

Note from the Editor

Welcome to the long-delayed and hopefully long-awaited latest issue of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. It has been a little over eighteen months since the publication of our last issue, and we have **a number of changes** to report and share with you. **First**, the journal is now publishing on annual schedule. Once everything settles in, we anticipate that each year's single issue will publish in the fall. **Second**, the journal has adopted a proceedings model for content. In practical terms, this means that each new issue will be comprised of papers presented at that year's Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association (NEPSA). Please note that this is **not** case for this issue, whose content comes from papers presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting (hence the 2022 publication date). Papers presented at the Annual Meeting are eligible for publication as follows. First, papers receiving one of NEPSA's three awards—the John Donovan Prize for Best Paper by a Faculty Member, the Robert Wood Prize for Best Paper by a Graduate Student, and the Wilson Carey McWilliams Prize for Best Paper by an Undergraduate Student—will automatically be offered the opportunity for publication. Second, all other papers presented at the annual meeting are eligible to be nominated for publication by the Section Chair that organized and oversaw their panel. We certainly encourage Section Chairs to take this opportunity to recognize quality scholarship. Papers nominated by Section Chairs will be subject to peer review and are not guaranteed publication. Third, all presenters in the New England Politics Roundtable Panel are offered the opportunity to submit a version of their paper for the State Reports section of the journal. **Third** and perhaps most evident, the journal has an entirely new look. We have partnered with the University of Maine's Fogler Library and bepress to publish the journal on the Digital Commons platform. This has resulted in a much more professional look for the journal and it should also increase the journal's visibility and accessibility. While this issue is the only issue currently available in Digital Commons, back issues will be migrated to the platform over the next few months.

We hope you like the changes and appreciate your patience as we worked to get to this point. Please share our new home far and wide among your professional networks. Finally, I have a number of people to thank profusely for their efforts on both this issue specifically and our transition more broadly. Paul Petterson, with an assist from Jerold Duquette, both of Central Connecticut State University, put together our State Reports Section. Odeh Halaseh of the University of Mount Union did his usual excellent job on technical support. Steven Litchman of Shippensburg University in his role as Executive Director of NEPSA was very helpful in addressing all of the administrative matters related to the journal's transition. Deborah Rollins and Kimberly Sawtelle, both with the University of Maine's Fogler Library, were critical in facilitating our partnership with bepress. Kaitlyn Kieffer of bepress made our transition to Digital Commons a very smooth process. Finally, my biggest thank you is due to Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University. In addition to copyediting **all** of the articles in this issue, Tess served as President of NEPSA during the bulk of this transition. Her advice and assistance throughout this entire process were invaluable and much appreciated.

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