



## 52<sup>ND</sup> NPSA: “THE COVID CONFERENCE”

### The Northeastern Political Science Association’s 2020 Online Meeting

The Northeastern Political Science Association’s 52nd Annual Conference was held online rather than in Boston on November 7, 2020. Even with the unorthodox venue for a conference, the panels and papers were superb as was the collegiality. The meeting brought together more than 120 scholars in a broad array of panels—both synchronous as well as pre-recorded sessions. Synchronous roundtables included “Is Democracy Dying?” and “The 2020 Election: The Parties Respond.” Synchronous panels included “Politics and Society in the Time of Corona,” “Mechanisms and Institutions: Comparative Studies of Race and Capitalism,” “Women and Politics Globally,” and “Theory and Politics Today.” Pre-recorded panels included “China and the World,” “The Jerry Mileur Panel on the Future of Parties,” “Generational Perspectives on American Politics,” and “Theorizing Race and Capitalism/Racial Capitalism.” In addition to the panels and roundtables, participants came together for a keynote address by Dr. David Bell, Dean of Education at St. Johns University. His lecture was entitled “Leverage the Moment: The Role of Higher Education in Combating Institutional Racism.” Dr. Bell’s address highlighted the role of higher education at this pivotal moment of racial reckoning in the United States.

The conference was a success through the hard work of our section chairs who helped to curate the program, the volunteers who served as panel chairs and session discussants, and especially to the current NPSA President, Eric Budd and Immediate Past President, Lisa Parshall. As always, we are grateful to all of our participants and volunteers who lent their time and professionalism to making the NPSA conference a welcoming and fruitful academic event. We thank all who attended and hope to see everyone in Boston, Massachusetts in 2021.

### 53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL NPSA—BOSTON, MA

Conference Dates: November 11-13, 2021  
Omni Parker House Hotel



#### KEEP US UPDATED

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

#### IDEAS FOR Boston?

Please share your ideas for NPSA group events in Boston with Koop Berry at [kberry@walsh.edu](mailto:kberry@walsh.edu)

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## NPSA PROFILE— VANESSA RUGET

The 2020-21 NPSA Program Chair is Vanessa Ruget. You have probably seen her around NPSA as she has “has enjoyed the collegiality and academic support of NPSA for over 15 years” serving in a variety of roles, such as panel chair, discussant, presenter, member of the General Council, and recently as section chair of Comparative Politics. In 2008, she received the NPSA Women Caucus’ best paper award.

Vanessa is a professor of political science at Salem State University where she teaches a range of courses in comparative politics, including Democracy and Dictatorship, Global Migration, and a first-year seminar on Poverty and Philanthropy.

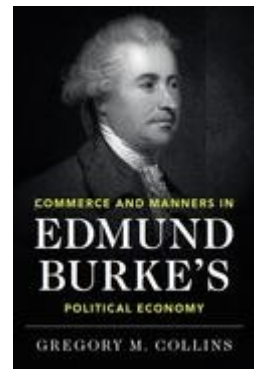
She received her doctorate in political science from the University of Bordeaux (France) in 2000 and is a graduate from Sciences Po Bordeaux. In the past, she taught political science at the American University – Central Asia and at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (both located in Kyrgyzstan), as well as in France.

Her research focuses on labor migration from Central Asia to Russia. It has appeared in edited volumes and peer-reviewed journals such as *Nationalities Papers*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, and *Central Asian Survey*. In 2017, she was awarded a Fulbright Flex Research Award to Kyrgyzstan.



## IN THE NEWS:

Congratulations to Gregory M. Collins on the publication of his new book *Commerce and Manners in Edmund Burke's Political Economy*. He is Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer in the Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics in the Dept. of Political Science at Yale University.



## 2020-21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Membership in NPSA runs from November to November. This means that your membership is good until it is time to register for our 53rd Conference.

## NPSA PURPOSE:

The Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) is one of the leading regional professional organizations in the United States for the study of politics. Every year, at its Annual Conference, NPSA brings together hundreds of political scientists from all fields of study, all parts of the United States, and a variety of countries around the world for the purpose of enhancing and expanding their knowledge of politics.

# 2021 CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

## 53rd Annual Meeting

November 11-13, 2021

Boston, MA

### Program Chair

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The Northeastern Political Science Association will hold its 53rd Annual Meeting in Boston, MA from November 11-13, 2021. It will be at the historic Omni Parker House Hotel. Submissions for papers, panels, and roundtables will be accepted beginning in March 1. **The deadline for submitting a proposal is June 15, 2021.** We encourage professionals at all levels of their career to submit proposals including graduate students. We even have a few select panels for undergraduate presenters as well.

As always, we need volunteers to serve as panel chairs and discussants. Please volunteer using the All Academic site where you will create your account to submit a paper proposal and volunteer. All Academic requires you to create a new account each year.

All questions should be directed to the appropriate Section Chair (see conference information on the website) or to the conference Program Chair, Vanessa Ruget ([vruget@salemstate.edu](mailto:vruget@salemstate.edu)). Please visit NPSA conference webpage at [www.northeasternpsa.com](http://www.northeasternpsa.com) where all conference information is regularly updated beginning mid-February. 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 Boston!

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## Awards

NPSA and the Friends of NPSA fund several Best Paper Awards in different categories for presenters at our annual conference. Please go to the NPSA website to view the categories and recent award recipients.

<https://www.northeasternpsa.com/npsa-awards/>

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## 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.



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Our website contains a lot of information. You can find things on the upcoming conference, the Call for Papers, the list of section chairs, NPSA officers, awards, as well as information on past conferences. We have history via the Presidents Memory booklet, copies of our newsletter, and a photo gallery from the past three conferences. You will also find our Anti-Harassment Policy and Professional Code of Conduct. You can check all this at [www.northeasternpsa.com](http://www.northeasternpsa.com).