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September 26, 2026



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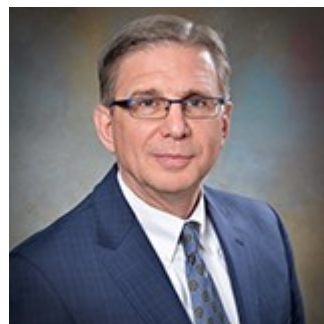




**Welcome to the 80th Annual
Conference of the
New York State Political
Science Association**

at

**St. John Fisher University,
Rochester, NY
September 26, 2026**



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Dear Members of the New York State Political Science Association,

We are pleased to welcome you to our campus for the 80th New York State Political Science Association Conference. In keeping with St. John Fisher's tradition of a student-centered institution that promote academic excellence and scholarship, we are proud that you chose our campus for this landmark anniversary.

The keynote address from Rochester Mayor Evans, the program of roundtable discussions on contemporary political issues and panels of papers covering essential topics in political science will, no doubt, provide a stimulating academic experience for all involved, from undergraduates to faculty and practitioners present today.

I am certain you will all depart with a renewed sense of intellectual curiosity and excitement that you will impart to your students and colleagues upon your return to your home institutions.

It is also my hope that you will even bring a small embodiment of St. John Fisher's motto and commitment – "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge" – with you.

May you have a wonderful conference here on our campus.

Sincerely,

Kevin Railey

Kevin Railey, PhD
Provost



NEW YORK STATE Political Science Association

Greetings NYSPSA 2026 Participants!

I am very excited to welcome you to our 80th Annual Conference at St. John Fisher University Rochester, NY and hope that you have a wonderful, intellectually rewarding experience.

We are delighted to have as our 80th Annual Conference Keynote Speaker Rochester NY Mayor Malik Evans.

Our Program and Section Chairs have organized a number of compelling scholarly panels across multiple political science subdisciplines (including pedagogy) comprising professors, practitioners, and graduate and undergraduate students. We, on the NYSPSA Executive Board, hope that the papers presented and issues discussed at these panels introduce you to new analytic perspectives and research methodologies that inspire your teaching and scholarship throughout the coming year.

Taken as a whole, we believe we have put together a program that lives up to St. John Fisher's motto "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge." It is a strongly motivating principle and we, at NYSPSA, hope to fulfill it today and going forward.

Thank you for your attendance at our 80th Annual Conference and continued support for NYSPSA as presenters and volunteer panel chairs and discussants. We truly appreciate your contributions and gladly welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Richardson

Peter W. Richardson, Ph.D.

