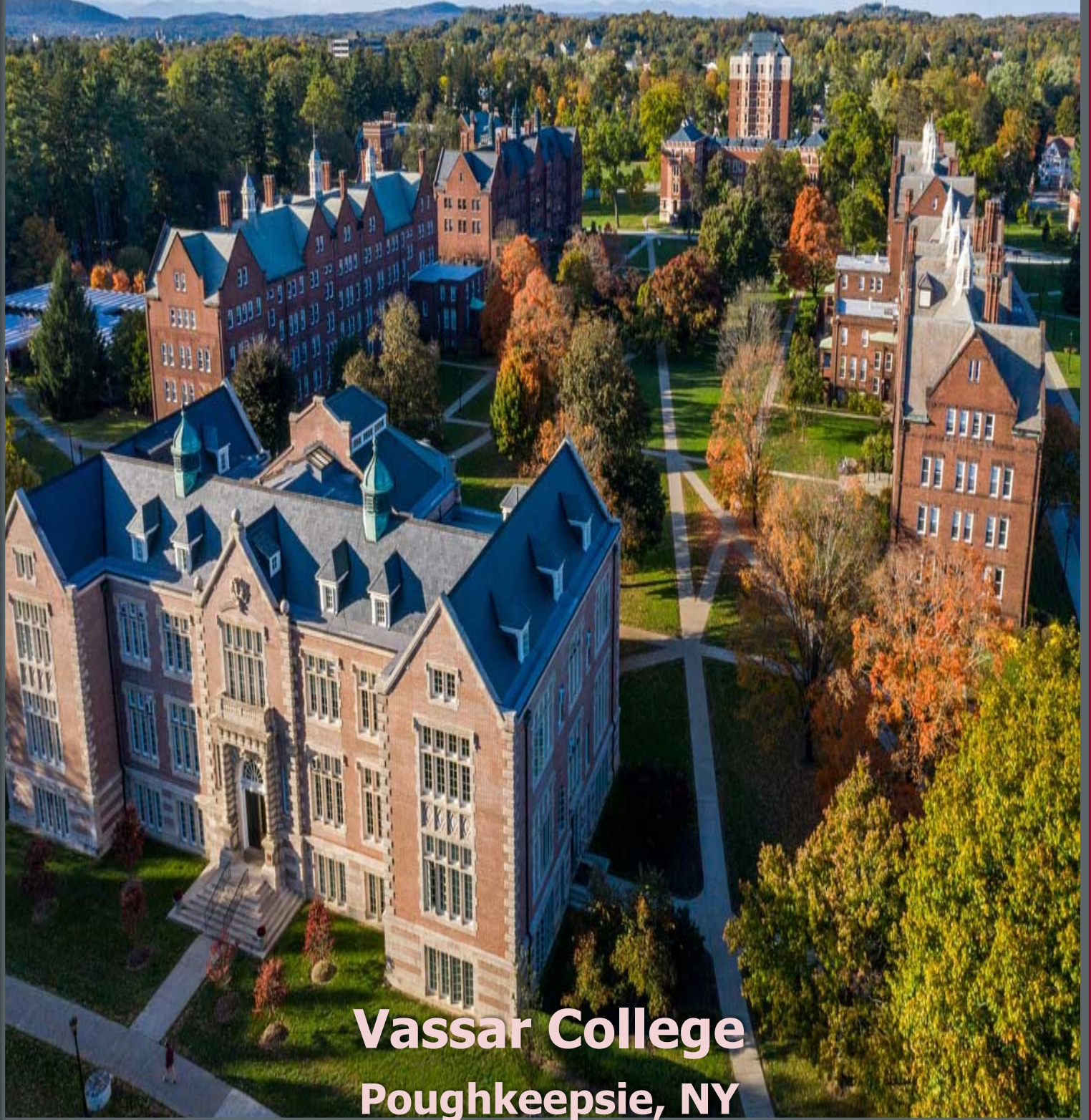




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ELIZABETH H. BRADLEY

President

Dear Members of the New York State Political Science Association,

We at Vassar College are pleased to welcome you to our historic campus for your 79th Annual Meeting and Conference. In keeping with Vassar's traditions of academic excellence and scholarship, we are proud that you chose our campus for your event.

In addition, we welcome your Keynote Speakers: NY Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado and City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers and your Plenary Speaker and Vassar Community member, Rebecca Edwards, Supervisor of the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Your program of Roundtable discussions on contemporary political issues and your panels of papers covering essential topics in political science will, no doubt, provide a stimulating academic experience. Hopefully, 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. Perhaps you will even bring a small embodiment of Vassar's motto and commitment—Fearlessly Consequential—with you.

Good luck and may you have a wonderful conference here on our campus,

Sincerely,



Elizabeth H. Bradley, PhD, President



NEW YORK STATE Political Science Association

Greetings NYSPSA 2025 Participants!

I am very excited to welcome you to our 79th Annual Conference at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY and hope that you have a wonderful, intellectually rewarding experience.

We are delighted to have as our 79th Annual Conference Keynote Speakers New York Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado and City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers.

We are also pleased to have as our Saturday morning Plenary Speaker, the Supervisor of the Town of Poughkeepsie, Rebecca Edwards.

