

Note from the Editor

Welcome to the latest issue of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. This is the fourth issue to publish on our new annual schedule. Once again I would like to remind folks that 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 the previous year's Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association (NEPSA). The articles in this issue come from papers presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting. 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 (represented here by the article from Carson Goh)—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. I will also take this opportunity to note that we have switched from a fall to a summer publication window for this issue, a change that we anticipate continuing moving forward.

This is also the fourth issue published through our partnership with the University of Maine's Fogler Library but is the first to be published using the Open Journal platform. Casey Koons, Fogler Library's Open Scholarship Librarian, was very helpful in our making the transition to this new platform.

As always, I'll end with a number of thank yous. Paul Petterson of Central Connecticut State University put together our State Reports Section and did his usual excellent job. Steven Litchman of Shippensburg University in his role as Executive Director of NEPSA was very helpful in attracting submissions. Finally, Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University copyedited the articles in this issue and served as a valuable editorial sounding board, as she has now for a number of years.

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