

Editor's Forward

Welcome to Volume XI, Number 1 (Spring 2019) of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. We have three high quality pieces of original research for your consideration in this issue. John Tures of LaGrange College leads off with an insightful analysis of the 1992 election cycle in the Northeastern United States. David Wiltse of South Dakota State University follows with a very timely look at the presidential endorsement decisions of Members of Congress during the critical invisible primary phase. The final article in this issue features Ryan Rebe of William Patterson University sharply examining the issue of amici curiae filings and campaign contributions in state supreme courts.

The *Journal* is in a bit of a holding pattern at the moment. We continue to consider format changes on a variety of scales, and hope to reach a decision on these questions soon. We continue to see fewer submissions than we would like, a problem that in some ways is growing more acute despite my now years of pleading for an increase in submissions. It is also becoming increasingly difficult to secure peer reviewers, a problem that has significantly increased the wait time for a decision for those scholars who are submitting their work to the journal. Anything that our readers can do to assist with these latter two concerns will be much appreciated. One final matter here related to the dearth of submissions. Regular, particularly keen-eyed readers may have noted this issue is Volume XI, Number 1, and designated Spring 2019. The *Journal* has been running behind the actual calendar for a number of years, and the decision was made that it is time to once again bring these into alignment. For record keeping purposes, this means that there is no Volume X, Number 2 of the *Journal*, nor are there any issues designated Fall 2017, Spring 2018, or Fall 2018.

Despite these matters the journal continues on, largely through the hard work of our top flight team. Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University continues to handle the copyediting with skill and grace. Peter Lindsay of Georgia State University is our book review editor. Even though there are no book reviews in this issue, we are planning to keep this feature of the *Journal* and we encourage readers to ask their publishers to send books for review directly to Peter. Finally, Technical Advisor Odeh Halaseh of Kent State University brought everything together at the end, as he always does.

Finally, thank you as always for reading. We hope you enjoy.

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