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 Vassar's motto "Fearlessly Consequential." 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 79th 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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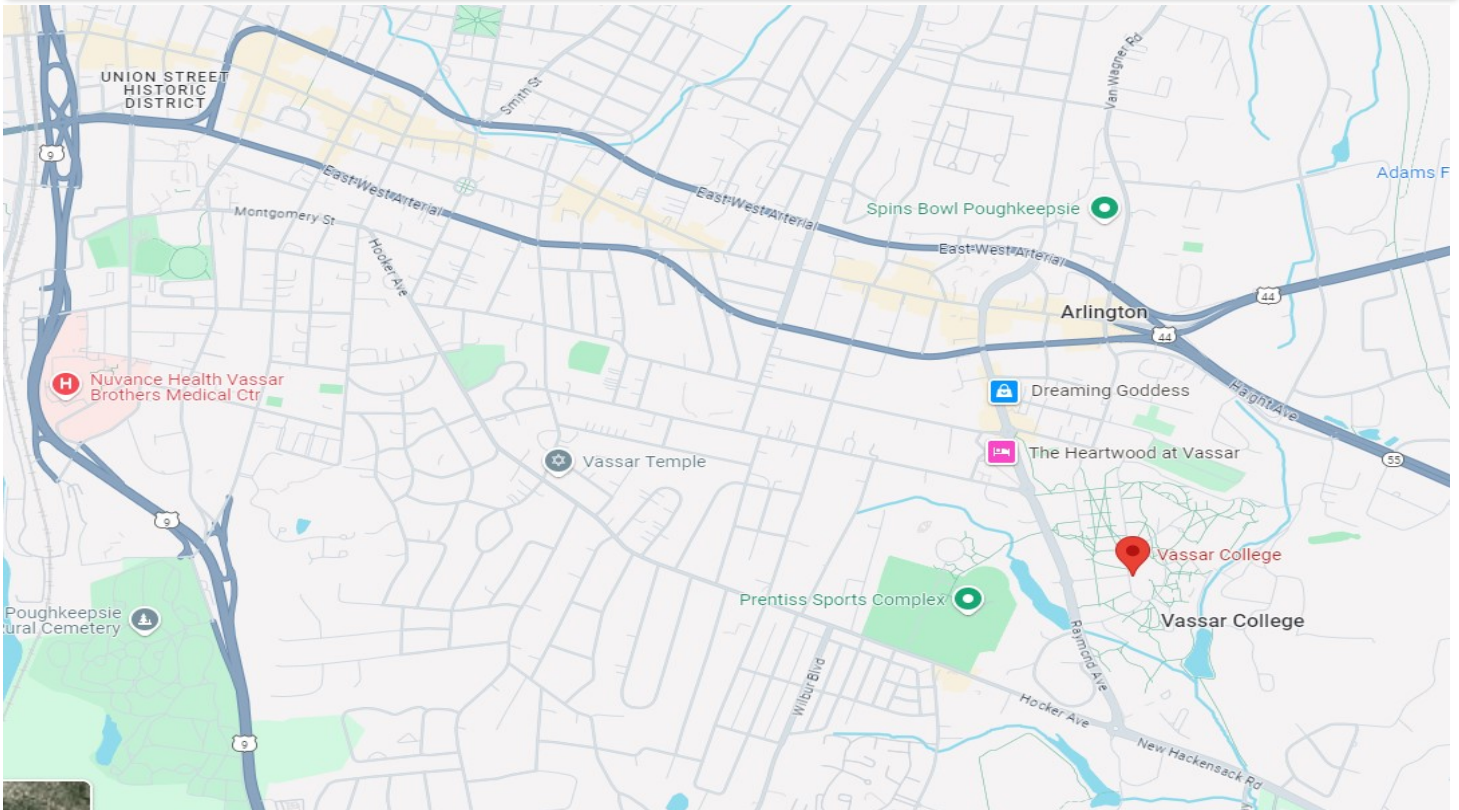
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Location of Vassar College



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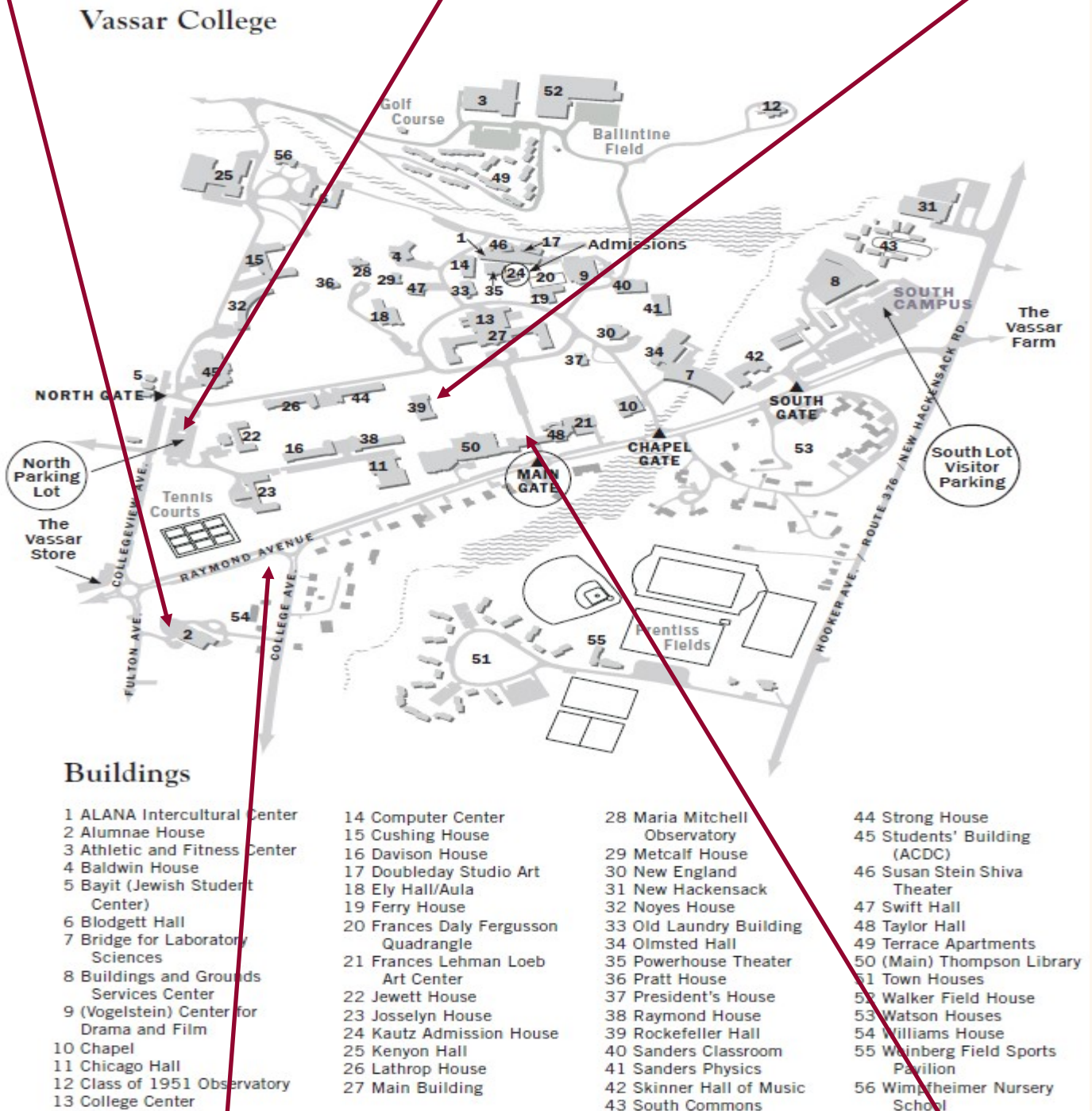
- Just 3 miles from the Poughkeepsie Train Station, which has service from AmTrak and is the terminus of the Metro North Line from NYC
- Just under 30 miles from Stewart Airport near Newburgh, NY
- About a 1.5 to 2-hour drive from Albany, NY
- And is about a 2-hour drive from NYC

