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#### 50 YEARS OF CHANGE—CALL FOR PAPERS

The Northeastern Political Science Association will hold its 50th annual meeting in Montreal, Canada from November 8th through the 10th, 2018 (Hotel Bonaventure).

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 Science 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.

We are seeking submissions for papers, panels, and roundtables and our deadline for receipt of 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.

You can find all conference information including a list of Section Chairs and Section Descriptions and the link to the submission site through our NPSA 2018 Conference webpage:

https:// www.northeasternpsa.com /2018-conferencemontreal/

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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

#### FRIENDS OF NPSA

At 50 years old, the Northeastern Political Science Association continues to change. Our latest improvement has been the creation of a companion organization, Friends of the NPSA. Friends of the NPSA is registered as a 501c3 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
McWilliams theory
awards and two graduate
student travel grants,
among others. Please visit
the NPSA website for
more details on awards
and how to donate.

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### HOTEL BONAVENTURE SPOTLIGHT

The Hotel Bonaventure is a lovely venue with great facilities for our conference, located directly across the street from the train station and connected to the train station via a network of underground tunnels (more on that later). The Hotel is actually on the upper floors of the building. Upon entering the building you take an elevator up several floors

to the main floor of the hotel where you will be greeted by the concierge desk, front desk, access to the pool (yes, a heated outdoor pool), and the restaurant/bar. One enters the pool from inside the building and swims out into the great outdoors eliminating the need to freeze to death getting in and out of the pool.

The rooms are very nice – each having a view of one of the many outdoor venues, filled with trees, ducks, and waterways. The rooms are equipped with a comfortable king size bed, desk, private bath, coffee station, TV, in room safe, and complimentary Wi-Fi access.

The conference facilities are all centrally located on the lower level.

#### FOOD—LE PASSAGE



For those who want to explore, Montreal has some wonderful culinary opportunities that can be accessed via the underground passage. East of the hotel is Le Passage – the passage. It allows people to move about the city without going outside. It also provides some basic amenities such as a pharmacy, a stationery supplies store,

cafes, and a liquor/wine store.

First, you go under the street into the train station which has a fantastic food court. The types of things you can get is truly amazing: Greek, sushi, Italian, Turkish, Korean, and more. After the train station, you will encounter a series of "mall" type shopping environments

as you make your way "down town."

If you want to brave the weather, and are heading west check out Rue Crescent for a fun filled several blocks of pubs, cafes, restaurants or the Rue Ste. Catherine for shopping. On the east side, Old Montreal has lots of places to eat, shop, and a whole host of galleries.



#### THINGS TO DO IN MONTREAL

Culture—Filled with impressive pieces, the Musée des Beaux Arts de Montreal is an art lovers dream. From Picasso to 19th century Napoleonic pieces, one can be lost for days viewing the collection. https://www.mbam.qc.ca/

Explore— Five different ecosystems fill the Biodome. Visit them all and take in the plants and animal life from the globe. http:// espacepourlavie.ca/en/biodome

And if you have got enough of this world, the planetarium is next door! Eat— A feast for the eyes as well as the mouth, SouBois provides a unique fine dining experience in a magical woodland setting. Enjoy their twist on the classically Quebecois poutine.

http://soubois.com/

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### NPSA Profile— Farida Jalalzai

Farida is currently serving as the First Vice
President and Program
Chair for NPSA. She
started attending meetings in November 2003
in Philadelphia as a grad
student and then became
a member in 2006. She
served as 2nd Vice
President 2016-2017
until moving into her
current role in
December 2017. Farida
received both her

master's and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Buffalo, in 2000 and 2004 respectively. Her undergraduate degree comes from SUNY College at Brockport where she majored in Political Science and African & Afro-American Studies. Farida's primary field of study is Gender and Politics. We asked Farida about her favorite NPSA memory and she

replied, "Participating in special roundtables related to the state of the field for gender and politics, with great scholars offering important insights." The thing that she likes best about NPSA is, "The excellent feedback provided by discussants and the collegial environment as well as great locations and accommodations."



#### NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Look for an upcoming book from NPSA members on the 2016 election. William J. Crotty (NPSA Past President), Barbara Norrander, Gerald M. Pomper, Charles L. Prysby, Paul D. Herrnson, Raymond J. La Raja, Susan A. MacManus, John A. Garcia, and John Kenneth

White have put together a text that looks at what happened and provides a well-grounded explanation of the results. The outcome should not have been the surprise it was. The book also takes a briefer look at what a Trump presidency will constitute.



### MONTREAL LOCAL—GRAHAM G. DODDS, PH.D.

Graham Dodds is a U.S. citizen whose teaching and research focus on U.S. politics, but for the past 14 years he's been working 35 miles north of the U.S. border at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. Being an Americanist outside America amounts to being a Comparativist, which is

an identity he enjoys. More loosely, his job entails explaining the mysteries of U.S. politics to puzzled Canadians, and he is regularly called on by Canadian journalists for explanations whenever something odd happens in U.S. politics. His work focuses on American political development

and the presidency, and he is currently working on book manuscripts about the unitary presidency and presidential pardons. If you'll be attending the 2018 conference in Montreal and want some local suggestions for what to see and do, drop him a line.





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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

#### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Discounted Conference Room Rate: Single/Double \$199CDN/night Rooms must be reserved by October 7, 2018, the latest. Reservations may be made by calling toll free 1-800-267-2575 or 514-878-2332. To get the discounted rate, indicate when reserving that you are attending the 2018 NPSA Annual Meeting. Individual reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and may be canceled up to 72 hours prior to the arrival date with no penalty.





Air Canada will offer discounted fares to participants who book flights using the NPSA promotional code assigned to the meeting: XU39EAD1.

Read the fine print at https://www.northeasternpsa.com/2018-conference-hotel/

We have partnered with United Airlines to offer travel discounts to our event. Visit www.united.com/meetingtravel and enter ZF73 AND AGREEMENT CODE 726338 in the Offer Code box. Booking fees are waived for Meeting reservations. Please note that travel must be booked between now and November 5, 2018 in order to receive the discount.

