

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This year's iteration of the Political Science Undergraduate Review (PSUR) is memorable for at least two key reasons. First, it was pieced together by some of the most committed and hard-working students despite a raging pandemic that forced many of us into the world of Zoom remote learning and asynchronous classes. Second, the PSUR reached a significant milestone when we tripled the size of our editorial staff. Such an important decision stemmed from the increasing popularity of the PSUR within the department and the broader university community—brought by this journal's longstanding reputation as a robust academic publication. To accommodate the growing volume of work and ensure that each submission got the attention they deserve, members of the newly expanded editorial board were given specialized tasks and well-delineated responsibilities. In line with that development, this is also the first time the PSUR has been collectively led by a team of seasoned editors to assist the editor-in-chief in overseeing all journal functions.

I want to thank all the members of my editorial staff for the tremendous amount of time they have put into ensuring that the journal lives up to its enduring reputation for academic rigour and a robust peer-review process. More specifically, I greatly appreciate the spirited debate and impassioned discourse that the reviewers willingly engaged in during their recommendations about which submissions should be published. I also want to extend a special thanks to my executive team members, Kael, Chloe, and Oriya, for helping me with decision-making, facilitating peer-review discussions, and supervising the development of key journal activities. Additionally, I am immensely appreciative of all the work that Sarah Severson from the Library Publishing and Digital Production Services has afforded my team—especially for training our new members and assisting us whenever a system-related issue surfaced. Lastly, I am grateful to all my co-executives at the Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA) for their support in ensuring that the journal is successful at every step of the way.

The PSUR's tremendous accomplishments this year is a testament to the resilience of many political science students and their commendable enthusiasm to take on extracurricular work. For many years to come, I am confident that the PSUR will continue to be a repository of well-written undergraduate papers and a beacon of student engagement at the University of Alberta.

Enjoy the read,



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