Conference Venue and Parking

Alternate Conference Hotel:
Alumnae House

Conference Parking:
North Lot

Conference Venue:
Rockefeller Hall



Primary Conference Hotel:
The Heartwood

Parking for Persons with
Disabilities

**Conference Program,
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Friday Events (April 11)

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Registration

109 Rockefeller Hall

**11:30 AM to 12:15 PM American Politics
Roundtable: Trump's Second First Hundred Days**

200 Rockefeller Hall

Lunch Available (Grab & Go Style)

112 Rockefeller Hall

12:30 PM to 1:45 PM Panel Session 1

2:00 PM to 3:15 PM Panel Session 2

3:30 PM to 4:45 PM Panel Session 3

Refreshments

112 Rockefeller Hall

5:00 PM to 6:15 PM Welcome and Keynote

200 Rockefeller Hall

6:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

301 Rockefeller Hall

(Officers and Section Chairs Only)

7:45 PM Executive Board Dinner

The Salt Line

(In The Heartwood)

Conference Program, NYSPSA, April 11-12, 2025 Schedule of Events

Friday Panels (April 11 - First Session)

Time	Location	Section	Panel ID	Panel Name
12:30 PM to 1:45 PM	RH 104	Political Theory	PT 1	Inside/Outside: Borders, Belonging, and Selfhood
12:30 PM to 1:45 PM	RH 301	State & Local	SL 1	Politics and Policy in the Empire State
12:30 PM to 1:45 PM	RH 203	Comparative Politics	CP 1	Representation, Participation, and Democracy
12:30 PM to 1:45 PM	RH 101	Teaching & Learning	TL 1	Open Mic: Teaching and Learning Politics

Friday Panels (April 11 - Second Session)

Time	Location	Section	Panel ID	Panel Name
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM	RH 104	International Relations	IR 1	International Issues
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM	RH 301	Identity Politics	IP 1	Queer Identities, Challenging Spaces
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM	RH 203	Political Theory	PT 3	Reactionary Politics: Local, National, Global
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM	RH 101	Undergraduate Research	UG 2	Challenges in Fragile States
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM	RH 307	Public Policy & Public Administration	PP 1	Addressing Power Imbalances and Systemic Barriers in Public Policy and Institutions

Conference Program, NYSPSA, April 11-12, 2025 Schedule of Events

Friday Panels (April 11 - Third Session)

Time	Location	Section	Panel ID	Panel Name
3:30 PM to 4:45 PM	RH 104	American Politics	AP 1	Issues in American Politics
3:30 PM to 4:45 PM	RH 301	History and Politics	HP 1	Political and Economic Movements: Nationalism, Foreign Policy, and Global Influence Through History
3:30 PM to 4:45 PM	RH 203	Undergraduate Research	UG 5	Reawakening Lessons from Political Thought

Refreshments Available 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

112 Rockefeller Hall

5:00 PM to 6:15 PM	RH 200	Welcome	NYSPSA: President Peter Richardson Vassar College: President Elizabeth H. Bradley
	RH 200	Keynotes	Hon. Yvonne Flowers, Mayor, City of Poughkeepsie Hon. Antonio Delgado, Lt. Governor, State of New York

Keynote Speaker Biography

Mayor Yvonne Flowers

From the City of Poughkeepsie Website:

Yvonne Flowers is a lifelong City of Poughkeepsie resident and former four-term Common Councilwoman. She is the first African American to become city mayor.

She is a graduate of Poughkeepsie City School District and Dutchess Community College. She has served as Chair of the city's Finance Committee, Co-Chair of the city's Procedural Justice Committee and has been on the board of directors of numerous organizations, including R.E.A.L Skills Network Inc., Hudson River Housing and the Dutchess County Board of Ethics. She worked at Dutchess Community College for more than 33 years as the college's Grants and Contracts Finance Officer and former Supervisor of Student Accounts Office.

Flowers became involved in community activities at a young age, working alongside her father John M. Flowers Sr., who coordinated large community events, including the John Flowers Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt, Father's Day Parade/Celebration, and Community Day Picnic.



Keynote Speaker Biography

NY Lt Governor Antonio Delgado

From the NY Governor's Office Website:

Antonio Delgado is Lieutenant Governor of New York State, appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul in May 2022.

