

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Political Science Undergraduate Review (PSUR) takes pride in being an academic journal that publishes the highest quality of articles written by undergraduate political science students at the University of Alberta. Not only do we create a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to be published, but we also create the opportunity for undergraduate students to experience the peer-review process. It has been an amazing year for the PSUR as we have had the pleasure of working with a devoted editorial team and authors to create a journal we are proud of.

I would like to thank the editorial staff for their contributions, and the authors who submitted their work this year. The journal is heavily dependent on the University of Alberta's political science student body; we would not be able to annually publish without our devoted editorial staff and the wide selection of submissions we receive. This year's editors, Danielle Bailey-Heelan, Katherine Champigny, Kael Kropp, Keyssel Besa, Chloe Dizon, and Oryia Barness, always embodied enthusiasm and integrity in their work, and contributed what they could to fulfill the journal's potential. As a result, the PSUR has the highest quality of publications which is presented in an effective and interesting way. I also owe thanks to Sarah Severson from the Library Publishing and Digitization Team at the University of Alberta. Sarah provided all of the necessary tools and training sessions to properly train our staff and maintain our operations. Lastly, the Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA) must also be thanked for their continuous support in publishing the PSUR. Thank you to this year's President of the PSUA, Precious Udah, and the other executives for helping in the promotion of our journal across the department and beyond.

Reading this year's aggregation of submissions was an eye-opening experience for the editors and I. Our team had little to no experience with the PSUR beforehand and, speaking on behalf of our editors, our expectations of the department were blown away by the diverse and large pool of talent we were exposed to. For that reason, I would also like to thank all those who submitted to the journal this year, and a special thanks to our publishing authors for their extra effort to refine their work to ensure the high quality of publication. The political science department at the University of Alberta allows its students to explore the different streams in the field of political science to find where their passion lies. From debates on youth enfranchisement to gender quotas, we hope there are topics of interest for all readers of this year's edition.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's edition of the PSUR as much as we enjoyed creating it! Thank you for your support of our journal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Kohler', with a stylized, cursive script.

Abigail Kohler, Managing Editor