



ISA-NORTHEAST REGION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

The ISA-Northeast had a successful 2018.

REGION MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

ISA-NE continues to be the largest of ISA's regional organizations. Our 2018 membership stands at 1,207, a slight rise from 2017 (1,157). As of 12/1/2018, our cash holdings stood at \$36,115.99. This sum does not reflect our conference expenditures. We recently increased our registration cost to be able to increase travel funding for graduate students and contingent junior faculty. Our sponsorship levels remain consistent, and we seem to have found the right financial footing for the conference to reliably break even.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With the invaluable support of the ISA HQ staff, we had a well-attended and well-reviewed conference in Baltimore, MD, at the Embassy Suites. The conference took place on November 3-4, 2018.

Program Chair: Andrew Ross (Ohio University) served as our Vice-President and Program Chair for the conference. Ross put together an excellent program that featured 40 panels and roundtables. A total of 197 people were listed on the program. We had 223 registrants in total and 272 submissions (an increase in submissions from last year).

Travel Funding: We awarded 11 travel grants to graduate students and contingent faculty, in sums ranging from \$100-\$450, for a total of \$2,550. These grants were paid out of the region's membership dues.

Special events included a keynote evening lecture by Kamari Maxine Clarke (University of Toronto). ISA President Patrick James (University of Southern California) delivered the presidential address over a buffet lunch.

The ISA-Northeast Scholars Circle honored Swati Srivastava's (Purdue) manuscript *Hybrid Sovereignty in World Politics*. Michelle Jurkovich (U Mass Boston), Jennifer Mitzen (Ohio State), Siba Grovogui (Cornell), and Jelena Subotic (Georgia State) were the discussants.

Sponsorships: The conference received generous sponsorships from Palgrave-Macmillan, the Security Studies Program of UMass-Lowell, the University of Michigan Press, the Doctoral Program in Global Governance and Human Security at UMassBoston, University of Maryland Center for International Development and Conflict Management and Baha'i Chair for World Peace, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Ohio University, the Active Learning in International Affairs Section of the ISA, the ISA Professional Development Committee. Our sincere thanks to them all.

Workshops: Our annual Interpretive and Relational Research Methods Workshop took place on the Saturday of the conference, under the renewed leadership of Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (American University) and Laura Sjoberg (University of Florida). Patrick and Laura selected student participants, invited faculty mentors, and Patrick ran the workshop itself. Faculty mentors this year were Sarah Stroup (Middlebury), Robbie Shilliam (Johns Hopkins), Ty Solomon (Glasgow), and Jelena Subotic (Georgia State). The Workshop was funded by an ISA Professional Development Grant with additional funding from ISA-Northeast's conference funds. 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 included students, mentors, and the region leadership; and small-group conversations on dissertation prospectuses and chapters took place in the afternoon. The organizers matched mentors to students.

This year was the third year in which we offered our Pedagogy Workshop, once again under the able leadership of Jamie Frueh (Bridgewater College). In addition to Frueh, the mentors included Eric Leonard (Shenandoah University), Rose Shinko (American), Gigi Gockek (Dominican University of California), and Jessica Auchter (University of Tennessee Chattanooga). The workshop continued the same format followed in previous years. Morning sessions focused on active learning and syllabus construction, an informal lunch allowed mentors and students to discuss pedagogy techniques, and afternoon sessions focused on workshoping teaching philosophies. Frueh matched mentors to students. We were grateful for ALIAS sponsorship for the Pedagogy Workshop lunch.

This year marked a continuing relationship with the Embassy Suites and we are grateful to the hotel staff for their assistance with the conference. We also wish to underscore our gratitude for the continued support and professionalism of the ISA leadership and staff.

AWARDS

The Governing Council announced the winners of our three annual awards in November 2018.

- Fred Hartman Award: Jean-Pierre Murray (University of Massachusetts Boston) "The UNODC and the Human Rights Approach to Human Trafficking: Explaining the Organizational (Mis)Fit"
- A. Leroy Bennett Award: Kathleen P.J. Brennan (SUNY Polytechnic Institute) "Hashtags as Weavers: Complexity, Attention, and Spacetimes in the Work of Michel Serres and William Gibson"

- Yale H. Ferguson Award: The Ferguson Award recognizes the book that most advances the vibrancy of international studies as a pluralist discipline. Catherine Lu (McGill University), *Justice and Reconciliation in World Politics*.

ELECTIONS

Upon completion of the ISA-Northeast conference, Stefanie Fishel (Alabama) succeeded Jessica Auchter (University of Tennessee, Chattanooga) as region president, with Auchter replacing Daniel Levine (Alabama) as past president. Andrew Ross (Ohio University) became President-Elect, while Anna Agathangelou (York University) was elected 2019 Program Chair. Randall Newnham (Penn State Berks) continues on as Secretary; our thanks for his continued service. The 2019 ISA-Northeast conference will be held in Providence at the Hilton Providence. We hope to see you there!