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Editors' Note

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the fifth volume of Memorial University's student-run, peer-reviewed political science journal, *Mapping Politics*. The journal is now half a decade old and has become a mainstay of the Political Science Department at Memorial. Since its establishment, the journal has served as a platform for current political science undergraduates, as well as recent graduates, to showcase their talent. We are proud to continue this tradition with the current edition of the journal.

This year's issue spans the discipline of political science, from political economy to national identity politics; from international organisation to peace-building; from the theoretical to the practical. The variety of subject matter investigated by students continues to amaze.

As it is my final year as Editor of the *Journal* I would like to thank all of the people who have made my tenure an enjoyable and thought provoking experience. In particular, I would like to thank the selection panels, both past and present; you have provided indispensable advice and direction. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Political Science Department and the Political Science Society for their continued support of the project. Furthermore, I would especially like to thank Dr. Amanda Bittner for her unwavering support throughout my time as Editor and for her dedication to the *Journal* since its debut publication.

We are excited to present to you, once again, the work of your peers and students. We hope you enjoy the selections as much as we have.

Brad King and Sam Clark

About the Contributors

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Colin Scott completed his MA in Political Science at Memorial University and is now a graduate student with the Centre for Cross-Cultural Research at the University of Guelph's Department of Psychology. His interests fall within the fields of applied political and cross-cultural psychology and Canadian and Latin American politics. His research includes experimental studies of multiculturalism and alternative immigrant integration policies, extremist political behaviour, and citizen security in the Americas. Colin works as a research and evaluation consultant in Ontario and Guatemala. His current research projects include an experimental study of threat and support for immigrant integration policies, and program evaluation and outcome measurement among non-government organizations in Guatemala.

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About the Editors

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About the Selection Panel

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