AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WATERFALLS,
Niagara Falls is often considered the 8th Natural
Wonder of the World with its pristine hiking trails
and scenic terrain, even as it also epitomizes the
advancement of industry, hydro-electricity and
technology. It is a symbol of both nature and culture,
excess and sustainability, exploitation and resilience.

Resilience is the theme for the 2023
nemla convention, an anchor term for critical and
creative work that explores how we bear up under
trauma, reverse social and racial marginalization,
environmental destruction, counter ableism, and
how we celebrate bodily, cognitive and neurological
difference, access silenced voices, recover from a
pandemic, and struggle to save the humanities, and
humanity itself, from the maw of neoliberalism.

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