NYSPSA President, 2024-2026

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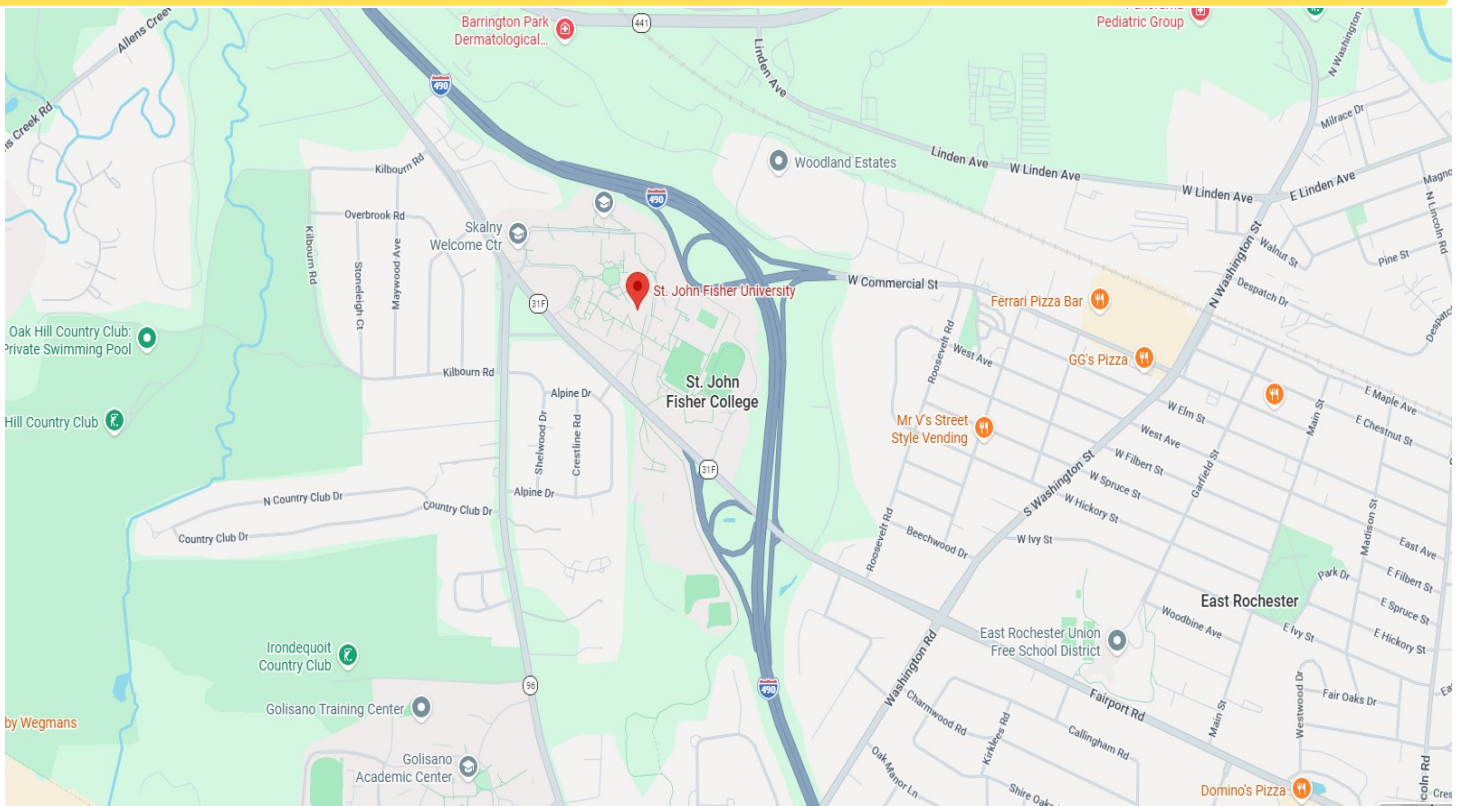
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Location of St. John Fisher University



By Car

The easiest approach is from the New York State Thruway, I-90.

Take I-90, Exit 45, which is marked "Rochester-490."

From that point, take I-490 for about 10 minutes to Exit 25, Fairport Road/NY 31F.

Turn left onto Route 31F going west and proceed to the main entrance of campus.

The main entrance is 0.5 mile from I-490, at a traffic light where Fairport Road meets East Avenue (Route 96).

EV charging is available in the Park & Ride lot, located at the East entrance near I-490 and Route 31F.

By Bus

The University is serviced by Regional Transit Service (RTS) at the St. John Fisher Connection Hub (Park & Ride), located at the East entrance near I-490 and Route 31F.

Route 11 Monroe Local Route

Route 91 Newark/Lyons Commuter

RTS On Demand service (ADA-accessible) within Pittsford/Eastview Zone

Bicycle rack available.

Directions Courtesy of SJFU's website

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EE	East Entrance	SE	South Entrance
PARKING		24HOURS	WEEKDAYS AFTER 5PM AND WEEKENDS
Visitor	A, B, C, F, I, L, S, X		
Commuter	A, C, F, I, S		D, E
Chapel	M (in designated spaces)		
Resident	J, P, S, T, U		
Faculty/Staff	A, C, D, E, F, I, M, N, O, R, S, X		
Reserved	G, H, K, L, Y		
First-Year	V, W, Z		
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Conference Parking:
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Conference Venue:
Basil Hall

