

North American Sartre Society 2018
24th Annual Meeting
Call for Papers
Theme: Existentialism and Resistance

The 24th Annual Meeting of the North American Sartre Society (NASS) will take place on October 26-28 at the University of Mary Washington (UMW), in Fredericksburg, Virginia. UMW is located just 50 miles south of Washington, DC. Our conference theme is *Existentialism and Resistance*. We invite papers from any area of Sartre studies and from any disciplinary background. We understand “Sartre studies” broadly to indicate work in the existentialist tradition, including work emerging from Simone de Beauvoir, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Frantz Fanon, and/or Richard Wright. We encourage proposals that address philosophy, literature, theater, aesthetics, psychology, politics, intellectual history, art, and/or music. The North American Sartre Society fosters diverse and pluralistic approaches to Sartre studies.

Our theme is “Existentialism and Resistance.” We invite dialogue on such questions as: What does it mean to resist as an existentialist? How, what, and why did Sartre resist? What are the global sites of resistance? What are the political, epistemic, moral, and aesthetic dimensions of resistance? What was Sartre’s role in the French resistance? Can existentialism function today as a theory of resistance? What is a praxis of resistance? When should one resist existentialism itself? Does existentialism invite or discourage resistance? In what ways did those around Sartre such as Beauvoir, Fanon, Wright, and Merleau-Ponty shape his resistance? Did Beauvoir resist Sartre? Did Fanon? Did Merleau-Ponty? Are there dimensions of Sartre’s thought that we should resist today?

To submit. We are accepting abstracts of 300-500 words. Submission deadline: *August 15st*. English or French is acceptable. Please submit your abstract [here](#) (link below also). You may propose a paper (reading time 20 minutes), a panel, a book session, or a workshop. All proposals will be forwarded to the program committee for blind review.

Link to abstract submission form: <https://goo.gl/forms/pnUDpF4mg3NbHZb03>

Graduate students are encouraged to submit. NASS provides a limited number of stipends for graduate students to help defray the costs of lodging.

Useful Links:

NASS Webpage	http://ebutterfield4.wixsite.com/nass
NASS Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/SartreSociety/
Abstract Submissions	https://goo.gl/forms/pnUDpF4mg3NbHZb03

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