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## **Editors' Note**

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the fourth volume of Memorial University's political science journal, *Mapping Politics*. The journal is now in its fourth year of publication and is becoming entrenched in the university's Political Science Department. We are thrilled to, once again, present the research and writing abilities of current undergraduates, as well as recent graduates. Each article found within the journal was chosen for publication only after a stringent peer-review process.

This year's edition is no different from its predecessors in that it contains articles focused on a variety of subjects. The issues discussed in the following pages span from the need to legislate against genetic discrimination, to the effectiveness of international environmental institutions, to the relationship between the popular culture depictions of women and women in politics. No matter what your interests are, all of the articles found within this edition are very informative; some even cutting edge.

To publish a journal such as this requires a lot of work and dedication from a number of people, and as a result a special thank you must be extended to all those who donated their time to this project. First of all we must thank the members of the selection panel, who provided very insightful and useful feedback regarding the submitted papers. Furthermore, we must thank the Political Science Department, as well as the Political Science Society, whose continuing support has allowed the journal to continue. As well, we would especially like to thank Dr. Amanda Bittner for her guidance throughout the publishing process.

We hope that as you read through the pages of this journal you will appreciate the talent that Memorial University's Political Science Department has to offer. Please continue to support the journal, and do not forget to submit your own papers.

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