



53RD ANNUAL NPSA—HISTORIC BOSTON

IN PERSON!

NPSA is excited to be the first post-pandemic political science conference to be held fully in-person. We are taking all measures to keep everyone safe. Participants who are fully vaccinated can opt to be maskless. For those who are not fully vaccinated, they will be asked to mask up (like we've been doing this past year) and to have a negative covid test result within 72 hours of your NPSA participation. All participants will be required to sign a liability waiver at registration.

In-person is where NPSA is best. We are known for our collegiality and this gives us a chance to network, to more fully discuss papers, ideas, politics, and everyday life. It also allows more people to participate—as presenters, chairs, discussants, and observers.

DEADLINE

The extended deadline to submit a proposal is fast approaching—July 1. Remember, only one paper submission per person. If you are presenting a paper you can still participate in a roundtable, and serve as chair and/or discussant (in fact, we encourage you to volunteer as chair and/or discussant).

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 paying parking on the premises. NPSA's block of rooms will open up on July 1, 2021. The room rates are \$229/night-single or double. Note, this amount is \$25 less than in 2016! **The conference rate ends on October 8.** Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI. Ask for the NPSA Rate. See also in the next page and on our website [the travel discounts](#) offered by Delta and American Airlines.

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) taxi ride to the JFK Presidential Museum & Library, Bunker Hill Museum, the USS Constitution Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts (with its marvelous Picasso, Monet, and Van Gogh collections). Boston has a lot more attractions!

We are currently working with the Boston Visitors Bureau to organize a guided group walking tour of historic Boston. You will be able to register for this when you do for the conference starting October 1st.

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



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NPSA SPOTLIGHT — JOAN SERAFIN ANDORFER

Joan's teaching career started in 1989 when she joined the faculty of the Frostburg State University's Political Science Department. Her educational background includes earning a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1982 from King's College with minors in History and German. Her Master's degree was awarded by Pennsylvania State University in 1984 after which Kiel, Germany, became her home. In 1985, she went back to Penn State for her doctoral studies in Soviet and East European politics. She says she was lucky to finish as the Berlin Wall was coming down. Her research interests include not only European Affairs but also pedagogy and particularly experiential learning. Active learning, a respect for diverse opinions, and developing writing and critical thinking skills are the focus of her courses.

Her positions beyond professor have included Director of the Ireland Exchange Program, Director of the POSC Internship Program, and Coordinator of the International Studies Program. The spring semesters of 1991 and 1993 were spent in Limerick Ireland, with over thirty FSU students on each exchange. She is the President of the Institute for Diplomatic Dialogue (IDDA), a faculty-run non-profit which hosts an annual international simulation of the Organization of American States (OAS). According to Joan, "It was a terrific experience to organize the FSU Career Summit program for two years which brought together alumni and current students to discuss career strategies." Her newest project is helping to organize FSU's Global Civic Leaders Program which encourages students to turn their passion for international issues into action.

Joan began attending NPSA when she was a graduate student in the 1980s. She has continued her active participation as a presenter, chair, discussant, section chair of Teaching and Learning, and is now the Secretary for NPSA.

Joan says that as Frostburg sits on the edge of Appalachia, it is a luxury to be able to pursue her hobbies of cycling, skiing, gardening and reading biographies after pulling weeds. Her daughter, Aleksandra, has finished graduate school, lives close by in Arlington, Virginia, and is gainfully employed at Dell. Sadly, Joan recently lost her husband after a long campaign with dementia, his life and memory remind her of all that is good and fascinating in the world.



TRAVEL DISCOUNT

As in the past, NPSA has negotiated discounts with several airlines. For more information and the links, see our [website](#).

American Airlines – 5% discount. Participants should contact American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at 10800-433-1790 for assistance with reservations and ticket purchase.

Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for Northeastern Political Science Association [Please click here to book your flights!](#) You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (CT) and refer to Meeting Event Code NMUVT

United Air offers a discount for travel to Boston. The discount is available 11/7—11/17, 2021. The link will be posted on our website and will be included in the next newsletter.

Questions? Give us a call or send an email to Koop Berry – kberry@walsh.edu

MEMBERSHIP AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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 in Boston. Registration opens September 1, 2021.

NPSA knows these are tough times for travel budgets so it is keeping its 2021 conference membership and conference rates what they were in 2019. They are:

- Membership Dues \$45 (this gives you discounted conference registration and a subscription to *Polity*)
- **Member Conference Registration \$135 (total membership and conference registration = \$180) BEST DEAL!**
- Non-member Registration \$225
- Undergraduate Registration \$20



2021 CALL FOR PARTICIPATION
53RD ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11-13, 2021
BOSTON, MA

The Northeastern Political Science Association will hold its 53rd Annual meeting in Boston on November 11-13, 2021, at the Omni Parker House Hotel. You can access the submission site on [our website](#) to submit proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables, as well as to indicate your availability to serve as a panel chair or discussant. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals. As always, we need volunteers to serve as panel chairs and discussants. **The extended submission deadline is July 1, 2021.**

Please note, **only one paper submission per person is allowed.** However, a paper presenter may also serve as a chair and/or discussant on other panels 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 in Boston. Names will be selected at the conference; each student will receive a check for \$150 to help offset expenses associated with attending the conference.

The [NPSA website](#) is regularly updated with conference information. For questions, please contact the appropriate [Section Chair](#) or the conference Program Chair, Vanessa Ruget (vruguet@saalemstate.edu).

We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

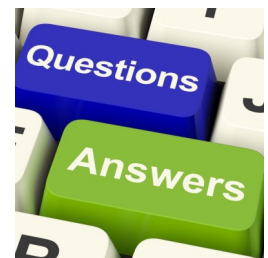
Friends of NPSA

The sole purpose of Friends of NPSA is to raise money to support *NPSA's scholarly awards and travel grants*. These awards recognize academic excellence and help to defray travel costs for promising young scholars. This is just one way that NPSA carries out its legacy of collegiality and commitment to scholarship.

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 53rd year and beyond. Even a modest contribution (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$51 for the 51st) will have a substantial impact.

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. You can also contact Koop Berry, Director of Member Engagement for help—kberry@walsh.edu.



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