



EXCEPTIONAL MONTREAL

The conference is just right around the corner. It is time to start planning excursions and side trip to take in all that the amazing city has to offer. We have compiled a list of some unique sites that are worth checking out.

Habitat 67

Designed by Moshe Safdie for Expo 67, the Montreal 1967 Universal Exhibition. This residential complex is an experiment in modular design. The idea for this Habitat is that it would be a way for the middle class to improve its quality of life in an urban environment. The original design of 354 identical prefabricated boxes resulted in



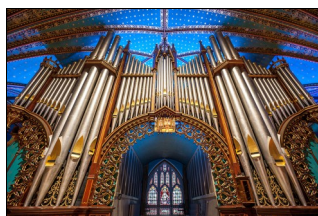
158 apartments (now reduced to 146). There are 90-minute tours offered daily that cover the history and allow the viewing of an unoccupied unit. Check out this amazing architectural curiosity while on your way to the Biosphere.

www.habitat67.com/en/

Notre Dame Basilica

Designed in Gothic Revival stylings in 1824 by New Yorker James O'Donnell, the Notre Dame Basilica

was built as the largest church in North America (a title it held for 50 years). The Basilica boasts a Casa-



vant Frères pipe organ - 92 electropneumatic action stops, 4 keyboards, and a sound-bending 7,000 individual pipes. Guided tours are given every 20 minutes each day in both English and French.

www.basiliquenotredame.ca/en/visiteurs-individuel

See additional activities on page two of the newsletter.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

NPSA wants to know about our members and share your stories and successes in this newsletter.

To submit a story or blurb for possible inclusions contact our Director of Member Engagement, Koop Berry at kberry@walsh.edu

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! JOIN US IN MONTREAL

- ◆ Discounted room rates are available through **October 7**. Reservations may be made by calling toll free 1-800-267-2575 or 514-878-2332. To get the discounted rate when reserving, indicate that you are attending the 2018 NPSA Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Discounted airfare is available through United Airlines on reservations made by **November 5**. Visit www.united.com/meetingtravel and enter ZF73 AND AGREEMENT CODE 726338 in the Offer Code box.
- ◆ Discounted airfare is available through Air Canada using the promotional code assigned to the meeting: XU39EAD1.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION EXPLAINED



Keep in mind, you may need to adjust your cell phone plan

to include international data and calling while at the conference to avoid any fees. The hotel will have Wi-Fi throughout.

If you have joined NPSA in the past and wish to renew your membership AND plan to attend the conference in Montreal, click

o NPSA Member when registering

If you haven't joined NPSA in the past but would like to, also click on

o NPSA Member when registering

If you want to register for the conference but DO NOT

wish to become a member, click on

o Nonmember when registering

Finally, if you want to renew your membership, but will not be joining us at this year's conference, you should select **o I would like to join (or renew) NPSA but do not plan on attending the conference**

Please note the Friends of NPSA donation option avail-

able this year (with donation amounts as low as \$2); and the option for registering for the Walking Tours of Old Montreal on either Friday or Saturday evening.

The option for joining NPSA as a member is open year-round. If you choose membership, your membership renewal will coincide with conference registration each year.

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In addition to the amazing sites to behold, there are plenty of special events and activities to take part in while visiting Montreal.

CINEMANIA Film Festival

This festival runs November 1-11 at the Imperial Cinema. The festival has been running since 1995 highlighting the work of great French artists. CINEMANIA is the venue where the latest works of Costa-Gavras, Desplechin,

Techine, Klapisch, Kahn, Leconte, Guediguian, Becker, Tavernier, Nicole Garcia and Anne Fontaine are screened, while new discoveries like Radu Mihaileanu, Maiwenn, Pierre Schoeller, Stéphane Carpiaux get their initial jumpstarts in North America. The final lineup will be available on October 24 at which time tickets can be purchased.

www.festivalcinemania.com/en

Montreal Brewpub Experience Craft Beer Tour

Running Friday-Sunday this three hour walking tours provides the opportunity for guests to try six different beer and food pairings. Learn why Montreal is Canada's top destination for craft beer as you visit three different brewpubs.

