

Letter from the Editor

Dear Political Science majors,

As the 2017-2018 year comes to an end, I just want to say that I am eternally grateful for my time here at Cal Poly Pomona. During my four years as a Political Science Major, I have had the privilege of being the Mock Trial President, the Editor and Chief of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Undergraduate Journal of Political Science, a part of the Political Science Club Eboard, and a graduate of the Kellogg Honors College. One driving force that the Political Science Department has, is the ability to inspire its students. For that I would like to give a shout out to all the professors in our department. Without our supportive professors, it is safe to say that none of us would be where we are, I know that I am very grateful for all the work that they have done for me in these past four years. With that, I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Chaturvedi, the journals advisor, for helping the journal be what it is today.

This journal was originally started by a student who has already graduated, Tara Kwan, and since then we have seen the journal grow. Thanks to Tara, we now have an opportunity for our students to build their resumes and feature some of their best works online. The papers published every year can also be used as examples of exemplar papers for incoming students or students working on their senior capstone projects. This journal is campus-specific and will be published in Spring for each academic year. The first and second editions of the journal are already published and can be accessed on the department website.

I am proud to have been a part of this journal, as I now present the third issue of our journal, as well as the next editor-in-chief, Samara Renteria. I have high hopes for this journal to continue to grow at Cal Poly and I have no doubt that Samara will do an amazing job handling the journal next year. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the journal this year, from the students who took the time to submit their papers, to the editorial board that volunteered their own time to peer review the submitted papers, to the faculty/the Political Science Department for their continued support of the journal, the journal would not be the same without any of you and for that we thank you. Lastly, graphic designing is definitely harder than it seems and for that I would like to personally thank Jane Pojowa for taking the time to come back and help make this journal look as amazing as it does.

I hope the journal continues to inspire students to put their best foot forward when writing papers for their Political Science courses. If any students are interested in submitting their paper or being part of the editorial board for the next issue, they can contact Samara by email at [coppolitical-sciencejournal@gmail.com](mailto:cpppolitical-sciencejournal@gmail.com) for more information.

Lastly, I want to say congratulations to all the Political Science majors who are graduating, and for those who are not, I recommend that you take advantage of all the Political Science Department has to offer. Get involved! It is definitely worth it! I hope all of you enjoy reading or browsing through the third edition of our journal.

With Appreciation,

Kristen Khair



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, Kristen Khair. Kristen’s work getting the journal to produce this issue in a timely manner and overseeing the editorial process was a monumental task, but as the final product here suggests, she did an incredible job. Kristen is now a graduate of CPP and while we are sad to see her leave, we are excited for what is on the horizon. We should also recognize the hard work of the editorial board, composed of political science students who volunteered their time to provide peer review to ensure the strength of this journal.

Finally, I offer a special thanks to my predecessor, Dr. Mario Guerrero, who served as the faculty advisor for the journal at its inception. Without Dr. Guerrero, this journal would not have existed and I am grateful for his work in setting our students up with this opportunity. Thank you to Dr. Jill Hargis, our department chair who has supported the journal’s goals, Ms. Kim Alm, the department’s administrative coordinator, and the entire faculty of the political science department who inspire our students.



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I am excited to be a part of the CPP Political Science Journal this upcoming year. I will be in my fourth year and graduating with my B.A. in Political Science in the Spring Semester. I am looking forward to next year as I intern as a JusticeCorps member at the Pomona Court House. I will also be enjoying my club activities, seeing as I have been involved in the Political Science Club as secretary for 2 years and was recently elected to serve as Vice President this Fall. I will also be taking on the role of treasurer for the Young Democrats. I enjoy getting involved in student activities and working alongside the Political Science Department and I am glad my last year reflects this. The journal means a lot to me because it depicts the diversity that Political Science has to offer as a major and the hard work the students have done to create intriguing and well-researched papers.



-Samara Renteria

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