

Editor's Forward

Welcome to Volume VII, Number 1 (Spring 2013) of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. For those of you who might be wondering, we have indeed adjusted the seasons assigned to each issue to make better sense. From here forward, Issue Number 1 for a particular year will bear a Spring designator while Issue Number 2 will be designated as a Fall issue. This issue features three articles. Heidi Berggren of the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth leads off with a study of cohousing and its relationship to civic society in Massachusetts. Steven Taylor of American University follows with an examination of the supposed Republican Party lock on the Electoral College. Our final article this issue is a discussion of where we might go in terms of the drawing of electoral districts in the aftermath of *LULAC v. Perry*, coauthored by Samuel Krislov of the University of Minnesota, Charles Backstrom of the University of Minnesota, James McHugh of the University of Akron, Leonard Robins of Roosevelt University, and Scott Eller, Partner at Best & Flanagan in Minneapolis, MN.

We also have a number of state reports in this issue. Stefanie Chambers of Trinity College kicks off this section with a discussion of challenging times in Connecticut. Howard Cody of the University of Maine follows with an analysis of the evolving politics of Maine. Jerrod Duquette of Central Connecticut State University admirably tackles the politics of Massachusetts, and Dante Scala of the University of New Hampshire closes out the reports section with a look at the Granite State.

This issue closes with a series of reflections in honor and remembrance of our dear friend and colleague Howard Reiter, who passed away in 2012. Howard was a wonderful scholar and teacher who is deeply missed. Many thanks to Heather Turcotte of the University of Connecticut for putting this together.

Once again, much of the heavy lifting on this issue has been done by others, to whom I am very grateful. Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University deftly handled copy editing for this issue. As always, Paul Petterson of Central Connecticut State University is in charge of the State Reports section, and he did a wonderful job. Technical Advisor Odeh Halaseh of Kent State University puts everything together and cleans up my mistakes. As always, a big debt is owed to our anonymous reviewers. Their work is crucial in the scholarly endeavor, and I very much appreciate their time and effort.

In closing, I ask you to consider us as an outlet for your work, and to encourage your colleagues and graduate students to do so as well. Also, anyone interested in perhaps contributing to our State (and hopefully Province) Reports section should contact Paul Petterson at Central Connecticut State University (pettersonp@ccsu.edu). Finally, I am pleased to announce that the Journal is now available through ProQuest databases. This should enhance the exposure of the scholarly output published in our pages.