

Editor's Forward

We are pleased to present Volume VIII, Number 1 (Spring 2015) of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. This issue has a distinctly comparative politics and international focus as we invite our readers to go beyond the boundaries of American politics. My colleague Howard Cody of the University of Maine and Jamie Gillies of St. Thomas University open Volume VIII, Number 1 with an examination of the contemporary Canadian party system and Stephen Harper's impact on that system. David J. Plazek of Johnson State College keeps our attention on matters Canadian with an in-depth analysis of Canadian foreign policy in the 1960s. Our final article in this issue finds Stephen D. Collins of Kennesaw State University investigating the global strategic impact of increasing foreign aid from the global south, particularly from Brazil, China, and Venezuela. This issue also features a Maine state report from Howard Cody and what I believe to be our first ever book review from Benjamin R. Knoll of Centre College. It is my hope to make this book review section a regular feature going forward, so please ask your publishers to send us your new publications for review.

I say something similar in every issue, but once again I am compelled to state that most of the hard work that goes into producing an issue of *NEJPS* is done by people other than myself. Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University deftly handled copy editing for this issue, at the same time she was putting the finishing touches on her own new book on the paths individuals take to the American presidency. Paul Petterson of Central Connecticut State University remains in charge of the State Reports section, and also retains my gratitude for doing so. 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 once again ask you to consider us as an outlet for your work, and to encourage your colleagues and graduate students to do so as well. **This is now more important than ever as we are facing a declining number of submissions over the past few years.** 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, please keep in mind that the Journal is now available through ProQuest databases and is also being archived by the Library of Congress. We hope you enjoy this issue.

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