

Details about Boston IARR 2024

Updated May 7, 2024—LOTS of info here!

Why Boston? The hotel is steps away from the Boston Public Garden. Boston and the hotel were chosen for what the city offers and for being a downtown location in a major metropolitan area. The city of Boston is an easily accessible, walkable, LGBTQ+ friendly destination home to rich American history. With endless dining, shopping, and tourist attractions a visitor to Boston is never without a destination. For those who are new to the city, public transportation via subway / MBTA is both easy to navigate and incredibly affordable (see MBTA.com). Additionally, the city of Boston is full of beautiful scenery both in the form of historic brick and cobblestone streets and the water along its border. Boston is a city with transportation ease, and an ease of connection to the world. The Boston airport functions as a hub for many domestic and international airlines. The airport is a short distance from the hotel, easily navigated by subway, taxi, uber/lyft, or subway/MBTA. Additionally, there are three Amtrak destinations within the city of Boston, adding yet another easy and affordable mode of transportation for those commuting from cities along the East Coast. Located along the Arlington T-stop, the Hilton Boston Park Plaza provides easy access to any of Boston's boroughs, attractions, or ample dining experiences. In addition to the Boston airport, the Providence, Rhode Island airport is hub to several discount airlines, with options for public transportation from Providence to Boston.

Conference Program. The *conference program* is available by logging into your Oxford Abstracts account (<https://oxfordabstracts.com/>) or at [this link](#).

Can I Still Submit? *No, submissions are closed.*

What if I Choose to Withdraw My Submission? We hope you are able to join us in Boston and to return with us to our in-person conference. We have put together a program that we think is worth the time and commitment. ---BUT if you need to withdraw your submission, please contact the academic planners (Leanne and Brian) ASAP. The deadline for **registration refunds** is May 20 for regular participants, and two days after student submission awards are announced for students who applied for that funding (more info below).

PRESENTATIONS

Poster Presentations. Note that poster sessions start early and do not have food or coffee served--- BUT we will be having drawings to incentivize attendance at the poster sessions. The hotel location has places nearby where you can get breakfast or coffee. Posters will be on foam boards on easels. We will have materials for you to attach your poster. Dimensions are 30' height x 40'width. That will be the background size. Please set up your posters between 7:30am and 8am the morning of your session, and leave your poster up through afternoon conference session. Posters left on foam boards at the end of the day will be removed by our support staff for you to pick up the next day. Posters left at the end of the conference will be discarded.

Oral Presentations. Length of presentations will be sent through the Oxford System by the academic planners. Presentation rooms will NOT have internet. Please bring your own computer (and adapter if you use a mac). Plug in through HDMI will be provided.

REGISTRATION

What is Included in Conference Registration? Conference registration is through the Oxford Abstracts system. Registration includes **full lunch** on each of the three main conference days (July 6, 7, and 8). Registration also **includes plus one ticket for the dance!!** The keynote addresses will be held during lunches. Your conference registration also includes the **opening reception** (July 5) and the **dance** (July 7). We made these choices to maximize healthy food that meets our hotel commitment. The hotel location has lots of inexpensive places nearby where you can get breakfast and dinner. Note that poster sessions start early and do not have food or coffee served--- BUT we will be having drawings to incentivize attendance at the poster sessions. **Partner/Additional Guest Registration** is offered at full price without needing to be a member. Upload your IARR membership when you register a partner/guest. **Opening Reception tickets** are offered at \$100 for partner/guest. **Dance tickets** are available at no cost and will be also available on-site depending on numbers. Use the Oxford Abstracts system for all registration items.

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Conference Registration: *Conference registration* is now open! **Get started [at this link](#).** Registration fees and deadlines are as follows:

Early Bird Registration (March 10 - May 15, 2024)

1. Professional and Spouse/Partner Registration: \$600 USD OR purchase opening reception ticket for \$100 USD or dance ticket for no cost but still need to request through Oxford Submission system
2. Student Registration: \$525 USD
3. Professional and Spouse/Partner Registration from Underrepresented Countries: \$525 USD
4. Student Registration from Underrepresented Countries: \$325 USD

Regular Registration (May 16-July 1, 2024)

1. Professional and Spouse/Partner Registration: \$750 USD
2. Student Registration: \$675 USD

3. Professional and Spouse/Partner Registration from Underrepresented Countries: \$675 USD
4. Student Registration from Underrepresented Countries: \$475 USD

On-Site Registration (July 5-9, 2024)

1. Professional and Spouse/Partner Registration: \$900 USD
2. Student Registration: \$825 USD
3. Professional and Spouse/Partner Registration from Underrepresented Countries: \$825 USD
4. Student Registration from Underrepresented Countries: \$625 USD

Conference registration requires IARR membership, so make sure your IARR membership is up-to-date. Please visit the IARR website for membership details (<https://iarr.org/membershipinfo.html>). Use your own IARR membership documentation for partner/guest registration.