montrealcraftbeertours.com/beer-tours/montreal-brewpub-experience-beer-tour/



2017 NPSA PAPER AWARD WINNERS

The following papers won awards at the 2017 NPSA annual meeting. Winners will receive their award and be recognized at the 50th Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Pi Sigma Alpha/NPSA Best Paper Award: Paulo Marcio Cavallo de Oliveira (University of Texas at Dallas), "When FDI Increases in the Absence of BITs: A Synthetic Control Approach"

McWilliams Best Graduate Student Paper in Theory: Isak Tranvik (Duke University), "Vaclav Havel and the Ontology of Nonviolence"

McWilliams Best Faculty Paper in Theory: Robinson Woodward-Burns (Howard University), "Emerson on Self-Reliance, Slavery, and Constitutional Reform"

Best Paper on Identity Politics: Jennifer Erkulwater (University of Richmond), "Identity Among Peoples with Disabilities, 1935-1950"

Lanahan Best Graduate Student Paper: Jacob D. Fraher (Creighton University), "Ethnic Violence and Political Arenas: Explaining the Formation of Conflict Networks in Sub-Saharan Africa"

NPSA PROFILE— JOHN O’RORKE

I first started attending NPSA conferences in 1994, shortly after I arrived at Frostburg State University. I was introduced to NPSA by a colleague, Joan Andorfer, the now Secretary and Executive Board member of NPSA, as a vehicle for presenting my research on teaching and learning. I received such a warm welcome and such wonderful feedback and support (teaching and learning at that time was an infant field in Political Science and hardly present at the conferences), that I continued to attend and present. In 1998, I was appointed Chair of the Teaching and Learning section and served in that position until 2010 when I became NPSA Treasurer.

I continue to return to the conference and serve the organization because of the many wonderful people I’ve met through NPSA. I have many fond memories of the conferences over the years including panels I attended and the presentations I gave, but I most fondly remember the social interactions with people attending the conferences. These include: going out to dinner with then President Francine D’Amico in Boston in 2009, where she talked me into becoming Treasurer (the wine did flow that night); and sitting with Koop Berry, current Director of Member Engagement, in a pub in Philadelphia discussing the future of NPSA over burgers and beers; countless adventures with Jeff Kraus, Executive

Director, as we try to cope with the myriad little issues that always seem to creep up on us (despite all our best efforts); and our annual Friday night dinner repasts with Don Fusting of Lanahan Publishers – all of whom I met through NPSA and count as dear friends.

I graduated from Williams College in 1982, majoring in Political Science; received my Masters in Public Administration from SUNY@Albany in 1984; and my Ph.D. in Comparative Politics from The University of Pennsylvania in 1997. I am currently a Professor of Political Science at Frostburg State University, in Frostburg, MD.



NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Member **Alex Priou** has had his book, *Becoming Socrates: Political Philosophy in Plato's "Parmenides"*, recently published.

In this commentary on the *Parmenides*, Alex Priou argues that the dialogue is, in actuality, a reflection on politics. Priou begins from the accepted view that the conversation consists of two discrete parts -- a critique of the forms, followed by Socrates' philosophical training -- but finds a unity to the dialogue yet to be acknowledged. By paying careful attention to what Parmenides

calls the "greatest impasse" facing Socrates' ontology, Priou reveals a political context to the conversation. The need in society for order and good rule includes the need, at a more fundamental level, for an adequate and efficacious explanation of being. Recounting here how a young Socrates first learned of the primacy of political philosophy, which would become the hallmark of his life, *Becoming Socrates* shows that political philosophy, and not ontology, is "first philosophy."



HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have a question about the upcoming NPSA Annual Meeting in Montreal, check out the NPSA website at www.northeasternpsa.com. The site has links to the hotel, information on travel discounts, membership, and much more!





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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 re-
new, their passports.

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

FRIENDS OF NPSA

At age 50 years, the Northeastern Political Science Association continues to grow and change. *Friends of the NPSA*, a new companion organization, 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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AIR CANADA

Air Canada offers 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/>

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