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56TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HISTORIC BOSTON

Our conference is coming up! NPSA is excited to be back in Boston for its 56th annual meeting on November 14-16, 2024. As always, the conference will be a unique opportunity to receive constructive feedback on your work, to network with colleagues, and to keep current with the discipline in a collegial environment.



CONFERENCE SITE

The historic **Omni Parker House** at 60 School Street in Boston is the oldest and longest continuously operating hotel in the United States. It is located along the Freedom Trail and walking distance from many attractions—including Faneuil Hall Market Place, Old City Hall, the Massachusetts State House, Boston Common, the New England Aquarium, 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, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.



Important reminders:

- ***Early Discounted Registration** ends October 31
- ***Omni Parker House conference rate** needs to be booked by October 31
- ***Send your paper** to your panel chair & discussant by November 1

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To share your success or submit a story or blurb for possible inclusion in the next edition, contact Vanessa Ruget at vruguet@salemstate.edu

MEET OUR 2024 PROGRAM CHAIR AND PROGRAM CHAIR ELECT!

Cyril Ghosh, NPSA's current Program Chair and Vice-President, was presented at our 2004 conference as graduate student! Since then, and over the last two decades, Cyril has participated at NPSA in many different capacities. He is also closely associated – both personally and professionally – with several members of the current and past Executive Boards. In 2023, Program Chair (and now President) Yunus Sozen invited Cyril to take on the role of Program Chair this year – an invitation Cyril enthusiastically accepted!



Cyril is Associate Professor and Lloyd B. Politsch '33 Chair of Law at Clark University. He is the author, among other things, of *The Politics of the American Dream: Democratic Inclusion in Contemporary American Political Culture* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2013), *De-Moralizing Gay Rights: Some Queer Remarks on LGBTQ+ Rights Politics in the US* (Palgrave-Pivot, 2018), and *Key Concepts in Political Theory: Citizenship* (with Elizabeth F. Cohen; Polity, 2019). Cyril teaches courses on constitutional law, American politics, citizenship & immigration, and gender & sexuality. He researches topics relate to queer theory, public law and sexuality, citizenship & immigration, and the American dream as ideology. His article, "Dancing Around Gender Expression & Sex Talk: LGBTQ+ Asylum Policy in the US," was published earlier this year in the *Journal of Human Rights*. Cyril has a B.A. (1998) in political science and an M.A. (2000) in international relations from Jadavpur University, India; an M.A. (2005) and Ph.D. (2008) from Syracuse University, New York; and M.P.A. (2017) from New York University.

Ian J. Drake, who was recently appointed NPSA's Second-Vice-President & Program Chair-Elect, is Associate Professor of political science and law at Montclair State University. He previously practiced law and earned a PhD in US history from the University of Maryland. He has expertise in the areas of United States Constitutional law and history, the history of tort law, political theory, and animal rights law and policy. He has an abiding interest in the intersection between popular culture and political theory, especially how political thought can inform our interpretation of popular art and drama.



Some of Ian's recent publications include a book chapter co-authored with Matthew B. Lloyd, entitled "You Can't Fight City Hall!" in *Batman's Villains and Villainesses: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Arkham's Souls*. Justin Martin and Marco Favaro, Eds. (Lexington Books / Rowman & Littlefield: 2023), and "Free Speech Rights v. Property and Privacy Rights: 'Ag-gag' Laws and the Limits of Property Rights," *Independent Review* Vol. 25, No. 4 (Spring 2021). He first got involved with NPSA when a colleague suggested presenting a draft paper at the conference.

Members' News & Accomplishments

We are pleased to share some professional news and congratulate members on their achievements!

Dwight David Allman became Graduate Program Director at Baylor University.

Meshal Alkhowaiter, PhD candidate, London School of Economics and Political Science, was awarded a Fieldwork Grant by the LSE Southeast Asia Centre.