Family, Education and Early Career

Lieutenant Governor Delgado is from Schenectady, NY, and lives in Rhinebeck with his wife, Lacey, and their twin sons, Maxwell and Coltrane. Growing up, his parents worked for General Electric in Schenectady, demonstrating the values of hard work and commitment to community. That hard-working spirit has stayed with him throughout his life: he earned a Rhodes Scholarship while attending Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, and after returning home from Oxford, he received a law degree from Harvard Law School. Before serving as Lieutenant Governor, Delgado enjoyed a career in the music industry focused on empowering young people through hip hop; worked as an attorney focusing on complex commercial litigation, while dedicating significant time to pro bono work in connection with criminal justice reform; and served in the U.S. House representing New York's 19th Congressional District. It's because of these diverse professional and personal experiences that Delgado finds common ground with people from all walks of life.



In Congress

Delgado was the first person of color to represent upstate New York in Congress. While there, he focused on improving the lives of New Yorkers, working with local, state, and federal partners — regardless of party — to get results. From improving access to quality, affordable health care, to fighting for universal Pre-K, to serving our nation's veterans, to protecting our small businesses and family farms, Delgado was an effective legislator who achieved results. Eighteen of his bills were signed into law under two different presidents and he was recognized by various organizations throughout his tenure in Congress for his bipartisan work. His legislative accomplishments include passage of his Family Farmer Relief Act, the Strengthening Financial Aid for Students Act, and the Improving Benefits for Underserved Veterans Act, among others. When the pandemic hit, Delgado shifted his focus to securing federal support for frontline and essential workers and small businesses. He successfully secured much-needed loan repayment relief for small businesses and his Direct Support for Communities Act delivered \$10.8 billion to New York State counties, cities, towns, and villages for economic recovery.

Delgado served as Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit as well as the House Small Business and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees.

Nearby Dining

On-Campus:

The Salt Line Hudson Valley (at The Heartwood)
165 College Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
(845) 714-2004

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Students' Building (Near North Lot)

Arlington (Right off campus):

The City Line Diner 829 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 553-1100	Meyer's Old Dutch 35 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY (845) 471-7026
Chan's Peking 26 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 471-7830	Dumpling King 8 Raymond Ave, Suite 8A, Poughkeepsie NY 12603 (845) 558-3788
Hurricane Grill & Wings 9 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 243-2222	La Cabanita 763 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 452-7544
Pizzeria Bacio Ristorante 7 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 486-8080	Savona's Trattoria 1 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 867-4505
Spettro PK NY 44 Lagrange Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 442-3001	Thailicious 30 Vassar Road, Suite #3, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 845-337-4454
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Nearby Dining

Poughkeepsie (5 to 15 Minutes from campus):

1915 Wine Cellar 40 Cannon St. Suite 4, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 232-5311	Barbue 30 Eastdale Ave N., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 395-3610
Blue Collar Brewery 40 Cottage Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 454-2739	Brasserie 292 292 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 473-0292
Cosimo's 120 Delafield Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 485-7172	Crew Restaurant & Bar 2290 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 462-8900
El Azteca 97 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 483-7677	Empire Jamaica Fusion Restaurant 385 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 849-0497
Essie's Restaurant 14 Mount Carmel Place, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 452-7181	Farmers & Chefs 40 Albany Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 337-4949
The Governess 1 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 204-6239	Lola's Cafe and Catering 131 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 471-8555
Lolita's Pizza 129 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 452-8100	Mahoney's Irish Pub and Steakhouse 35 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 471-7026
Milanese Italian Restaurant 115 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 471-9533	Mill House Brewing Company 289 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 485-2739
Moonburger Poughkeepsie 2605 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (inside the Chestnut Market @ the Mobil gas station) (845) 240-1096	Moonrise Bagels 26 Winslow Gate Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 849-0228
Rossi & Sons Rosticceria 45 South Clover Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 471-0654	Shadows on the Hudson 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 486-9500

Hyde Park:

Eveready Diner
4184 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538
(845) 229-8100

Conference Program, NYSPSA, April 12, 2025 Schedule of Events

Saturday Morning Events:

Conference Registration: 7:45 AM to 11 AM

109 Rockefeller Hall

Breakfast (Grab & Go): 7:45 AM to 9:15 AM

112 Rockefeller Hall

Plenary Address: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

200 Rockefeller Hall

Local Government in Turbulent Times:

Hon. Rebecca Edwards, Supervisor, Town of Poughkeepsie

Saturday Panels (April 12—First Session)

Time	Location	Section	Panel ID	Panel Name
9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	RH 101	American Politics	AP 2	Perspectives on Elections
9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	RH 104	Political Theory	PT 2	Thinking about Liberation: Feminist and Abolitionist Politics
9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	RH 201	Undergraduate Research	UG 4	Strategic Moves on the Global Stage

Plenary Speaker Biography

Rebecca Edwards

From the Vassar College Website:

Rebecca Edwards received her PhD in 1995 from the University of Virginia. Her research interests focus on the post-Civil War era and include electoral politics and the history of women and gender. She teaches courses on the 19th-century United States, women in the United States up to 1890, and the American West, including a First-Year Writing Seminar. Professor Edwards is the author of *Angels in the Machinery: Gender in American Party Politics from the Civil War to the Progressive Era* (Oxford University Press, 1997) and *New Spirits: Americans in the "Gilded Age," 1865-1905* (Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 2010). She is co-author, with James A. Henretta and Robert O. Self, of *America's History*, 7th edition (Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2011). Recent publications include "Women's and Gender History" in *American History Now*, ed. Eric Foner and Lisa McGirr (Temple University Press and the American Historical Association, 2011).

Professor Edwards is currently working on an article about US politics in the 1880s and a collection of documents on the march of Jacob Coxey's army of the unemployed in 1894. She is beginning research for a project about the significance of women's economic and reproductive roles in US political development.