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| 20A Baseball Field-Dugan Yard
Player Development Center at Dugan Yard | 14 Keough Hall |
| 5 Basil Hall | 17 Lavery Library
Books' Bites, Career and Academic Advising, Accessibility & Testing, Writing & Tutoring |
| 10C Dennis '72 & Denise Topas Commons
Terrace at Topas Commons | 9A Manning & Napier Varsity Gym |
| 10A Donald E. Bain Campus Center
Campus Ministry, The Cardinal Shop (University Bookstore) Residential Life Office, Student Affairs, Student Organizations | 22 Michaelhouse Complex
Pellicano Wrestling Pavilion, SONO Grill |
| 13 Dorsey Hall | 20 Murphy Hall
Arts Center, Sub Shoppe |
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Cyber Café, DePeters Family Center for Innovation and Teaching Excellence | 9 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Athletic Center |
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| 10 Haffey Hall
Dining Hall, Elaine Wilson Formal Lounge, Safety and Security | 2B Joseph S. Skalny Science Center |
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| 1 Joseph S. Skalny Welcome Center
Admissions, Alumni/Advancement, Patricia O'Keefe Ross Gallery | 12B W. J. Pellicano Pavilion |
| 16 Kearney Hall
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Dining Hall |
| 12A Keating Terrace | 8 Wegmans School of Nursing
Health and Wellness Center |
| | 2A Wegmans School of Pharmacy |

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Conference Program, Pre-Conference Events Friday, September 25, 2026

Executive Board Meeting (Members & Invitees Only) 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Friday evening meeting: parking and location: Parking E or D closest to the meeting room: Ralph Wilson Hughes Rotunda (see picture below)

Executive Board Dinner (Members & Invitees Only) 7:30 to 9:00 PM



Conference Program, NYSPSA, September 26, 2026: Schedule of Events, Morning

Conference Registration Opens: 7:15 AM

Refreshments Available During the Day

Shuttle:

Saturday morning: stopping at the Country Inn and Suites at 7:20 am, then heading to the Oakfield Hotel and Suites at 7:35 am, and dropping off people at the Rotunda (above), which is very close to the breakfast site in Basil Hall.

Saturday afternoon: shuttle will leave at 5:00pm and will drop off people at the Oakfield Hotel and then at the Country Inn at the same location where participants boarded.

Session	Time	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4
Breakfast (Basil Hall – Golisano mid-level gateway)	8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	NYSPSA Welcome: Program Chairs: Sebastien Lazardeux & Ricky Price NYSPSA President: Peter W. Richardson St. John Fisher University Welcome: Provost Kevin Railey Keynote: Rochester Mayor Malik Evans			
Morning 1	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	IP 2 - Roundtable - Fatherhood, Race, and the American State: The Politics of Patriarchal Anxieties – H. Howell Williams	IR 1 – Global Issues	AP 1 – Issues in American Politics	CP 1 – Democracy, Representation ,
Morning 2	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	AP 3 - Roundtable Book Discussion - Governing New York State Through Crises - Laurie A. Buonanno, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Buffalo State University Lisa K. Parshall, Distinguished Professor, Daemen University Frederick G. Floss, Professor, Buffalo State University Byron W. Brown, Former Mayor of Buffalo	UG 1 - Policy Impact and Community Response	TL 1 - Rethinking How We Teach Politics: New Approaches to Historical and Political Understanding	HP 2 - Identity, Nationalism, and the Politics of Historical Memory

Conference Program, NYSPSA, September 26, 2026: Schedule of Events, Afternoon

Session	Time	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4
Lunch & Plenary (Basil Hall – Golisano mid-level gateway)	12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	NYSPSA Business: Updates Report on Exec BD Introduction of new officers			
Afternoon 1	2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	AP 2 - Roundtable Book Discussion - Secession and Self- determination in the United States: Culture, Conchs, and Pop vs Soda - Autumn Walden, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Elmira College Carollyn Phillips, Law Student, Albany School of Law Jim Twombly, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Elmira College	HP 1 - Institutions, State Power, and the Evolution of Political Conflict	IR 2 - Issues in World Affairs	
Afternoon 2	3:30 PM - 4:45 PM	IR 3 - Book Roundtable - The Formidable Road to Russian- Japanese Reconciliation: No War, No Peace, No Incentives - Peter W. Richardson, Adjunct Professor, Northeastern University	PPPA 1 - The Implementation Gap: From Legal Design to Policy Outcomes	CP 2 - Politics and Society in Comparative Perspective	HP 1 - Identity in/through Political Action

Refreshments Available During the Day

Conference Registration Closes: 3:45 PM

Keynote Speaker Biography: Rochester Mayor Malik Evans.

