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#ARNOVA26 CONFERENCE NEWS:



**Save the Date: ARNOVA 2026 Conference
November 19–21 | Philadelphia**

We're pleased to share that the **ARNOVA 2026 Annual Conference** will take place **November 19–21, 2026**, at the **Loews Philadelphia Hotel** in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**.

The theme for the 55th Annual Conference is ***Igniting Civic Activism: Grassroots and Voluntary Action and Democracy***. The conference will bring together scholars, practitioners, and students to explore how nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, and voluntary action shape civic life and democratic participation across local, national, and global contexts.

 **Conference Dates:** November 19–21, 2026

 **Location:** Loews Philadelphia Hotel | Philadelphia, PA

The **Call for Submissions will open on March 16, 2026**, inviting proposals for papers, panels, posters, roundtables, and practice-oriented sessions. Additional information about conference tracks and registration will be shared in the coming months.

We encourage you to mark your calendar now and stay tuned for updates.

[Conference updates will be available here](#)

INTRODUCING THE FACES OF ARNOVA:





Meet our new Managing Partners

We're excited to introduce the talented team from **Momentum Association Management**, who are now serving as ARNOVA's managing partners, supporting the strategy, operations, and day-to-day work that keeps our community moving forward.

At the helm is **Joe Sapp, CAE, Managing Director**, bringing deep association leadership experience and a passion for strengthening nonprofit research and community engagement.

Alongside Joe is **Rebekah Harris, Director of Operations**, who ensures smooth and effective operational support across programs and member services.

Rounding out the team is **Diane Riser, Administrative and Membership Support**, providing steady administrative and membership support that keeps our member experience running seamlessly.

Together, this team from Momentum is committed to elevating ARNOVA's mission by enhancing organizational efficiency, fostering member engagement, and helping us deliver meaningful opportunities for connection, discovery, and impact throughout the nonprofit research community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS:

👉 [Meet the Momentum team supporting ARNOVA here](#)

ARNOVA Forward Campaign: A Strong Start

Thanks to the generosity of our community, **70 members and supporters have already contributed \$13,000** to the ARNOVA Forward Campaign.

This is an encouraging start—and with several generous donors offering **up to \$20,000 in matching funds**, there is an opportunity to amplify the impact of every gift.

Contributions to the Forward Campaign help strengthen **ARNOVA** and its mission, including support for emerging and diverse scholars, ARNOVA sections and awards, and the inclusive scholarly community that so many members value.

If ARNOVA has been a welcoming professional home for you, we invite you to consider making a gift or—if you donated at the end of 2025—to consider an early 2026 contribution.

🔗 **Make a donation:** <https://www.arnova.org/donate/>

Together, we can build a strong and sustainable future for our association.

NVSQ FEBRUARY 2026 ISSUE:

***Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*: Must-Read Articles**

The *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (NVSQ), ARNOVA's official journal, continues to publish timely, interdisciplinary research on nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, voluntary action, and civil society. The February 2026 issue highlights scholarship that examines power, ethics, resilience, and policy in ways that are especially relevant for researchers and practitioners alike.

- **[Philanthropic Foundations and the Exercise of Power: An Integrative Literature Review of the Many Faces of Power](#)**
Lauren Dula, Laurie E. Paarlberg, and Imoleayo Adeyeri
This integrative literature review synthesizes research on how power operates within philanthropic foundations, offering a comprehensive framework for understanding the multiple forms and consequences of power in philanthropic decision-making.
- **[Serving Three Masters: Thematic Analyses Reveal Inherent Ethical Tensions in Fundraising](#)**
Cassandra M. Chapman, Matthew J. Hornsey, Roland Bleiker, and Emma Hutchison
This article explores the ethical tensions fundraisers navigate as they balance the often competing expectations of donors, beneficiaries, and organizations, shedding light on the moral complexities of contemporary fundraising practice.
- **[Resilience of Nonprofits Serving or Led by People of Color During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**
Baorong Guo, Violeta A. Gutkowski, and Nishesh Chalise
Focusing on equity and organizational resilience, this study examines how nonprofits serving or led by people of color responded to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic amid systemic constraints.
- **[Examining the Association Between State Lobbying Regulations and Nonprofit Lobbying Expenditures](#)**
Kevin D. Ward, Nathan Grasse, and Jesse Lecy
This research analyzes how state-level lobbying regulations shape nonprofit advocacy behavior, offering important insights into the policy environments that influence nonprofit voice and civic engagement.

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