From the Town of Poughkeepsie Website:

The Town Supervisor's mission is to provide leadership to the Town Board, departments, and employees to set directions for the future. **Supervisor Rebecca Edwards** seeks to ensure that Board policies and priorities are carried out; that the Town maximizes and diversifies its sources of revenue and spends funds efficiently; and that the Town provides high-quality, cost-effective services to its residents. The Supervisor communicates with residents, sharing information about Town events and services and keeping residents informed of Board activities and decisions. The Supervisor meets with residents and local stakeholders, as well as with elected and appointed officials in all levels of government.

Communication with residents is a top priority for Supervisor Edwards. Residents can subscribe to the Supervisor's (roughly) biweekly e-newsletter to receive information about Town events and services and Board activities and decisions.

The Town Supervisor is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, responsible for proposing the annual tentative budget and leading and managing Town finances. The Supervisor is elected to a two-year term and chairs the meetings of the seven-member Town Board, which are generally held twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 1 Overocker Road.

The Supervisor manages appointments to the Town's volunteer boards and seeks to ensure the smooth functioning of all aspects of Town government. The Supervisor's office maintains a file of interested volunteers for board and committee appointments and works to foster volunteer participation in Town government. If you are interested in serving on one of our boards, please apply [here](#).

**Conference Program,
NYSPSA, April 11-12, 2025
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Saturday Panels (April 12—Second Session)

Time	Location	Section	Panel ID	Panel Name
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	RH 101	International Relations	IR 2	Global Issues
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	RH 104	Comparative Politics	CP 2	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	RH 201	Undergraduate Research	UG 1	Engaging the American Political Arena
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	RH 203	Undergraduate Research	UG 3	Redressing Exclusion

Panel Details Appear in Alphabetical Order by
Section Name Starting on Page 17.

Scholarly Accomplishments of the NYSPSA Executive Board, May 2024—April 2025

Christopher Cody, NYSPSA Secretary and History & Politics Section Chair, Hudson County Community College

Moves, Promotion, & Awards: League for Innovation Excellence Award 2024 (<https://www.league.org/2023-2024-league-excellence-awards>), NISOD Excellence Award 2024 (https://nisod.org/archive_files/conference/2024/2024-EA-Booklet.pdf)

Jeffrey Kraus, NYSPSA American Politics Section Chair, Wagner College

Book: *The Battle for the Hudson Valley in The Roads To Congress*, 2024 (forthcoming)

Book Reviews: Goodman, Nicole J. *Voting Online: technology and democracy in Municipal Elections*, in *Choice*, April 2025.
Schraufnagel, Scot. *Conflict in Congress: a call for moderation*, in *Choice*, November 2024.
Peters, B. Guy. *Health policy in the United States: access, cost, and quality*. In *Choice*, August 2024.

Moves, Promotion, & Awards: Executive Director, Northeastern Political Science Association
Member, Substantive Change Committee, Middle States Commission on Higher Education
Site Visit Team Member, Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Geoffrey Kurtz, NYSPSA Political Theory Section Chair, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY

Book Reviews: "The Idea of Fraternity in America at Fifty," *Perspectives on Political Science* 53:4, September 2024.
Real Communities and Democratic Theory," a review of Tradition and the Deliberative Turn: A Critique of Contemporary Democratic Theory by Ryan R. Holston, *Front Porch Republic*, September 27, 2024.
Review of Keeping the Republic: A Defense of American Constitutionalism by Dennis Hale and Marc Landy, *Current*, July 19, 2024.

Book Chapter: "Maybe Even Souls: The Moral Basis of Socialism in Spheres of Justice," in Walzer and Justice: Spheres of Justice in the 2020s, ed. J. Toby Reiner (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming)

Emily Matott, NYSPSA Social Media Coordinator, University at Albany, Graduate Student

Book Chapters: "How They Govern: Do Millennial Mayors Bring a Generational Perspective to Their Activities?" in *Generational Politics in the United States*. Edited By Sally Friedman and David Schultz. University of Michigan Press. (June 2024) (co-Authors Sally Friedman and Michael Armato)
"The Language of Representation: How Millennial and Non-Millennial Legislators Present Themselves to Constituents" in *Generational Politics in the United States*. Edited By Sally Friedman and David Schultz. University of Michigan Press. (June 2024) (co-Authors Sally Friedman and Andrew McMahon)

Moves, Promotion, & Awards: Louise C. and Earl M. Applegate Award - Initiatives for Women, University at Albany. (July 2024).

Scholarly Accomplishments of the NYSPSA Executive Board, May 2024—April 2025

Harvey Strum, NYSPSA International Relations & American Foreign Policy Section Chair, Russell Sage College

Articles: Canadian Press views the 1908 American Presidential Election. *Journal of 20th Century Media History*, April.
Antichrist journeys to the Promised land, *Proceedings of International Conference on Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences*, December 2024.
Upstate New York Jewish Response to the Russian pogroms of 1903-05. *New International Virtual Association*, October 2024.
Federalist Resurrection. *New International Virtual Association*, Summer 2024.
Unimpressed in New York. Archives, Winter 2025.
Not only distressing but truly alarming. Gotham Blog, August 21.

Jim Twombly, NYSPSA Vice President, Elmira College (Emeritus)

Book: *Political Scandals and American Pop Culture: Sex, Power, and Cover-ups* (2nd ed) a Palgrave Macmillan Pivot series book (August 2024).
Forthcoming: *Secession and Self-determination in the United States* with Autumn Walden and Carolyn Phillips (manuscript submission, August 2025). Palgrave Macmillan Pivot Series.
Presidential Federalism: The Enduring Role of Presidents in National-State Relations. Manuscript due: June 2025, with Lisa K. Parshall. Lexington Books.
Book Reviews: Honig, Dan. *Mission Driven Bureaucrats: Empowering People to Help Government do Better. Choice*, January 2025.
Achenbaum, W. Andrew. *Safeguarding Social Security for Future Generations: Leaving a Legacy in an Aging Society. Choice*, July 2024.
Other: Conference on Decoding the Election (CODE), Vassar College, November 22, 2024. Panel on the Future of Democracy.
"The Preamble to the Constitution: A Bold Statement of Social Justice." Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education, February 24-28, 2025.