Malik D. Evans is the City of Rochester's 71st Mayor. He is committed to creating a safe, equitable and prosperous Rochester by inspiring hope and delivering opportunity for everyone.

Inaugurated on Jan. 1, 2022, Mayor Evans has governed with a commitment to transparency and collaboration, concisely captured by his working mantra "It's we, not me."

Working closely with governmental agencies and community partners, he established the Office of Financial Empowerment to support the economic mobility of city residents with a focus on entrepreneurship, home ownership and youth; the Office of Violence Prevention to confront the root causes of violent crime; expanded programs that foster the healthy development of Rochester's youth; overseen several transformative capital programs, including ROC the Riverway and the Inner Loop North Transformation; and invested in projects and initiatives that advance the wellbeing of all residents in such areas as mental health, environmental justice, job creation, affordable housing and home ownership, especially in neighborhoods with histories of disinvestment.

Mayor Evans held elected office as an at-large member of the Rochester City Council from 2017 to 2021; was a Commissioner of the Rochester Board of Education from 2003 to 2017, and served as Board President from 2008 to 2013.

Before becoming Mayor, Mayor Evans worked as an officer in the banking industry for more than 20 years, holding leadership positions at M&T Bank Corporation and ESL Federal Credit Union. The son of parents who were committed to civic activism, civil rights, and social justice, his dual callings in elected office and the banking industry share the complementary ambitions to help others and share prosperity.

He was born and raised in the city and graduated from Wilson Magnet High School before going on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and his master's degree from Nazareth College (now Nazareth University)

Mayor Evans is active on several national and state organizations representing the interests of U.S. cities. He is the board chair of the National Civic League; and a member of U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the African American Mayors Association, the Strong Cities Coalition, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Cities, the Mayors Institute for City Design, and the New York Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Evans and his wife Shawanda are the proud parents of two sons. He enjoys spending time with his family, attending concerts, and traveling to new places.



The Mayor's Mission & Vision

The Evans Administration promotes positive systemic and structural change by providing transparent and collaborative leadership, offering equitable access to essential municipal services, enabling productive intergovernmental, private, and non-profit partnerships, and promoting increased quality of life through investments that create vibrant neighborhoods and employment opportunities, making Rochester a hope-filled city with an exciting future.

The Mayor's biography is presented here from the City of Rochester website:
<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/departments/mayors-office/malik-evans-mayor>

Scholarly Accomplishments of the NYSPSA Executive Board, May 2025—Sept. 2026

President Peter W. Richardson:

- Laine, Jussi P. & Petersson, Bo. (eds.) (2025). *Resilience as Deterrence: Towards a Comprehensive Security Panorama*. IOS Press. (Review to be published in forthcoming issue of *The Journal of Borderland Studies*.)
- "Civil-Military Relations in the Republic of China: A Conceptual Approach to Evaluating the Stability of Taiwan's Civil-Military Dialogue." *Studies in Democratization* (the ejournal of the Center for the Study of Democracy at Northeastern University), Vol. 1, pp. 17-35.
- *The Formidable Road to Russian-Japanese Reconciliation: No War, No Peace, No Incentives*. Bloomsbury Academic.

Vice-President Jim Twombly:

- *Secession and Self-Determination in the United States: Culture, Conchs, and Pop vs Soda* (with Autumn Walden and Carolyn Phillips). Palgrave Macmillan, May 2026.
- *Presidential Federalism: The Enduring Role of Presidents in National-State Relations* (with Lisa K. Parshall). Bloomsbury Press. Publication expected November 12, 2026
- Kellough, J. Edward. *The fragility of merit: presidential power and the civil service under Trump*. Routledge, 2024. July 2025. Reviewed for Choice Magazine.

