



## 52ST ANNUAL NPSA—HISTORIC BOSTON

### The Hotel

The historic **Omni Parker House** at 60 School Street, Boston, MA was founded in 1855. It is the oldest and longest continuously operating hotel in the United States. In old town Boston, along the Freedom Trail, the Omni Parker House has been host to a long line of politicians, writers, artists and sports legends. The hotel offers free Wi-Fi in the guest rooms and meeting areas. There is parking for pay on the premises. NPSA’s block of rooms will open up July 1, 2020. The room rates are \$232/night-single or double. Note that this rate is \$13 less than at our 2016 conference there! Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI. Ask for the NPSA Rate.

### Attractions

The Omni Parker House is in old town Boston, along the Freedom Trail, and in walking distance to Faneuil Hall Market Place, Old City Hall, the Massachusetts State House, Boston Common, the New England Aquarian, the Public Gardens and more. It is a short (less than 15 minutes) cab/Uber/Lyft ride to the JFK Presidential Museum & Library, Bunker Hill Museum, the USS Constitution Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts (with their marvelous Picasso, Monet, and Van Gogh collections). Boston has so many more attractions!

### Transportation

From the Amtrak South Station, the cab ride to the hotel is approximately \$7.

- From the Airport, the cab ride to the hotel is approximately \$20-\$28.
- Government Center T Stop is now open.

Eco-friendly travelers can take advantage of Boston’s MBTA train service located only one block from the hotel. From Logan Airport, take the Blue Line to State Street station, which is only a three-minute walk to the hotel. Fare is \$2.90 each way. Bus #22 stops at Terminals A and B and the Airport subway station. Bus #33 stops at Terminals C and E and the Airport subway station. Take the Logan Airport Terminal A shuttle bus towards the loop. Take the Bus Walk 1 minute to the Airport Station and take the MBTA Blue Line to State Street.

MBTA Park Street Station (Red or Green line) is a four-minute walk

MBTA State Street Station (Blue or Orange Line) is a two-minute walk

MBTA Downtown Crossing Station (Red or Orange Line) is a four minute walk

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### KEEP US UPDATED

NPSA wants to know about our members—especially in this time of social-distancing.. Please 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](mailto:kberry@walsh.edu)



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## CHANGES IN THE POLITY EDITORIAL TEAM

**Roger Karapin** has been the editor of *Polity* since 2015. When he took over at *Polity* one of his goals was to diversify the content of *Polity*—adding more articles in Comparative and International Politics. He also expanded the utilization of symposia for the journal. Early in Karapin's editorship, he moved *Polity* from Palgrave to the University of Chicago Press, which has provided the journal with a good institutional base for the coming years. When he was asked, he said his favorite part of the editor's role has been working with authors who want to improve the clarity and strength of their arguments, as well as working on a daily basis with the journal's excellent team -- Associate Editor Leonard Feldman, Managing Editor Julie Hollar, Copy Editor Claudia van der Heuvel, and all the helpful, professional staff at the press. While Roger will no longer be editor of *Polity* he will continue with his other full-time job—Professor of Political Science at Hunter College, CUNY.



## NEW POLITY EDITORIAL TEAM

The Northeastern Political Science Association is excited to announce that for the first time in our history, *Polity* will have a team of co-Editors-in-Chief: **Alyson Cole** (Queens College & The Graduate Center, CUNY), **Robyn Marasco** (Hunter College & The Graduate Center, CUNY), and **Charles Tien** (Hunter College & The Graduate Center, CUNY). Cole's main areas of research are political theory, gender, racial, and economic inequality.

Her work cuts across disciplinary divides and is especially attentive to the role of language in how we conceive and actively address subjugation and the possibility of resistance. Collaborative work with scholars from other fields has been a crucial element in realizing her commitment to bridge disciplines. Marasco's work is primarily interested in the development of critical methods for the study of politics. Her recent research draws from critical theory, feminist theory, and democratic theory to argue for the significance of kinship structures and specific family patterns in shaping political life. Her scholarship engages other social science disciplines, including psychoanalysis, anthropology, and sociology. Tien's interest in gender, race, and ethnicity in American politics is longstanding and extends to his research on Congress and voting behavior. He is an election forecaster and primarily uses quantitative methods in his research.



The new CUNY team, who assume the helm on July 1, 2020, are committed to maintaining the high standards that previous editors have implemented at *Polity*. They will continue *Polity's* rigorous peer-review process and publish high quality, engaging, and accessible work from all political science subfields. The new editors also aim to expand *Polity's* readership and contributor pool by featuring scholarship that reaches beyond the already porous boundaries of discipline, incorporating more content engaging gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and class, and including more scholarship that pushes the conventional boundaries of political science by, for example, employing innovative methods and critical theoretical perspectives.