Charmaine Willis, NYSPSA Treasurer, Skidmore College

Book: *Trading with Pariahs: Trade Networks and the Failure of Economic Sanctions* (with Keith Preble, Miami University), 2024, Lexington Books.
Article: Trading with Pariahs: North Korean Sanctions and the Challenge of Weaponized Interdependence in *Global Studies Quarterly* (with Keith Preble), 2024.
Other: Hired as a tenure-track assistant professor in Asian politics at Old Dominion University for Fall 2025.

American Politics—AP 1

Issues in American Politics

Friday Session 3

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM Location: 104 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Jeffrey Kraus, Professor, Wagner College, jkraus@wagner.edu

Discussant: Jeffrey Kraus, Professor, Wagner College,
jkraus@wagner.edu

Papers:

Failures of Transformational Leadership: Secular Time, Attempted Reconstructions, and Anomalies in Political Time

Ryan Pettibone, Adjunct, SUNY Albany, rtpettibone@gmail.com

A Theory on the Development of Radical Collective Identity and Use of Unconventional Political Action in American Social Movements

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

Your First Amendment Right: Protests and the Media

Vanessa Chamorro, Graduate Student, Purchase College,
SUNYvcham03@gmail.com & Carissa Cunningham, Adjunct, Purchase
College, SUNY, carissa.cunningham@purchase.edu

Old Tool in New Hands: Flipping the Script on the Debt Limit Debate

Jim Twombly, Elmira College (Emeritus), jtwombly@elmira.edu &
Robert Irons, Illinois Wesleyan University, rirons@iwu.edu

American Politics—AP 2

Perspectives on Elections

Saturday Session 1

Time: 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: 101 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Jeffrey Kraus, Professor, Wagner College, jkraus@wagner.edu

Discussant: Jeffrey Kraus, Professor, Wagner College, jkraus@wagner.edu

Papers:

Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood: Trust, Understanding, and Representation in the 2020 United States Election

Jack Reilly, Associate Professor, Syracuse University, jlreilly@syr.edu & Catherine Cottrell, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, cottrec@sunypoly.edu

Examining the Impact of Nativity Status and Other Socio-economic Factors on Voter Participation in the 2020 and 2022 US Election Cycle

Ken Irish-Bramble, Associate Professor, Medgar Evers College, CUNY, ken@mec.cuny.edu; Marsha Webster, Director, Medgar Evers College, CUNY, marsha.webster26@mec.cuny.edu; & Sasha Richardson, Graduate Student, Baruch College, CUNY, sfrichardson9@gmail.com

Affirmative Action is Dead...? Long Live Affirmative Action...?

Daniel Lipson, Associate Professor, SUNY New Paltz, lipsond@newpaltz.edu

American Politics—AP 3

Roundtable: Trump's 2nd First Hundred Days

Friday Lunch

Time: 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Location: 200 Rockefeller Hall

Moderator: Peter Richardson, Adjunct Professor, Northeastern University & President, NYSPSA

Participants:

Richard Born, Professor of Political Science, Vassar College

Nancy Kassop, SUNY Distinguished Professor, SUNY New Paltz

Lisa K. Parshall, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Daemen University

Jim Twombly, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, Elmira College

Comparative Politics—CP 1

Representation, Participation, and Democracy

Friday Session 1

Time: 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM Location: 203 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Chibuzo Achinivu, Assistant Professor, Vassar College,
cachinivu@vassar.edu

Discussant: Chibuzo Achinivu, Assistant Professor, Vassar College,
cachinivu@vassar.edu

Papers:

Changing the Rules of Deliberation and Decision-Making: From Participatory to Plebiscitary Democracy

Sawyer Rogers, Graduate Student, University of Massachusetts Amherst,
sbrogers@umass.edu

Democratic Demise or Resilience? A Longitudinal Study of Diffuse and Specific Political Support in South Africa over 20 Years

Sarah Beth Giles, Graduate Student, Stellenbosch University,
giles.sarah@icloud.com

Revisiting Explanations For The Electoral Success of the Populist Radical-Right: A Supply Side Analysis of The Electoral Success of the French National Rally Between 2022 and 2024

Sebastien Lazardeux, Associate Professor, St John Fisher University,
slazardeux@sjfc.edu & Emma Senglaub, Undergraduate Student, Colgate University

How the Opposition Failed Democracy in Turkey: Opposition Coordination in an Electoral Authoritarian Regime

Yunus Sözen, Assistant Professor, Le Moyne College, sozenmy@lemoyne.edu

Comparative Politics—CP 2

Selected Topics in Comparative Politics

Saturday Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Location: 104 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Yunus Sozen, Assistant Professor, Le Moyne College,
sozenmy@lemoyne.edu

Discussant: Yunus Sozen, Assistant Professor, Le Moyne College,
sozenmy@lemoyne.edu

Papers:

The Drug War in Mexico: Understanding Perceptions of Insecurity

Richard Huizar, Associate Professor, William Paterson University,
huizarr@wpunj.edu

The Impact of Polarization on Gender Inequality Across Democracies

Aline Van Neutgem, Graduate Student, The City University of New York -
Graduate Center, avanneutgem@gradcenter.cuny.edu

National Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plans: What European Countries Can and Should be Considering Going Forward

Peter Mameli, Associate Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY,
pamameli@gmail.com

History and Politics—HP 1

Political and Economic Movements: Nationalism, Foreign Policy, and Global Influence Through History

Friday Session 3

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM Location: 301 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Christopher Cody, Ph.D., Lecturer, Hudson County Community College,
ccody@hcc.edu

Discussant: TBD

Papers:

Impact of the Embargo of 1807-09 on New York City

Harvey Strum, Professor of History and Political Science, Russell Sage College,
strumh@sage.edu

Nationalist Visions: Political and Economic Ideals of Washington, Garvey, and Muhammad

