

Letter from the Editor

Dear Political Science majors,

It is that time of the year again- when seniors say their bittersweet farewells, when the last exam has been taken, and when a summer full of possibility begins. My time as a Political Science major at Cal Poly Pomona has been a very rewarding experience. I have been privileged to be part of the featured organizations in this journal such as the Political Science Club and the National Model United Nations team. However, I would say my proudest achievement at Cal Poly Pomona has to be starting up the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Undergraduate Journal of Political Science.

This journal has come a long way since its inception as a simple idea back in Fall of 2015. For those of you are not familiar with the journal's beginnings, the journal was 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. The first edition of the journal was published in Spring 2016 and can be accessed on the department website.

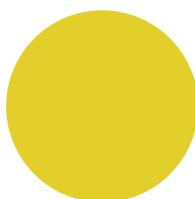
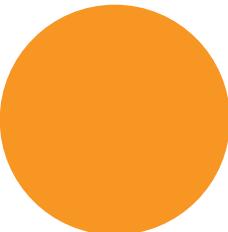
I am proud to present the second issue of the journal as well as the next editor-in-chief, Kristen Khair. I am sure Kristen will do an amazing job overseeing the journal next year! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the journal in any way and helped it flourish. This journal would not have been possible without the students who submitted their papers, the editorial board who volunteered their precious time to peer review those papers, and the Political Science Department's continued support for the journal especially Professor Chaturvedi for his tireless efforts in ensuring the journal's success. Last but certainly not least, I would also like to profusely thank Jane Pojowa for her invaluable contributions to the journal over the past two years. Without her artistic vision and editing skills, this journal would not look as amazing as it does!

My hope for this journal is to inspire students to put more time and effort in writing papers for their Political Science courses so they can see their hard work being paid off as well as their paper being published in the journal. If any students are interested in submitting their paper or being part of the editorial board for the next issue, they can contact Kristen by email at cpppoliticalsciencejournal@gmail.com for more information.

Best of luck to all of your future endeavors and congratulations to the Political Science majors who are graduating!

Warm regards,

Tara Kwan



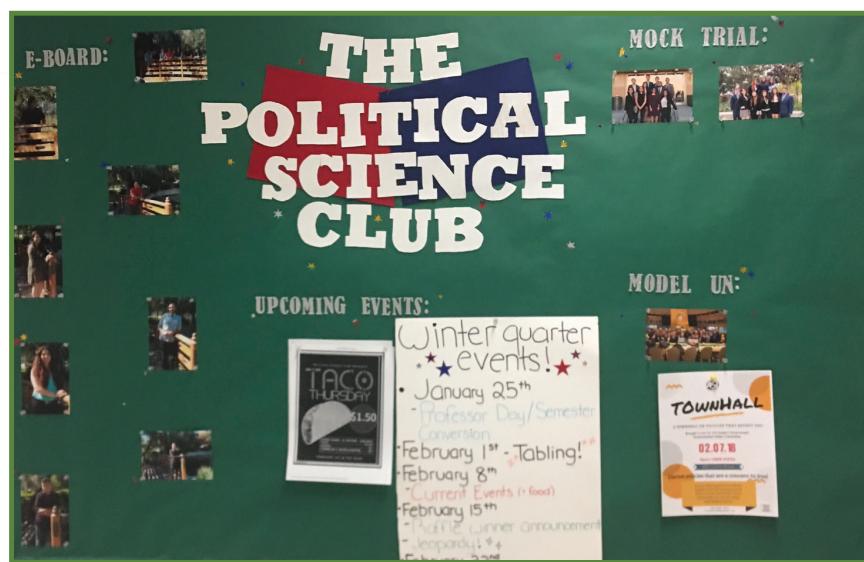
Letter from the Incoming Editor-in-Chief:

Hello,

My name is Kristen Khair, I would like to introduce myself as the new editor-in-chief of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Undergraduate Journal of Political Science journal. I am going into my 4th year as a political science major with a minor in philosophy. I plan on going to law school in 2018 with an emphasis in criminal law. I want to encourage all of you to submit your papers next year. I will be sending out emails and flyers so please keep a lookout. I look forward to reading all of your papers and working with you in the future! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at

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Letter from the Faculty Advisor

At Cal Poly Pomona, our motto is "learn by doing." In the Department of Political Science, we strive to give our students every possible experience that will help them develop successful careers and create well rounded scholars. We offer over 50 undergraduate courses in six different subfields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Law, Political theory, and Public Administration). In an effort to provide our students with the experience needed to succeed in graduate programs in law, master's programs, doctoral programs, or the job force, our courses focus on the teacher-scholar model, encouraging our students to engage in scholarly research.

In our Undergraduate Journal of Political Science, we showcase some of the best articles written by our students, exemplifying the various areas of studies offered to students here at CPP. While the articles published in the journal tackle some of the most salient issues in the discipline, we also hope that these articles serve as examples for our continuing students on what successful academic scholarship looks like.

The Undergraduate Journal is a particularly impressive endeavor in that it is student run. As such, we should recognize the editor-in-chief, Tara Kwan and publication designer Jane Pojawa. Both have served for two years, since the journal's inception in 2015 and are now graduates of CPP! While we are sad to see them leave, we are excited for what is on the horizon for both of them. We should also recognize the hard-working editorial board composed of political science students who gave their time to offer feedback on submitted articles. A special thanks to Dr. Mario Guerrero, who served as the faculty advisor at the journal's inception. Finally, a special thanks to Dr. Jill Hargis, our department chair who has supported the journal's goals, Ms. Kim Alm, the department's administrative coordinator, and all of the faculty of the political science department who inspire our students.

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