



ISA-SOUTH REGION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

This report was prepared by Jonathan M. Powell, ISA-South Region President

FULL REPORT

With the support of the ISA HQ staff, we had a well-attended and well-reviewed conference at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. The conference took place on October 12th & 13th, 2018.

Thomas J. Badey (Randolph-Macon College) was the 2018 VP/program co-chair, assisted by Jonathan Powell (University of Central Florida). Both put together a program that featured 25 panels and roundtables. A total of 95 participants from 9 countries were listed on the program. Registration and submission levels declined from last year's conference in Orlando Florida, hosted by the University of Central Florida.

The ISA/South account balance as of September 1, 2018 was \$36,866.88. Total conference income was \$6803.00. Total expenditures were \$4999.44. This was a gain of \$1803.56.

We awarded 9 travel grants, up to \$200, to graduate students for a total of approximately \$1800.00. These grants were paid out of the region's membership dues. This year's winner of the Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Award was Karthikeya Thiagarajan from the University of Central Florida for a paper entitled: *Why Do Countries with Settled Borders Fight?* Karthikeyan Thiagarajan received a \$250 prize and a one-year membership in ISA. The Keynote speaker at the well-attended annual ISA/South awards luncheon was ISA President Patrick James with a presentation entitled "*What Is Realism?*" Special events at the conference included The Women's Caucus Mentoring Town Hall and the ISA/South Women's Caucus Breakfast meeting on Saturday morning. The discussion was led by Mary K. Meyer McAleese (Eckerd College) Jamie E. Scalera (Georgia Southern University). Other notable events included the James F. Rinehart Memorial Panel on Political Violence, and the Joseph M. Scolnick Memorial Roundtable on the Challenges of U.S. Foreign Policy.

A special thanks to the administration, faculty and staff at Randolph-Macon College for their support of the 2018 ISA/South regional conference. We are also grateful for the efforts and for the continued support and professionalism of the ISA leadership and staff. As is tradition the ISA/South regional conference moves each year within the Southern Region. Last year's conference was in Orlando, Florida. Next year's conference will be in Memphis, Tennessee hosted by Nikolaos Zahariadis hosted by Rhodes College on October 4-5, 2019. While proposals on any subject related to international studies will be accepted, ISA-South encourages submissions related to the conference theme: "Think Locally, Act Globally." It aims to highlight connections between local developments and global affairs, to promote activism that links the two dimensions, and to uncover the political, economic, social, educational and technological mechanisms for doing so. Hugging the mighty Mississippi, the city of Memphis boasts the

National Civil Rights Museum which attendees will visit as part of their conference participation, the Blues Hall of Fame, the Rock 'n Soul Museum, a lively entertainment district on Beale Street, the legendary Sun Studio, Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion, the tenth tallest pyramid in the world, and so much more. Submissions will be accepted in Spring-Summer 2019 and members will receive an invitation to submit and additional details at that time.

The ISA/South Business meeting was held at the ISA/South conference at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, Chaired by Thomas Badey (ISA-VP), standing for Jonathan Powell (ISA-South President). The following individuals were nominated.

- President: Tom Badey (seconded, passed by acclamation)
- VP: Nikolaos Zahariadis (seconded, passed by acclamation)
- Secretary: Andreea Mihalache-O'Keef (seconded, passed by acclamation)
- Treasurer: Mary Meyer (seconded, passed by acclamation)

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Ballots were distributed on December 17, 2018.