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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. The first 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 our thanks as well.

MYLES EVANS & JASON D. WATERS

Introduction to the Special Issue

It is my pleasure to welcome you to *Mapping Politics*' inaugural special issue. This collection of interdisciplinary scholarship celebrates the focus placed on food research and teaching by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Memorial University during the 2016-2017 academic year. This diverse area of scholarship has grown in the past decades as an academic community, as reflected by the formation of the Food Advocacy Research at Memorial (F.A.R.M.) and larger associations nationally and internationally. The HSS on Food series of events and courses allowed students to engage with the scholarly community and explore ways to study the many aspects of food. We are proud to share a sample of that scholarship.

This small but important set of scholarship represents work in political science, public health and political economy. This is a different approach for a political science journal but it reflects the challenge of studying many complex subjects from a single, disciplinary lens. Making room for different traditions and foci enhances our understanding of these topics. We were privileged to have an interdisciplinary team of reviewers provide feedback on all of the peer-reviewed articles in volume 8. Graduate and undergraduate students studying history, anthropology, political economy and political science supported their colleagues by providing honest and thoughtful feedback on the initial submissions. This has resulted in the strong work that we present in this issue.

I hope that special issues become a periodic occurrence for *Mapping Politics*. The extra work involved places additional pressure on the review and editorial teams; however, they are a unique opportunity to engage with important topics across a set of scholarship that we do not often see in a regular open issue. There are many more important issues which face our communities and scholars which might benefit from a more focused issue in this way.

Many thanks have been offered in the Letter from the Editors but I wish to extend an additional word of thanks to those instructors who have put effort into developing topical course offerings at Memorial University on the topic of food. This is a topic close to my own heart as a student and scholar and I have benefitted from many of these fine scholars.

JASON D. WATERS

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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