

Letter from the Editor

Dear Political Science majors,

It is amazing how a mere idea back in Fall Quarter 2015 could blossom into a full-fledged journal this Spring Quarter. I am very pleased to present the first issue for the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Undergraduate Journal of Political Science! I would like to thank everyone who helped the journal grow to be what it is today. This journal would not have been possible without the students who submitted their best papers, the students who volunteered their precious time to peer review those papers, and the Political Science Department's unwavering support for the journal especially Professor Guerrero for his tireless efforts in making the journal a success.

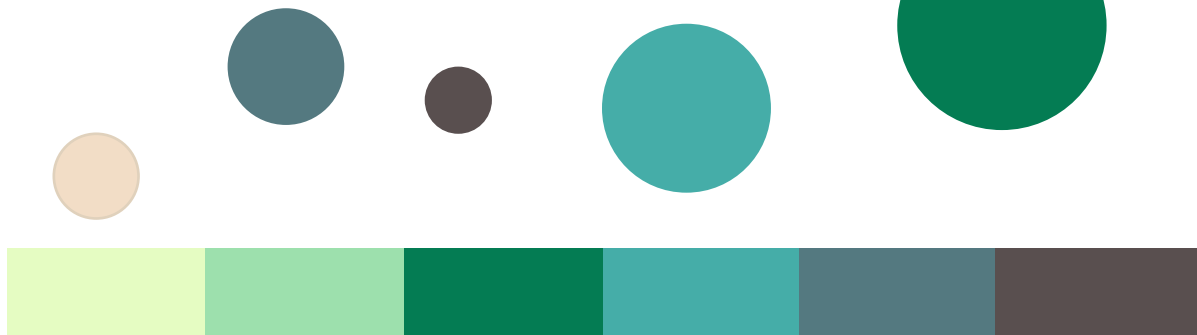
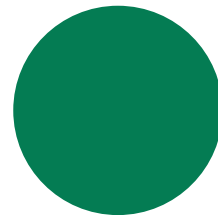
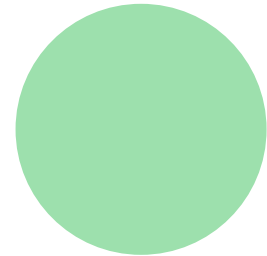
I would also like to profusely thank Jane Pojowa for her invaluable contribution to the journal. Without her artistic vision and experience with publications, this journal would not look as amazing as it does!

This journal is inspired by the National Political Science Honor Society Pi Sigma Alpha's Undergraduate Journal of Politics which is published biannually during the Fall and Spring. The vision for this journal was to provide Cal Poly Pomona students with the opportunity to build up their resumes and examples of well-written papers by their peers. Unlike the Pi Sigma Alpha Journal, however, this journal is campus-specific and will be published in Spring for each academic year.

I hope this journal inspires students to spend more time and effort in writing papers for their Political Science classes so that they can aspire to have their papers published as well.

If any students are interested in submitting their paper or be a peer reviewer for the next issue, they can email [cupppoliticalsciencejournal@gmail.com](mailto:cpppoliticalsciencejournal@gmail.com) for more information. I would love to have more papers submitted and more peer reviewers to assist me in the paper selection process for the Spring Quarter 2017 issue! Please note that the deadline for papers will be the Friday of finals week during Winter Quarter and Political Science majors in their third year and up are preferred to be peer reviewers. There will be more information about paper submissions and peer reviewers as Winter Quarter draws closer.

-Tara Kwan



*“Most learning is not the result of instruction.
It is rather the result of unhampered
participation in a meaningful setting.”*

—Ivan Illich, Deschooling Society (1990)

Here in the [Department of Political Science at Cal Poly Pomona](#), we hope to leave students with a life-long toolkit to help them in their careers but also in their daily lives. For many, scholarship bridges the gap between academia and the real world application of politics. As a testament to the dedication of our students, but also to the university's teacher-scholar model, the department works to encourage our students in the practice of scholarly research.



With over 50 undergraduate courses, the work in this journal represents the expertise and analysis of our students in six different subfields. The mix of articles in each edition of the journal represents critical issues examined from various places in the discipline.

While we hope that this journal engages the greater academic community, we also aspire to provide an example for undergraduates as they progress through the major. And as academic scholarship evolves, we expect our students to follow and engage in a similar path. Upon graduating from our program, students work in politics, but also enroll in law, master's and doctoral programs. Again, the work found in the following pages of the journal underscores the department's commitment in preparing our students for such work.

There are many people who have played an integral role to the development of the journal's inaugural issue. The tireless efforts of the department chair, Dr. Jill Hargis, has made this possible. Her vision and guiding force has propelled the department to astronomical heights during her tenure as chair. Our tireless faculty and instructors are the driving force behind the ideas in this journal. Our department administrative coordinator, Ms. Kim Alm, is the glue that holds our major together. And finally, our students really serve as the heart and soul of this journal. Special thanks goes out to the editor-in-chief Tara Kwan, publication designer Jane Pojawa and our student advisory board. Without their work, this journal would never have reached final publication.

Dr. Mario Guerrero
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