Secretary and History & Politics Section Chair Chris Cody:

- Tenure Awarded, Hudson County Community College, NJ
- Business Higher Education Forum's 2026 Faculty Innovation Fellowship:
<https://www.bhef.com/initiatives/faculty-innovation-fellowship>

Scholarly Accomplishments of the NYSPSA Executive Board, May 2025—Sept. 2026

Treasurer Charmaine Willis:

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- Book review: *Alternative Politics in Contemporary Japan: New Directions in Social Movements*
- Book chapter: Economic Sanctions and Networked Interdependence: Inferences via Descriptive Research (in *Descriptive Research*)
- Book chapter: Teaching Comparative Politics Beyond the Weberian Ideal Type (in *Educating for a Multiracial Democracy*)
- Articles published:
 - Taking North Korea Seriously Again, *North Korean Review*
 - With Friends Like These: The Impacts of Military Alliances on Sanctions-Busting Trade, *Foreign Policy Analysis*
 - Not Seeing the Forest for the Helicopters: UNESCO Recognition and Resistance to the US Military in Okinawa, *Social Movement Studies*
 - Learning at Any Age: Teaching Political Science to Older Adult Learners, *Journal of Political Science Education*

Identity Politics Section Chair Howell Williams:

- *Fatherhood, Race, and the American State: The Politics of Patriarchal Anxieties*, University of Pennsylvania Press.
- Director of the Carol A. Hawkes Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

International Relations & American Foreign Policy Section Chair Harvey Strum:

- Book review: *Violent Peace*, published in *New York Military Affairs Symposium*, September-October issue, 2026.

American Politics—AP 1

AP 1 - Issues in American Politics

Morning Session 1

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: Basil 209

Chair: Jeffrey Kraus, Adjunct Professor, College of Staten Island, CUNY

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Discussant: Jeffrey Kraus, Adjunct Professor, College of Staten Island, CUNY

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Papers:

U.S. Cabinet Turnovers: A Search for Patterns and Effects

Jim Twombly, Elmira College (Professor emeritus) jtwombly@elmira.edu

Public Opinion and the Final Frontier: Correlates of Popular Support for Funding Space Programs in the United States

Jack Reilly, Associate Teaching Professor, Syracuse University jlreilly@syr.edu

Today's Voter: Experimenting with the Effects of Campaign Tone

George Quinn, Rutgers University (graduate student) gdq1@scarletmail.rutgers.edu

"What the Justices Say It Is"—Justice Hughes and Turning Points in Supreme Court Judicial Politics

Christopher Whann, Associate Professor, SUNY Empire State University

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American Politics—AP 2

AP 2 - Roundtable Book Discussion - *Secession and Self-determination in the United States: Culture, Conchs, and Pop vs Soda*

Afternoon Session 1

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: 210

Authors:

Autumn Walden, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Elmira College, awalden@elmira.edu

Carolyn Phillips, Law Student, Albany School of Law, cphillips25@elmira.edu

Jim Twombly, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Elmira College, jtwombly@elmira.edu

Discussant:

H. Howell Williams, Assistant Professor, Western Connecticut State University,

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American Politics—AP 3

AP 3 - Roundtable Book Discussion - ***Governing New York State Through Crises***

Morning Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Location: Basil 210

Authors:

Laurie A. Buonanno, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Buffalo State University,
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Lisa K. Parshall, Distinguished Professor, Daemen University, lparshal@daemen.edu

Frederick G. Floss, Professor, Buffalo State University, flossfg@buffalostate.edu

Byron W. Brown, Former Mayor of Buffalo

Discussant:

Ricky Price, Assistant Professor, St. John Fisher University, jprice@sjfc.edu

Comparative Politics—CP 1

CP 1 - Democracy, Representation, and Political Institutions

Morning Session 1

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: 206

Chair: Charmaine Willis, Assistant Professor, Old Dominion University, cnwillis@odu.edu

Discussant: Same

Papers:

The Majoritarian Trap: Elections, Power, and Democratic Erosion in Central Europe

Barbara Balicka, Graduate Student, University of Wrocław, Poland,

barbara.balicka@uwr.edu.pl

Lack of regulation of collective mandates in the Brazilian electoral system: gaps, legal uncertainty, and institutional obstacles

