The ISA-Northeast had a successful 2019 at the Providence Hilton in Rhode Island.

**REGION MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES**

ISA-NE continues to be the largest of ISA’s regional organizations. Our 2019 membership stands at 1,081, a slight decrease from 2018 (1,207). As of 12/3/2019, our cash holdings stood at $27,435.98. This sum does not reflect our conference expenditures. We increased our registration costs to be able to increase travel funding for graduate students and contingent junior faculty. Moving forward, we are discussing charging more for the luncheon address due to rising catering costs. Our sponsorship levels dropped again this year, and we should continue to discuss options 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 Providence, RI, at the Hilton. The conference took place on November 8-9, 2019.

Program Chair: Anna Agathangelou (York University) served as our Program Chair for the conference. Anna created an excellent, thematically consistent program featuring 41 panels and roundtables. A total of 207 people were listed on the program and 305 applied for the conference. 98 were not placed on the program due to space constraints.

Travel Funding: We awarded 10 travel grants to graduate students in sums ranging from $200-$400, for a total of $2,300. These grants were paid out of the region’s membership dues.

Special events included a keynote luncheon talk by Professor Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies from Harvard Kennedy School entitled “The Global Politics of Technoscience: Subjects, Objects, and Temporalities.”

ISA President Cameron Thies was part of an Plenary Innovative Panel (Arizona State University) that also included Siba N’Zatioula Grovogui (Cornell University), Zubairu Wai, (Lakehead University), Ysabel Turner (Parsons School of Design), Timothy Vasko (Barnard College, Columbia University), Craig Murphy (Wellesley College), Sheila Jasanoff (Harvard Kennedy School).

The ISA-Northeast Scholars Circle honoured Oumar Ba’s (Morehouse College) manuscript States of Justice: The Politics of the International Criminal Court. Discussants included Swati Srivastava (Purdue University), Steven Roach (University of South Florida), Franziska Boehme (Texas State University), Josephine Dawuni (Howard University), and Annie Bunting (York University).
Sponsorships: The conference received generous sponsorships from Palgrave-Macmillan, York University, the University of Michigan Press, 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 Sammy Barkin (University of Massachusetts Boston) and Laura Sjoberg (University of Florida). Laura selected student participants, invited faculty mentors, and Sammy ran the workshop itself. Faculty mentors this year were Eric Blanchard (SUNY, Oswego), Andrew R. Hom (University of Edinburgh), Priya Dixit (Virginia Tech), and Susan J. Thompson (Colgate University). 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 fourth year in which we offered our Pedagogy Workshop, once again under the able leadership of Jamie Frueh (Bridgewater College) on the Saturday of the conference. In addition to Jamie, the mentors included Mark A. Boyer (University of Connecticut), Eric K. Leonard (Shenandoah University), Zubairu Wai (Lakehead University), and Jessica Auchtter (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 workshopping 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 Hilton Providence and we are grateful to the hotel staff for their assistance with the conference. The hotel conference team was new this year and did a fantastic job meeting our needs onsite. 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 2019.

- **Fred Hartman Award**: Elif Kalaycioglu, “The Contest Over Palmyra and Spaces of Global Value”
- **Leroy Bennett Award**: Denis Kennedy, “Blood on the Walls: The Inherently Contested Nature of Humanitarian Accountability.”
- **Yale H. Ferguson Award**: The Ferguson Award recognizes the book that most advances the vibrancy of international studies as a pluralist discipline. Co-Winners: Noelle Kateri Brigden for “The Migrant Passage: Clandestine Journeys from Central America” (Cornell U. Press), and Einar Wigen for “State of Translation: Turkey in Interlingual Relations” (U. of Michigan).

ELECTIONS

Upon completion of the ISA-Northeast conference, Andrew Ross (Ohio University) succeeded Stefanie Fishel (University of the Sunshine Coast) as region president, with Fishel replacing Auchtter (Alabama) as past president. Anna Agathangelou (York University) became President-Elect, while John Oates (Florida International University) was elected 2019 Program Chair. Randall Newnham (Penn State Berks)
continues as Secretary for a two-year term; our thanks for his continued service. The 2019 ISA-Northeast conference will be held in Baltimore. We hope to see you there!

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