HOTEL

Conference Hotel. The [conference hotel](#) is the *Hilton Boston Park Plaza*, with a room rate of \$229 per night for a double room. (Wireless internet will be available to hotel guests only.) To *make reservations* at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza, use this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50649918>. **NOTE THAT WE HAVE SOLD OUT OF DOUBLE ROOMS. ROOMS AVAILABLE HAVE ONLY ONE BED.**

What if the Conference Hotel is Already Booked? The hotel has been very gracious in adjusting our room block multiple times. Please do check within our largest nights within our block—which are July 5, 6, 7, and 8. You may also check with Elizabeth Glowacki who is working with the hotel to see if additional nights can be added. If not, we apologize for your inconvenience. The hotel is directly on the subway/MBTA, so a variety of additional and possibly less expensive lodging options are available further from downtown (just make sure your lodging is accessible on the MBTA).

EXCURSIONS

IARR Boston Local Events/Tours Descriptions

To join an event, purchase a ticket for the event/tour you want to join. Add your name and email to the google doc so that people can self-organize details as desired. Details can be found on the google sheet linked here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g6zfq76oUZKoK4JJoZKmncFWrA_uQh_wofdzfLYKLO/edit?usp=sharing

If you have questions, contact Ben Compton be.compton@northeastern.edu



Boston Red Sox's Game

See Boston's world famous baseball team host the Oakland A's at the famous Fenway Park in the vibrant Fenway neighborhood.

Duck Tours

Explore Boston by land (60 minutes) and sea (20 minutes). This 80-minute tour takes you around Boston's most famous historical landmarks, with 20 minutes of this on the Charles River.

Local's Tour of Copley Square& Beacon Hill

Put on your walking shoes and join volunteer docent, Tina Glowacki, as we explore the Back Bay and Beacon Hill area of Boston. Architectural landmarks include Trinity Church, Copley Square, the Shaw Memorial, Brattle Church, the Boston Public Library, and the Massachusetts State House. We will see work from Charles Bulfinch, H.H. Richardson, Charles McKim, and Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended. We will be covering cobblestones and hilly alleys as we walk along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street.

Black Heritage Trail Tour

Join a Park Ranger from the National Parks of Boston to explore the rich history of the Black community in 1800s Beacon Hill during a 90-minute walking tour. The Black Heritage Trail® showcases residences and community buildings associated with a Black community that thrived on, and near, the north slope of Beacon Hill before, during, and after the American Civil War.

Boston Tea Party Tour

Be a part of the famous event that forever changed the course of American history. A fully guided experience by costumed interpreters telling the story of that fateful night in 1773 involving key remnants of the history moment.

Freedom Trail Tour

Walk Into History® and experience more than 250 years of history on Boston's iconic Freedom Trail®—the 2.5-mile red line leading to 16 nationally significant historic sites, each one an authentic treasure. Preserved and dedicated by the citizens of Boston in 1951, the Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond.

USS Constitution Tour & Museum

Come aboard *USS Constitution*, "America's Ship of State," and meet the active duty sailors who are part of her legacy today. Then, go deeper into the Ship's history at the USS Constitution Museum with interactive exhibits, hands-on programs, and a vast collection of artifacts that are fun for all ages. Conveniently located on the Freedom Trail, discover for yourself why the Ship and Museum are consistently voted a "must-see" attraction in Boston.

Harvard (&/or) MIT University Campus Tour

Hailing from diverse cultural backgrounds, these current Harvard and MIT students offer more than just a typical tour – they deliver an engaging insider's perspective infused with their personal stories. Let go of any preconceived notions about college students; our guides defy stereotypes with their passion and dedication. Each guide brings a unique lens, ensuring you receive a dynamic and comprehensive glimpse into campus life at these prestigious institutions.

Boston Ghosts & Gravestones Tour

Walk amongst the dead in burying grounds nearly four hundreds year old, hear stories of those mortal remains lie beneath your feet, and listen to tales of many of the sordid practices that went along with them. This 90-minute bus tour involves visiting famous haunted locations and burial grounds of Boston.

COST CONCERNS

Conference Registration Costs. We very much appreciate concerns we are receiving about conference pricing and want to give you a bit of context about how conference pricing is set and how choices are made. Please understand this template response and the bandwidth of our local hosts and academic planners and IARR board and committees. We are all doing our best to put together a conference that is attractive and enjoyable and productive while also working within the constraints of the years since our last main international conference that was held in person. Note that our last in-person main conference was in 2018. A lot has happened since then. *Your local hosts and academic planners -and committees and board members- are all volunteers working within conversations that are informed by cost, submission numbers, member desires, and a host of other desires and concerns over years of planning.*

Who Makes These Decisions? The future conference committee, the conference oversight committee, and the IARR board worked to put together a budget within the parameters of the hotel pricing (with 2019 proposals and a lot that has happened in the world since 2019) and an intention to balance more attractive cosmopolitan city attractions with the better budget options of a more rural location. We all care about IARR members and about investing in early career scholars. If you want to be on one of these committees in the future, please contact one of the board members and let them know.