José Humberto Gomes De, Full Professor, Universidade Federal Do Maranhão-Brasil,

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From Oil Rents to Tax Rents? Energy Sanctions, Taxation, and the Limits of Political Freedom in Rentier States

Azam Zarchi, Graduate Student, New York University,

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Comparative Politics—CP 2

CP 2 - Politics and Society in Comparative Perspective

Afternoon Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Location: Basil 206

Chair: Sebastien Lazardeux, Associate Professor, SJF University, slazardeux@sjfc.edu

Discussant: Same

Papers:

The Second of Its Name: Historical Framing and Korean Anti-Militarization Protests

Charmaine Willis. Assistant Professor, Old Dominion University, cnwillis@odu.edu

The Impact of Land Reforms on Social Identity

Leja Joe Mathew, Graduate Student, Brown University, leja_joe_mathew@brown.edu

Do Foreign Judges Matter in Consociational Systems? Case of Bosnia and Belgium

Anson Cheuk-Hin Chung, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center,

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Why Join Pachakutik?: The Partisan Struggle for Recognition in Ecuador's Indigenous Movement

Luan Ferreira, Researcher, IESP-UERJ (Brazil), ferreira.luancardoso@gmail.com

History and Politics—HP 1

HP 1 - Institutions, State Power, and the Evolution of Political Conflict

Afternoon Session 1

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: Basil 206

Chair: Chris Cody, Ph.D., Assistant Prof. of History, Hudson County Community College,
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Discussant: Same

Papers:

Subnational Executives and Party Polarization at the Turn of the Century.

Anthony Sparacino, Assistant Prof., York College/CUNY, asparacino@york.cuny.edu

Projective Framing: Political Projection Propaganda Parallels in the Post-Civil War and Trump Eras.

Sari Rivera, Assistant Prof., Alfred University, riveras@alfred.edu

The Transcendental Nature of Revolutionary Politics in Russia, 1762–1917 and Beyond.

Michael Iasilli, Instructor, St. John's University, iasillim@stjohns.edu

History and Politics—HP 2

HP 2 - Identity, Nationalism, and the Politics of Historical Memory

Morning Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Location: Basil 206

Chair: Oliver Griffin, Associate Professor, St. John Fisher University, ogriffin@sjf.edu

Discussant: Same

Papers:

NY Capital Region Jewish Support for Zionism and Israel, 1860-2026.

Harvey Strum, Russell Sage College, Professor, strumh@hotmail.com

Between Victory and Defeat: The Nation-Building Process in Belarus, Catalonia, and Puerto Rico

Santos Rivera-Cardona, Graduate Student, Rutgers University,
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The Politics of Sacco and Vanzetti's Historical Legacy.

Daniel Falcone, United Nations International School, Instructor,
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Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and Higher Education Activism

Michael Boston, SUNY Brockport, mboston@brockport.edu

White Light/ White Heat: South African Immigrants Assess the Arrival of Afrikaner Refugees

Shyam Sriram, Assistant Professor, Canisius University, srirams@canisius.edu

Identity Politics—IP 1

IP 1 - Identity in/through Political Action

Afternoon Session 2

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM

Location: Basil 209

Chair: H. Howell Williams, Associate Professor, Western Connecticut State University,
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Discussant: Same

Papers:

The Queer Republican: Gay Men, Conservative Masculinity, and Regional Identity Formation

Ryan Rajpal, Practitioner, Rutgers University, rrr116@scarletmail.rutgers.edu

Polarized Perceptions: Partisan Differences in the Evaluation of Transgender Candidates

Zachary Baum, Graduate Student, Rutgers University,
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How Does Political Identity Affect Support for Collective Action? A Text Analysis Study on Prototypes of Climate Change Impact

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Caitlin Ciancanelli, Undergraduate Student, Rochester Institute of Technology,
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Marjorie Prokosch, Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology,
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Radical Collective Identity and Unconventional Political Action in the Chicago Women's Liberation Union

Emily Matott, Graduate Student, University at Albany SUNY, ematott@albany.edu

Identity Politics—IP 2

IP 2 - Roundtable - *Fatherhood, Race, and the American State: The Politics of Patriarchal Anxieties*

