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### Letter from the Editors

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the eighth volume of *Mapping Politics*. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to contribute to the journal, the Political Science Department, and to the University. The students and faculty members of Memorial University have added great value to our lives during our own studies, and editing this journal has allowed us to give something back.

The eighth volume once again highlights the incredible scholarship of the students. This volume's articles cover a diverse range of topics and issues, but more importantly are presented from a diverse set of viewpoints. The papers cover a wide range of contemporary topics and contribute to important conversations. The high quality of research and writing published in this volume once again reflects the high quality of Memorial University's students.

This has been a busy and significant year for the journal. We are pleased to be publishing 15 articles, book reviews and conference papers over three issues. This is the largest volume of work that the journal has published since it began in 2009. This is our annual issue with a focus on political science and cognate fields of research. The second issue presents interdisciplinary work on the topic of food and is presented as a thematic special issue to celebrate HSS on Food, a year-long focus within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science at Memorial during the 2016-2017 academic year. Finally, we are pleased to publish the proceedings of the Changing Political Landscapes conference organized by students in the Department of Political Science, Memorial University on April 7, 2017. The special issue on food and the conference proceedings will be published in late 2017 or early 2018.

*Mapping Politics* has also changed its governing structure this year to include an Editorial Board which provides oversight and accountability to the journal. Under a new constitution, this group of volunteers will select the Co-Editors for future volumes and is responsible for approving changes to the journal's policies. We are grateful to the Board members for volunteering their time to support the journal.

We would also like to thank the incredible team members that have contributed to the eighth volume. Each article published in this journal is subject to a double-blind peer review, a process which requires considerable time and effort from the reviewers. Our reviewers provided valuable feedback and insight to both the authors and to us editors, and deserve a great deal of the praise for this publication. This volume was also helped largely by a team of copy-editors, proofreaders, and a layout editor who are responsible for this final product.

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the Department of Political Science for continuing to support and contribute to *Mapping Politics*. Our thanks to Dr. Mehmet Caman for allowing us to use his peer-review template. Also, Dr. Russell Williams, the journal's faculty advisor, who supported the work of the journal over the year including many conversations about the reforms to the journal. And to all the other faculty members who contributed by encouraging students to submit their work or by providing feedback and advice.

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## About the Journal

*Mapping Politics* accepts submissions in all areas of political science and related fields from undergraduate and master's students at universities throughout Canada. This student led journal is hosted by the Department of Political Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

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