

**ISA-Northeast Annual Report 2013**  
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The ISA-Northeast had a successful 2013. With the always excellent support of the ISA HQ staff, we had a well-attended and well-reviewed conference in Providence, RI at the Biltmore Hotel. ISA-NE continues to be the largest of ISA's regional organizations; our membership matches its nine-year high of 1,079. As a result of careful fiscal management by past leadership, ISA-NE had, as of 30 September 2013, \$37,705.10 in cash reserves. The annual conference will likely lose ~\$1,000 this year, as we paid for projectors for all rooms and increased resources allotted to travel grants.

Jennifer Lobasz (University of Delaware), our 2013 program chair and vice-president elect, put together an excellent program. 178 people registered for the conference, which featured 37 panels in addition to special events. The conference featured a keynote address delivered by Peter Andreas (Brown University), and a luncheon address delivered by Cynthia Enloe (Clark University). Each year, ISA-Northeast holds the Northeast Circle, honoring and discussing a forthcoming book likely to be of impact in the field. This year's honoree was Pascha Bueno-Hansen (University of Delaware), for her book, *Decolonizing Transitional Justice: A Feminist Analysis of Human Rights and Internal Armed Conflict in Peru*. The conference was sponsored by the Academic Council on the United Nations (ACUNS); American University, School of International Service; Providence College, Department of Political Science; Routledge, Taylor & Francis; University of Massachusetts Boston, McCormack Graduate School; and University of Michigan Press.

In conjunction with our conference, ISA-Northeast hosted its annual Graduate Student Workshop in Interpretive and Relational Research Methods on 9 November 2013. For the first time in its history, Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (American) did not organize the proceedings. Instead, Daniel Levine (Alabama) and Laura Sjoberg (University of Florida) selected student participants, invited faculty mentors, and ran the workshop. Ten students—out of twenty-two applicants—received invitations. Faculty mentors included Brooke Ackerly (Vanderbilt), Ian Hurd (Northwestern), Michael Barnett (GWU) and Robert Vitalis (Penn) ISA-Northeast's conference funds and an ISA Professional Development Grant financed the workshop.

The workshop continued the format followed in previous years: a morning of open presentations on the craft of interpretive and relational research from faculty mentors; an informal lunch that included students, mentors, and the leadership of the ISA-Northeast; and small-group conversations on dissertation prospectuses and chapters in the afternoon. The organizers matched mentors to students. Morning sessions were recorded and will be placed on Levine's website for public access. Discussions ended at 4:00 pm, but continued informally over coffee into the evening; students also had the option to attend an informative session on academic publishing organized by the ISA-NE Program Chair and University of Michigan Acquisitions Editor Melody Herr.

The Governing Council also announced the winners of two of our annual awards. The 2013 Fred Hartmann Award for Best Graduate Student Paper Presented at ISA-NE 2012 was awarded to Yu-Ming Liou and Paul Musgrave (Georgetown University) for "Selectorates, Resource Wealth, and Policy Agendas: Why Petroleum Only Sometimes Perpetuates Patriarchy." The 2013 A. Leroy Bennett Award for Best Faculty Paper Presented at ISA-NE 2012 was awarded to Andrew A.G. Ross (Ohio University) for "A Good Use of Force: Humanitarian Sentiment and the Micropolitics of War in Iraq." The third annual Yale H. Ferguson Award went to two recipients: Daniel Levine for *Recovering International Relations: The Promise of Sustainable Critique* (Oxford University Press, 2012) and Zheng Wang for *Never Forget National Humiliation: Historical Memory in Chinese Politics and International Relations* (Columbia University Press, 2012).

At the completion of the ISA-Northeast conference, J. Samuel Barkin (University of Massachusetts-Boston) succeeded Daniel H. Nexon as President of ISA-Northeast, Jennifer Lobasz became Vice President and President-Elect. Harry Gould (Florida International University) succeeded Jennifer Lobasz as Program Chair. Randal Neumann (Penn State Berks) continues as Secretary. At the ISA-NE annual business meeting, the region's leadership voted to continue the program into 2014, pending continued ISA funding. Levine and Jessica Auchter (UT-Chattanooga) were elected co-conveners.

Our contracts with hotels end in 2016. ISA-Northeast therefore needs to make some decisions about whether to continue to alternate between Baltimore, MD and Providence, RI or seek other locations for our annual conferences.