Michael Boston, Associate Professor, SUNY Brockport,
mboston@brockport.edu

Identity Politics—IP 1

Queer Identities, Challenging Spaces

Friday Session 2

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: 301 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Howell Williams, Associate Professor, Western Connecticut University,
williamsh@wcsu.edu

Discussant: Howell Williams, Associate Professor, Western Connecticut
University, williamsh@wcsu.edu

Papers:

The Earthworm and the Spartan: Transgender Soldiers in South Korea

Carissa Cunningham, Instructor, SUNY Purchase,
carissa.cunningham@purchase.edu

Bringing the War Home: Gender, the Family, and Capitalist Incapacitation

S. N. Dowdy, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center,
sdowdy@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Brotherly Love: A Spectrum of Gay-Inclusivity in the Men's Movement

H. Howell Williams, Associate Professor, Western Connecticut State University,
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International Relations & American Foreign Policy—IR 1

Global Issues

Saturday Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Location: 104 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Harvey Strum, Full Professor, Russell Sage College, strumh2hotmail.com

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

Papers:

US supported Radio Free Europe's Bulgarian Broadcasting around the Collapse of Communism and the End of the Cold War

Kristian Kafozoff, Adjunct Professor at Union County College NJ & Doctoral Candidate at St John's University NY, k.kafozov@gmail.com

NGO influence on the World Bank

Chibuzo Achinivu, Visiting Assistant Professor, Vassar College, cachinivu@vassar.edu

Silencing Dissent: Russia's Violation of Freedom of Expression

Zenun Hoti, MPA, Binghamton University, hoti.zenun@gmail.com

Eschewing America's Hegemony; Great Powers, Spheres of Influence, the 2nd Trump Administration and the Illiberal Path to a Century of Autocracy

Brian Ford, Independent Scholar, NYC DOE / Retired, bpford1@gmail.com

International Relations & American Foreign Policy—IR 2

International Issues

Friday Session 2

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: 101 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Kristian Kafozoff, Adjunct Professor at Union County College NJ & Doctoral Candidate at St John's University NY, K.KAFOZOV@gmail.com

Discussant: Chibuzo Achinivu, Visiting Assistant Professor, Vassar College, cachinivu@vassar.edu

Papers:

International Environmental Space Law

Sam Edwards, Associate Professor, Quinnipiac University, sam.edwards.3@gmail.com

Environmental Issues and the US Military

Charmaine Willis, Visiting Assistant Professor, Skidmore College, cnwillis@skidmore.edu & Diva Belo, Undergraduate Student, Skidmore College

Alliance Institutionalization and Conflict Initiation, Moral Hazard, and Dynamics of Militarized Disputes

Ryan Hitch, PhD Student, CUNY Graduate Center, ryan.hitch2012@gmail.com

One World, Nine Visions of World Order

Gia Mosashvili, Graduate Student, Harvard University & New York University, gim111@g.harvard.edu

Political Theory—PT 1

Inside/Outside: Borders, Belonging, and Selfhood

Friday Session 1

Time: 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM

Location: 104 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Jeff Miller, Professor, SUNY New Paltz, millerj@newpaltz.edu

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Papers:

A Walzerian Theory of Relatively Open Borders

Toby Reiner, Associate Professor, Dickinson College, tobyreiner@gmail.com, reinerj@dickinson.edu

To Feel the Ground Again: Political Membership in Ignazio Silone's Fiction

Geoffrey Kurtz, Associate Professor, BMCC-CUNY, gkurtz@bmcc.cuny.edu

Time and its Outside: Simone Weil and B.R. Ambedkar on the Nature of Waiting

Antaripa Bharali, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center, antaripabharali1@gmail.com, abharali@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Political Theory—PT 2

Thinking about Liberation: Feminist and Abolitionist Politics

Saturday Session 1

Time: 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

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Discussant: Toby Reiner, Associate Professor, Dickinson College, tobyreiner@gmail.com, reinerj@dickinson.edu

Papers:

Memes & Memorials: The Digital Politics of Gender Violence and Urban Space

Helena Najm, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center, HelenaNajm@gmail.com & Carmen Melillo, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center, cmelillo@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Abolition's Arc: Tracing the Development of Abolitionist Theory in Angela Davis's Work

Wendy Wright, Assistant Professor, William Paterson University, wrightw1@wpunj.edu, wendylwright@gmail.com

Echoes of Lysistrata: Reassertion of Feminist Autonomy in the War of Position

Zachary Thomas, Instructor, Bergen Community College, zthomas1@bergen.edu, zthomas1@bergen.edu

Political Theory—PT 3

Reactionary Politics: Local, National, Global

Friday Session 2

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM Location: 203 Rockefeller Hall

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Papers:

License and Liberty: Conservatives, Cars, and the Politics of Urban Revanchist Individualism

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I Reject Your Sovereignty and Substitute My Own: A Methodological Framework for Analyzing Far-Right Alternative Histories

Chelsea Joliet, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center, cjoliet@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Fighting Authoritarianism: Sports Spectacle, Reactionary Politics, and the Accumulation of Capital

Carmen Melillo, Graduate Student, CUNY Graduate Center, cmelillo@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Ultra-nationalist Social Movements in America and Abroad: An attempt to Classify and Categorize Relevant Terminology

Michaela Hertkorn-Paeffgen, Instructor, Great Falls Community College, Montana State University, mhertkorn@gmail.com

Pub Pol & Pub Admin—PP 1

Addressing Power Imbalances and Systemic Barriers in Public Policy and Institutions

Friday Session 2

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

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Chair: Jim Twombly, Elmira College (Emeritus), jtwombly@elmira.edu

Discussant: Jim Twombly, Elmira College (Emeritus), jtwombly@elmira.edu

Papers:

Stigma and Politicization in Public Transportation: The Role of Administrators in Combating Transit Poverty

