



Off to Montreal

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Northeastern Political Science Association will hold its 50th annual meeting in Montreal, Canada from November 8th through the 10th, 2018. In honor of our 50th Anniversary of hosting conferences for the presentation of political research and findings, this year's theme will focus on events, trends, crises that have shaped the world during the 50 years of NPSA's existence. What is different today than 50 years ago? Which conditions facilitated these transformations and what are the implications of these changes? What has stayed the same and why? We believe this theme encompasses all Political Sci-

ence subfields and encourage participants to think broadly and creatively about their areas of interest and research.

While not all papers have to incorporate the conference theme, preference will be given to those proposals that do. In honor of our host city, Montreal, Canada, NPSA is including a French Language section this year to include papers in all fields of Political Science written and presented in French.

Submissions will be invited for papers, panels, and roundtables beginning in March through our All Aca-

50 Years of Change

ademic site and our deadline for submissions is June 15, 2018. As always, we need volunteers to serve as panel chairs and discussants and welcome graduate and undergraduate students to also submit proposals.

We look forward to seeing you this year in Montreal for our 50th Anniversary conference!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *NPSA 50th Anniversary Meeting in Montreal*
- *French Language Section included*
- *50 Years of Change*
- *Meet the NPSA*
- *Member Engagement*
- *Friends of the NPSA*

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THIS YEAR'S SECTIONS

-Congress, the Pres & Courts
-State & Metro Politics
-Parties, Interest Group, Social Movements & Electoral Behavior
-Pub Policy and Pub Administration
-International Relations

-Comparative Politics
-Multiple Political Theory sections
-Democratic Theory
-Identity Politics
-Environmental Politics and Policy
-Teaching, Learning, and the Profession

-Popular Culture and Politics
-Politics and History
-Undergraduate Research
-French Language Panels

Please see our website for a complete list with contact information for section chairs



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NPSA—PT I

Although the Northeastern Political Science Association was established in 1968, and hosted its first annual meeting in 1969, its origins stretch back to 1966 when, in the fall of 1966, the New England Political Science Association passed a resolution to explore the possibilities of organizing a new political science journal. Among other charges, the resolu-

tion stipulated that ... [the associations] “should explore the possibility that New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey associations might have an interest in working out some sort of cooperative basis for sponsorship so that the regional basis for launching this venture could be broadened beyond the New England States proper.” In the spring of 1967, a

planning group with representatives from the New York and New England associations met in Albany, NY and proposed the creation of a general political science journal. It was settled that the name of the journal would be *Polity: The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association* and it was (con’t on back page)

FRENCH LANGUAGE SECTION

In honor of our host city, Montreal, Canada, the NPSA is happy to announce the inclusion of a French Language section for our 50th Annual Conference.

Submissions to this section may include papers in all fields of Political Science

written and presented in French. Special consideration will be given to papers that focus on US/Canadian relations or the conference theme of “50 Years of Change.”

Look to the Call for more details.

*Est-ce que
vous parlez
français?*

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NPSA PROFILE—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Jeffrey Kraus first attended an NPSA meeting in 1984, in Boston, MA. He reports that he found the panelists very supportive, and that the discussant offered some very meaningful suggestions on what was to become a chapter of his dissertation. Jeff started his “career” as a member of the

NPSA in 1998, with his first stint as a section chair for *Interest Groups, Parties, Elections, and Political Behavior*.

Jeff became a member of the organizing committee as 3rd V.P. in 1998, and proceeded up the ladder becoming Program Chair

in 2000 and then President in 2001. Jeff has served as Executive Director of NPSA from 2001 to the present.

When asked what he likes best about NPSA, he responded, “the informality and collegiality.” He is not alone in this.

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

One of the notable characteristics of the NPSA is its emphasis on collegiality. No one said that to me when I first attended NPSA in 2002 but it was something that stood out and it is something that would bring me back to NPSA; and would eventually encourage me to switch conferences. According to the Oxford Dictionary, collegiality derives from the late Latin *collegialis* – a partnership or association. This is what NPSA is – a part-

nership. We work together to advance the science of politics (Aristotle's master science), we work together to advance each other's scholarship, and we work together to advance our common goals.