Can I Get a Reduced Registration Fee? We are sorry but we are not able to offer daily registrations or refund money for meals that participants do not eat. We are offering STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS as described below. Keep looking at the conference website and watching e-blast and the IARR emails for details. We do anticipate being able to offer scholarships to all students who apply.

ADDITIONAL BOSTON INFORMATION

July 4 fireworks. For those of you arriving on July 4, the hotel is easy walking distance from the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on the Esplanade. This event is free and open to the public (see [BSO.org](https://www.bostonpops.org) for more info- note this event gets crowded!). You can also see the fireworks from the MIT bridge. You might also consider attending the SAILabration fundraiser for Boston Community Boating International whose mission is sailing for all and tickets support scholarships (<https://www.community-boating.org/events/july-4-sailabration/>). (Ashley Duggan's younger child Olivia grew up at CBI and it inspired varsity college sailing. You'll meet O at IARR registration.)

Fun around Boston. Our location allows for ease of exploring Boston. Danielle Thompson our graduate student assistant will be on-site to assist with your planning. She has put together a list of fun things around Boston.

Getting from Boston Logan to hotel. Least inexpensive option (and easy) is the MBTA "T" subway (use trip planner at [MBTA.com](https://www.mbta.com)) Closest T stop to hotel is Arlington, but it is also easy walking distance from multiple other stations. You'll take a short bus from Boston Logan to the Blue Line T airport.

STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS

What is the Conversation Behind Support for Graduate Student Support for Funding? Historically speaking, the IARR Board of Directors have allocated thousands of US dollars toward graduate student travel awards for our main conferences. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IARR was forced to postpone (and, eventually, cancel) the London 2020 main conference; in lieu of travel awards, the Board decided to make the 2021 and 2022 virtual conferences free for graduate students. We wish to reiterate the Board's longstanding commitment to helping subsidize graduate students' travel, specifically regarding the upcoming main conference in Boston (July 5-9, 2024, Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel). The amount that the Board members can allocate toward graduate student travel for a given conference varies according to IARR's financial situation at that time. By the time that members read the e-blast sent in March, the Board will have begun discussing graduate student travel awards in earnest regarding Boston 2024. The Conference Oversight Committee and the Boston 2024 organizers have had their own conversations concerning graduate student travel awards; now the Board will need to take a close look at IARR's financial health, keeping in mind that we have never funded so many initiatives at any given time (and with fees held constant at pre-pandemic levels) – but just to reassure you, help is on the way!

Student support for travel also is available. The IARR Board of Directors is pleased to announce that \$17,000 USD will be allocated toward student travel awards for the conference. IARR will strive to make these awards available to all students who apply. They are in the process of finalizing a procedure whereby members of the IARR Finance Committee will solicit applications and make awards. Stay tuned for further information. (Please note that this initiative is separate from (1) \$3,000 USD that has been allocated towards International 2024 Travel Awards, available to all IARR



scholars (except students and with priority to underrepresented countries -- see the following paragraph below), and (2) \$2,000 USD that has been allocated towards two DEI Travel Awards).

2024 IARR Student Conference Awards. This award is to help defray a portion of the conference registration cost. Award amounts will depend on number of viable applications received. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible (see below) to apply. **Note:** Students must register for the conference prior to applying for this award. Awards will be in the form of a partial registration refund, returned to the source used to pay online. Award amounts will depend on the number of qualified applicants; thus, students will initially pay the full student-registration cost in advance. **Eligibility:** Applicants must be current student members of IARR at the time of the application (go to <https://iarr.org/membershipinfo.html> to join if you are not already a member), participate in the conference in some capacity, and *willing* to volunteer 1-2 hours of time at the conference if needed.

Although all eligible applicants will be considered, priority may be given to those who (a) have not already received IARR student-funding in prior years and (b) are primary (1st or 2nd) authors on an accepted submission (talk or poster) at the conference. To apply for this award, fill out the form [HERE: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IARR2024](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IARR2024) **no later than May 15th** (midnight, ET), the day Early-bird registration closes.

Applications will be evaluated based on these criteria by the IARR Committee to Fund 2024 Student Conference Involvement, a subgroup of IARR's current Finance Committee. Applicants will be notified of any awards by the end of May. **You will have two days after award notification to withdraw and request a refund if you need to do so.**

Thank you again for your patience and understanding. We look forward to hosting you in Boston.

Our best,

Local Hosts

Ashley Duggan (Boston College and Tufts University School of Medicine)

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