transitioning Global Economic Power: China’s Ascent, Constraints, and Implications for China-U.S. Relations
Breden Pacella, Canisius College, pacellab@canisius.edu
SL-2 State and Local Environmental Sustainability Initiatives   Room 144

Chair and Discussant, Robert F. Pecorella, St. John’s University, pecorelr@stjohns.edu

The Endangered Species Act: State and Local Issues
Luisa Fiorino, St. John’s University, luisa.fiorino14@stjohns.edu

The Influence of Property Rights and Deep Ecology on Public Policy
Catherine Sims, St. John’s University, catherine.sims10@stjohns.edu

Urban Regimes and Sustainable Development in Los Angeles
Christopher Tremain, St. John’s University, christopher.tremain12@stjohns.edu

Redefining Highly Erodible Land: And Why It Matters More Than Ever
Peyton Jones, Green Mountain College, jonesp@greenmtn.edu

Close but No Cigar: Failure of a Proposed National Preserve Hunting Regulation in Alaska
Katie Best, Green Mountain College, bestk@greenmtn.edu

Session V: Noon - 1:45 P.M.

AP-1  American Politics in History   Room 144

Chair & Discussant: Harvey L. Schantz, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, Harvey.Schantz@plattsburgh.edu

Colonial Controversy: Examining Critical Perspectives on the American Revolution in Undergraduate American Government Textbooks
Angela G. Narasimhan, Keuka College, anarasimhan@keuka.edu

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
Harvey Strum, Excelsior College, strumh@hotmail.com
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
Shannon McCullough, Nazareth College, smccull0@mail.naz.edu

An Investigation of Local Level Fracking Politics in the Southern Tier
Tyler Madell, SUNY Purchase College, tyler.madell@purchase.edu

Case Study of Thomas Drake: Increasing Retaliation toward Whistleblowers
Matt Fuller, Siena College, mfuller143@gmail.com

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
Rayshawn Jean, SUNY Buffalo State, rayshawn.jean@gmail.com

Power Sharing, Autonomy, and Conflict in Greater Kurdistan
Megan Connelly, SUNY Buffalo State, connma37@mail.buffalostate.edu and Dr. Kyeonghi Baek, SUNY Buffalo State

Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan: Through the Eyes of Offensive Realism
Michael Kilcommons, St. John’s University, mikekilcommons@gmail.com

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**

Chair and Discussant: Raymond Carman, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, Raymond.Carman@Plattsburgh.edu

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  
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Faith in the Court: Using the Clause of Faith as an Argument in Favor of Same-Sex Marriage  
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Cyborgs, Inforgs, and the Limits of Biopolitics  
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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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