Brian Goodman, Graduate Student, Binghamton University,
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With Growth Comes Corruption: Evaluating the Efficacy and Success Factors of Anti-Corruption Initiatives that Succeed at Creating a Transparent Government Systems in Uzbekistan and Policy Recommendations Based on the Analysis of Best-Practices

Alina Brown, Graduate Student, Binghamton University, albrown2448@gmail.com

Alleviating Power Asymmetries of the Eviction Court System through a Multipronged Tenant Support Model

Jody Schum, Graduate Student, Binghamton University, jschum@binghamton.edu

Health Care Policy in New York in an Age of Uncertainty

Jeffrey Kraus, Full Professor, Wagner College, jkraus@wagner.edu

Manufacturing Ignorance: Book Bans, Public Policy, and Epistemic Power Structures

Nadine Wedderburn, Associate Professor, SUNY Empire State University,
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State and Local—SL 1

Politics and Policy in the Empire State

Friday Session 2

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: 301 Rockefeller Hall

Chair: Lisa K. Parshall, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Daemen University & Policy Fellow, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, lparshal@daemen.edu

Discussant: TBD

Papers:

Rolling Back the Welcome Mat? New York City's Migrant Reception Policies Since 2022

Jacki Vimo, Assistant Professor, Montclair University, vimoj@montclair.edu

New York State's Campaign Finance Reform Effort Had A Minor Effect on Election Results in 2024

Kevin Bronner, Instructor, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, kbronnersr@gmail.com

Understanding New York State Governance Through the Framework of Crises

Laurie Buonanno, Professor, Buffalo State University, buonanl@buffalostate.edu & Lisa K. Parshall, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Daemen University & Policy Fellow, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, lparshal@daemen.edu

Missed Opportunities: NYC Agency Based Voter Registration

Margaret Groarke, Professor, Manhattan University, margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu & Ishaan Jani, Undergraduate Student, Manhattan University

EMS as an Essential Service: Considerations for Local and State Governments

Allison Knox, Richard P. Nathan Fellow, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com

Teaching and Learning—TL 1

Open Mic: Teaching and Learning Politics

Friday Session 1

Time: 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM

Location: 101 Rockefeller Hall

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

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Undergraduate Research—UG 1

Engaging the American Political Arena (American Politics)

Saturday Session 2

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Papers:

The Effects of Fusion-Voting in Connecticut & New York

Mathew Biadun, Eastern Connecticut State University

Crisis & Activism: Youth Political Participation in the Late Nineteenth – And Early Twenty-First Centuries

Caroline Lewis, Fairfield University

The Impact of Digital Campaigns and Tools on Voting Behavior and Political Engagement Among Younger Voters

Zia-Grace Generette, Eastern Connecticut State University

Parenting Styles: A Generational Approach for Understanding Sociopolitical Tolerance

Connor Dalgaard, Vassar College

Barriers to the Ballot: Extreme Action Needed to Combat an Extreme Threat

Kira Hanner, Quinnipiac University

Religion and State Welfare Spending within the United States

Preston Reese-Grimm, Ripon College

Undergraduate Research—UG 2

Challenges in Fragile States (Comparative Politics)

Friday Session 2

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

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Papers:

Defining Factors Which Affect Terrorist Activity in States

Samantha Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology

Instability, Imperialism, & the Tales of Two Leaders: The Debate Surrounding Political Assassination in Africa

Lindsey Cavanagh, Marymount Manhattan College

Forbidden Fruit of Power: Conflict Minerals, Corporate Complicity and Corruption in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Sofija Kac, Marymount Manhattan College

"Worth the Risk": NGO Engagement with Youth Migration in Morocco

Tasneem Hussein, Vassar College; Bekir Hodzic, Vassar College; & Zayn Cheema, Vassar College

Undergraduate Research—UG 3

Redressing Exclusion (Public Policy)

Saturday Session 2

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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Papers:

The Right to Chinatown: Asian American Perspectives and Experiences in 21st-Century Manhattan

Isaac Smith, Marymount Manhattan College

Children Behind Bars: The Detrimental Effects of Juvenile Detention and the Search for a New Solution

Michelle Itkin, Vassar College

Riding the School Bus to Prison: Examining the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Its Impact on Marginalized Youth

Brooke Pollicove, Quinnipiac University

War on Immigration: Migrant Deportations to Guantanamo Bay

Mikayla DaSilva, Vassar College

Buy, Borrow, Die: The Tax Loophole of the Rich and Its Reform

Ariana Alvarado, Quinnipiac University

Barriers to an Equitable Start: Addressing Challenges in Newborn Screening Implementation

Mia Christensen, Quinnipiac University

Undergraduate Research—UG 4

Strategic Moves on the Global Stage (International Relations)

Saturday Session 1

Time: 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

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Papers:

China's Defiance of United States Hegemonic Power in Latin America (Case Study: Brazil, Argentina, and Chile)

Christopher Ramirez, Vassar College

Building Resilience: A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Post-Conflict Recovery Through Economic Policy, Social Capital, and Third-Party Interventions

Cooper Stine, Fairfield University & Annabelle Worrell, Fairfield University

Arms Transfers and Children's Rights: A Study of Arms Manufacturer's Responsibility

Mariia Lemza, Vassar College & Jasper Selwood, Vassar College

Undergraduate Research—UG 5

Reawakening Lessons from Political Thought (Political Theory)

Friday Session 3

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM

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Papers:

Political Re-Enchantments of the Archive through the Zong Massacre

Tessa Pascarella, Vassar College

The Labyrinth: The Enduring Relevance of Simón Bolívar's Carta de Jamaica as a Foundational Text for Latin American Political Thought

Felix Rengel Sanchez, SUNY at Purchase

The Postmodern Prometheus: Just Wars and Unjust Technologies

Grace Staples, Marymount Manhattan College

The Christian Question: Interpreting Rousseau's Civil Religion Through the Lens of Rome and a Civically Imperfect Christian Faith

Samuel Ponessa, Fairfield University

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