Attila Antal was hired as Associate Professor at Eotvos Lorand University Faculty of Law.

Gabrielle (Ellie) Beargeon from Emerson College received the Alan L. Stanzler Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Stephen Farnsworth, University of Mary Washington, served during spring 2024 as the J. William Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in Humanities and Social Sciences at the American Studies Center of the University of Warsaw, Poland. While in Poland he offered several lectures on his recently coauthored book, *Late-Night in Washington: Political Humor and the American Presidency* (Routledge, 2024) and on contemporary U.S. politics.

Jo Renee Formicola, Professor Emerita at Seton Hall University, was nominated Seton Hall Nominee for U.S. Teacher of the Year 2022 and is currently contracted to write a book on artificial intelligence in academia (expected Publication 2025).

A.R.M. Imtiyaz, Delaware Valley University received a 2024 Humanitarian Award from the National Congress of Black Women, Delaware Chapter and published, in 2023 and 2024:

-“The Sinhala-Buddhization of the State and the Rise of Authoritarianism in Sri Lanka” *World Affairs*, 187 (2).

-“Islamic Faith as an Ethnic Identity Marker: Overview of Sri Lanka Muslim Identity Formation, Politicization, and Violence.” *Journal of Asian and African Studies*.

-“Janatha Aragalaya: The People’s Struggle in Sri Lanka,” *Journal of Governance, Security & Development*, Vol 3, Issue (2).

-“Fragile State Policy and the Rise of Muslim Extremism in Sri Lanka. In: Mostofa, S.M. (eds) *Dynamics of Violent Extremism in South Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore.

Yujin Julia Jung, Assistant Professor at Mount St. Mary's University received two “excellence in teaching” awards from the University of Missouri and published in 2024:

-“Cyber Shadows over Nuclear Peace: Understanding and Mitigating Digital Threats to Global Security.” *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 11, no. 2: 233–533.

-(with Mao, Hanjin, and Meril Antony) “Lighthouse in the Mist: State Governors’ Crisis Communication on Twitter during the Early Stage of the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *International Journal of Public Administration in the Digital Age* 11, no. 1: 1–34.

Nazia Khan, Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur, published two articles in the April 2024 issue of *World Focus*: “Mapping Kurdish Geopolitical Landscape in the Middle East: Histories, Challenges and Prospects” and “Navigating Bilateral Relations: India and Myanmar in the 21st Century Security Landscape,” as well as a chapter on “Combating Crime Against Women Through a Good Governance Model” in Z M Khan and M Afzal Wani (Eds.), *Good Governance In A Globalising World- Indian Perspective* (Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi) in press.

Erin Mayo-Adam was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at Hunter College, CUNY.

Ridwan Islam Sifat from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, published in 2024:

-(with Ainun Nishat Chowdhury). “The Impact of Islamophobia on the Persecution of Myanmar's Rohingya: A Human Rights Perspective.” *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*: 1-15.

-(with Seun Mauton Ajoseh and John Tasheyon Whesu). “Food-based domestic violence and anemia among women in sexual unions in Nigeria: the effect of urbanization.” *Journal of Public Health Policy* 45, no. 3: 523.

Michael Smith from Emporia State University published in 2024, with H. Edward Flentje (eds.): *Reform and Reaction: The Arc of Kansas Politics*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas.

Alexander Strakhov, Doctorate Graduate, IE University, published in 2024 and 2023:

- “Corruption, Development, and the State in Putin’s Russia.” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 1–26.

- “Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Civil or Colonial War?” *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*, 29, 3: 249-266.

Neslihan Turan, Democracy Scholars Intern at Montclair State University made the Dean’s List.

Jim Twombly, Professor Emeritus at Elmira College, published in 2024: *Political Scandal and American Pop Culture: Sex, Power, and Cover-Ups*, 2nd ed. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, Inc.

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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 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 this mission. Even a modest contribution 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 Vanessa Ruget at vruguet@salemstate.edu

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