

# LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS

**AMARY CORONA**

*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

I'm grateful for the opportunity to have been editor-in-chief this year and for the graceful guidance of our advisor, Dr. Menounou. I'd also like to give a very special thank you to the junior editor, Kailey Gonzalez, for her diligence and help in completing this year's journal. I wish her much luck in all her future endeavors.

**KAILEY GONZALEZ**

*JUNIOR EDITOR*

I am extremely grateful to be this year's Junior Editor for the Undergraduate Journal of Political Science for Spring 2025. Reading this year's submissions granted me the opportunity to see students' academic excellence that is rooted in their time here at Cal Poly Pomona. The Journal is a great way to highlight the different sub-genres of Political Science, further contributing to the academic field.

The Undergraduate Journal of Political Science Volume 9 could not have been complete without the efforts of the Editor-In-Chief, Amary, and our wonderful advisor, Dr. Menounou. To the editorial board, thank you for your well-advised feedback. Most importantly, I would like to acknowledge the Department of Political Science for its guidance and compelling classes offered that inspired these theses. All those selected this year should be very proud of their work, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

# LETTER FROM THE FACULTY ADVISOR

## 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, Political Theory, Public Administration, and Public Law). 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, Amary Corona, and the junior editor, Kailey Gonzalez. Their work producing this issue and overseeing the editorial process was a monumental task; Amary and Kailey did an incredible job, as the final product here suggests. 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 and has supported the journal’s goals as our department chair. Without Dr. Guerrero, this journal would not have existed, and we are grateful for his work in setting our students up with this opportunity. Thank you to Ms. Beatriz Garcia, the department’s administrative coordinator, and the entire faculty of the political science department who inspire our students.

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*Thank you to this year's editorial board for their help with peer reviewing the journal's articles. The final publication would not have been possible without the time and effort of our reviewers to read and provide feedback on all the articles.*

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