Starting with their first issue in 2021 the CUNY editors will introduce a number of new and revised features in the journal, such as:

- *Ask a Political Scientist*. This section will feature interviews from political scientists and prominent thinkers from aligned disciplines on pressing political issues, whether the politics of pandemics, the role of the electoral college, or a discipline-specific controversy, such as what "intersectionality" means

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## CHANGES AT POLITY, CONT'D.

and how it ought to impact our methods. While some have claimed that political science has become disconnected from contemporary concerns (<https://www.chronicle.com/article/How-Political-Science-Became/245777>), the aim of this section is to create a space for political scientists to showcase their expertise and engagement. Professor Frances Fox Piven will be among the first contributors to this new feature.

- *Classics Revisited*. In this section scholars will be invited to reflect on canonical texts in our discipline to assess their significance in our contemporary context. One classic that will be featured is Professor Wendy Brown's *States of Injury*. Scholars will comment on the enduring themes of the book, including the politics of identity, feminist theories of the state, and the critique of liberalism, more than twenty-five years after its initial publication and in light of more recent political formations.
- *Inter/intra-disciplinary Symposia*, guest-edited by prominent scholars in the field. This section will be composed of shorter interventions on a specific theme, with the aim of addressing an urgent political problem, or pursuing a cross-disciplinary exchange.

### PLAN B

Like all institutions, NPSA is concerned about what happens if there is a resurgence of with the CoVid-19 virus in the fall. While an on-ground conference in Boston is our Plan A, the Executive Board is working on an alternative plan for our conference. Please know that this is not our preferred option (hence, this is plan "B" not "A") but we do not want to jeopardize the health of any of our members and/or participants. We will keep you apprised of our plans and they will be in accordance with the recommendations of the CDC.

If you have questions, you can contact any of the Board members or your section chair. Also, our website is updated regularly and it has a wealth of information. <https://www.northeasternpsa.com>

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there are secret poems hidden on sidewalks in Boston's sidewalks? You can only see them when it rains or you spill water (or another liquid) on them. The City of Boston partnered with [Mass Poetry](#), a nonprofit organization supporting poetry across MA to launch the public art project. Local artists, including students from the Lesley University College of Art and Design, cut stencils for poems by Boston-based writers, like Langston Hughes and Barbara Helfgott Hyett.



Membership in NPSA runs from November to November. This means that your membership is good until it is time to register for our 52st Conference in Boston. Registration opens September 1, 2020.

### HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have a question about the upcoming NPSA Annual Meeting in Boston, check out the NPSA website at [www.northeasternpsa.com](http://www.northeasternpsa.com). You can also contact Koop Berry, Director of Member Engagement for help—[kberry@walsh.edu](mailto:kberry@walsh.edu).



2020 CALL FOR PARTICIPATION  
52ND ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5-7, 2020  
BOSTON, MA

The Northeastern Political Science Association will hold its 52st Annual Meeting in Boston, MA from November 5—7, 2020. It will be at the historic Omni Parker House. Submissions for papers, panels, and roundtables is open.

**The deadline for submitting a proposal is July 1, 2020.**

As always, we need volunteers to serve as panel chairs and discussants and we encourage graduate and undergraduate students to submit proposals.

All questions should be directed to the appropriate Section Chair (see conference information on the website) or to the conference Program Chair, Eric Budd ([ebudd@fitchburgstate.edu](mailto:ebudd@fitchburgstate.edu)). Please visit NPSA [conference webpage](http://www.northeasternpsa.com) at [www.northeasternpsa.com](http://www.northeasternpsa.com) where all conference information will be regularly updated. Please note, *only one paper submission per person will be accepted*. However, a paper presenter may also serve as a chair or discussant on another panel or as a roundtable participant; faculty members may serve in the additional role of mentor for undergraduate research.

NPSA will award TRAVEL GRANTS by lottery to two graduate students who register for, and participate in, the annual meeting. Names will be selected at the conference; each student will receive a check for \$150 to help offset expenses associated with attending the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in historic Boston!

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## Friends of NPSA -

When the Northeastern Political Science Association celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 one of the many things it did was create a stand-alone fund-raising organization called *Friends of NPSA*. The sole purpose of Friends of NPSA is to raise money to help support NPSA's *scholarly awards and travel grants*. These awards recognize academic excellence and help to defray travel costs for promising young scholars.

NPSA provides a high-quality conference experience in great locations with affordable registration fees. We are a venue that welcomes individuals at all career stages. The awards and travel grants that we fund celebrate academic excellence, connect past and future generations of scholars, reinforce the expectations of the profession, and help to defray costs, particularly for new and upcoming scholars. If positive experiences at the NPSA Conferences have been part of your professional journey, we encourage you to consider giving back so that we may continue our mission in the 52<sup>nd</sup> year and beyond. Even a modest contribution (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$52 for the 52st) will have a substantial impact.

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### 52ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONTINUED

#### Food

There are too many choices to list, but the [Last Hurrah](#) is on the premises. We are within walking distance of the Union Oyster House, Emmets Irish Pub, Sam LaGrassa's, Zen there are so many places to eat, drink, and be merry that no one can try them all in a three day period.



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