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## **Editor's Note**

We wish to welcome you to the third edition of Mapping Politics! In its third year of publication, the journal has matured into something that will remain a part of Memorial University's Political Science Department. We are incredibly proud to be able to showcase the work of Memorial University Political Science students in this journal.

This year's edition, similar to its antecedents, encompasses a plethora of subjects. Its contents span the discipline; from comparative to development to gender politics; from local politics to international politics; from the concrete to the theoretical. This year's edition, although wide in breadth and research, presents a global focus. This is not editorial bias but a nod to the growing field of international politics, especially among younger political scientists.

As it is our last year as editors of the journal, we would like to thank anyone who has been involved with the process. We will begin by thanking this year's review board for their candour, their wit and their decisiveness in choosing the selection. A big thank you must also be given to the Political Science Department for their continuing support as well as to the Political Science Society for their unfaltering enthusiasm to this project; this would not be possible without all of your efforts. Finally, as we pass our editorial hats to our successors, we would especially like to thank Dr. Amanda Bittner, for her patience, her intelligence and her consistent support for this journal.

As you pass through the pages of this edition, please appreciate, as we have, the originality of the topics chosen. Past and present submissions have never ceased to impress us and we can only assume that they will continue to impress readers in succeeding publications.

Shawn Kavanagh and Maggie Peyton

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