With this in mind, we are launching the NPSA quarterly newsletter as a means of keeping our members and friends in touch with each other between annual confer-

ences; and we installed a Director of Member Engagement to facilitate contact between the organization and our members. If you have news that you want to share with your colleagues, please send it to us for possible inclusion in the newsletter. Items should be no more than 150 words. NPSA reserves all editorial rights but will do our best to be as inclusive as possible.



Koop Berry, Director of Member Engagement

MONTREAL FOR THE 50TH

When you travel to Montreal, step beyond the cobbled lanes of Vieux-Montréal, and you're surrounded by thoroughly modern buildings from the likes of I. M. Pei; innovative, globally inspired cuisine; boundary-pushing music; and a dizzying blend of cultures that includes not just French but Italian,

Chinese, and Caribbean.

Visit Montreal to discover the European flair and sophistication of this unique Canadian metropolis.

Things Not to Miss in Montreal

- Vieux-Montréal and the Vieux-Port
- Mount Royal

- Place Des Arts
- The Plateau and Mile End neighborhoods
- Jean Talon Market
- St. Joseph's Oratory and Notre-Dame Basilica
- The Musée des Beaux-Arts
- The Botanic Gardens and the Biodôme

(<http://www.travelandleisure.com/travel-guide/montreal-quebec-canada>)

“CENTURIES-OLD STONE FACADES, TRADITIONAL BISTROS, ELEGANT BOULEVARDS, AND A CERTAIN *JE NE SAIS QUOI* MAKE MONTREAL'S REPUTATION AS AN OLD WORLD CITY *MANQUÉ* WELL-DESERVED.”

FRIENDS OF NPSA

The Northeastern Political Science Association has been growing and changing over the past 50 years. Our latest improvement has been the creation of a companion organization, *Friends of the NPSA*. *Friends of the NPSA* is registered as a

501 c 3 with the IRS and is dedicated to raising funds for the NPSA awards and grants which are currently unfunded or funded by the general fund of the NPSA. These awards include two theory awards, and two graduate student travel

grants, among others. Please visit the NPSA website for more details on awards and how to donate (tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS).

What are you doing?

NPSA wants to know about our members, and wants to share your stories and successes in our newsletter. To submit a story or blurb for possible inclusion contact our Director of Member Engagement, Koop Berry at kberry@walsh.edu



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"50 YEARS OF CHANGE"

Conference Dates: November 8-10, 2018

Hotel Bonaventure, Montreal, Canada

*Remember to update your
passport for the 50th.*

U.S. citizens can go to the following website for easy
step-by-step instructions on how to apply for, or
renew your passport

[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/
passports/apply-renew-passport.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport.html)

HISTORY (CON'T)

agreed that the journal would be published by the University of Massachusetts.

The 1st annual meeting was held in Hartford, CT November 6-8, 1969 and consisted of 5 panels held throughout Friday, followed by a dinner Friday evening with Karl Deutsch, then President of APSA, as the speaker. This established the practice NPSA still follows today of inviting the APSA President to be guest speaker at the organization's dinner.

Originally, the new journal and the new association (NPSA) were staffed by representatives of the constituent associations. As time progressed, and the organization grew both the journal and the NPSA developed distinct editorial and executive boards from the regional associations; although the regionals continued to supply, on a rotating basis, the Program Chair for the NPSA's annual meeting until the new constitution was adopted in 2012. Despite Polity's and

NPSA's regional origins, from the very beginning it was made clear that submissions were not limited to those who resided, or taught in the region. The journal and the association were always open to non-regional professionals. This practiced has continued over the years with NPSA board members, section chairs, and conference participants coming from all across the US and around the world.

50th Years
-from
Hartford CT,
to
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Quebec, Canada