Morning Session 1

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: Basil 210

Author:

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Discussant:

Ricky Price, Assistant Professor, St. John Fisher University, jprice@sjfc.edu

International Relations & American Foreign Policy—IR 1

IR 1 - Global Issues

Morning Session 1

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: Basil 205

Chair: Harvey Strum, Professor, Russell Sage College, strumh@sage.edu

Discussant: Same

Papers:

Refugee Creation as a Strategic Goal of Russian Intervention in Syria

Leonhard Becker, Graduate Student, Rutgers University,
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Trump, Netanyahu, and Iran,

Scott Monje, Independent Scholar, smonje@optonline.net

International Relations & American Foreign Policy—IR 2

IR 2 - Issues in World Affairs

Afternoon Session 1

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: Basil 205

Chair: Scott Monje, Independent Scholar, smonje@optonline.net

Discussant: Same

Papers:

Layered Authority: Subnational Diplomacy in US Foreign Policy

Vedika Rekhi, Independent Researcher, vedikarekhi5878@gmail.com

Testing the Kindleberger Trap: Assessing China's Capacity to Sustain Global Public Goods in a Post-American Order

Gia Mosashvili, Graduate Student, New York University, giamosashvili@nyu.edu

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Michaela Hertkorn-Paeffgen, Faculty, University of Maine, mhertkorn@gmail.com

International Relations & American Foreign Policy—IR 3

IR 3 - Book Roundtable - *The Formidable Road to Russian-Japanese Reconciliation: No War, No Peace, No Incentives*

Afternoon Session 2

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM

Location: Basil 210

Author: Peter W. Richardson, Professor, Northeastern University,
peter.richardson24@gmail.com

Discussant: TBD

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PPPA 1 - The Implementation Gap: From Legal Design to Policy Outcomes

Afternoon Session 2

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM

Location: Basil 205

Chair: Nadine Wedderburn, Ph.D, SUNY Empire State College,

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Discussant: Same

Papers:

Discourses and Policies of Urban Heritage in Wartime Russia (2022-2027)

Snezhana Grozovskaia, Graduate Student, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar Institute for European Urban Studies, snezhana.lashchenko@gmail.com

Youth Under Pressure: Police Interrogations, False Confessions, and the Need for Reform

Autumn Walden, Assistant Professor, Elmira College, awalden@elmira.edu

Carolyn Phillips, First-Year Law Student, Albany Law School, cphillips25@elmira.edu

The California Effect Revisited: Consumer Data Privacy Laws Beyond California

Amalini Fernando, Graduate Student, University at Albany (SUNY),

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Teaching and Learning—TL 1

TL 1 - Rethinking How We Teach Politics: New Approaches to Historical and Political Understanding

Morning Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Location: Basil 205

Chair: Taneisha Means, Associate Professor, Vassar College, tmeans@vassar.edu

Discussant: Same

Papers:

Interviewing the Past: Using AI to Teach Historical Thinking

Christopher Cody, Assistant Professor, Hudson County Community College,
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"What's in a name?" Mamdani Vs. Lindsay - Teaching about political labels

John Donnangelo, Retired/Emeritus, Ramapo College of New Jersey,
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Beyond Public Comment: Teaching Democratic Policymaking Through Community-Engaged Public Opinion Research

Taneisha Means, Associate Professor, Vassar College, tmeans@vassar.edu

Undergraduate Research—UG 1

UG 1 - Policy Impact and Community Response

Morning Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Location: Basil 209

Chair: Robin Lauermann, Professor of Politics, Messiah University,
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Discussant: Same

Papers:

From Policing to Public Health: Evaluating the Feasibility of New York's Daniel's Law

Chloe Bowman, St. John Fisher University

How Immigration and Refugee Settlement Has Contributed to the Revitalization of Utica
and Syracuse

Daimon Brown, SUNY University at Albany

The Success of Indigenous Resistance in the Face of Capitalism

Sophia O'Neill, St. John Fisher University

Yemeni Public Opinion: Covert Drone Operations, Blowback Effects, and The Impact on
State Legitimacy

London Pettibone, Colgate University

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Notes

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