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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.

MYLES EVANS & JASON D. WATERS

## Introduction to the Conference Proceedings

On April 7, 2017, students and faculty gathered for a conference hosted by the Department of Political Science. More than 20 students shared their work with their peers and benefitted from feedback from knowledgeable faculty members. This was a celebration of student scholarship and an opportunity for students to gain conference experience in a familiar environment. *Mapping Politics* is pleased to present the conference proceedings of the Changing Political Landscapes conference.

The five papers included here are a small sample of the work that was presented during the conference and we are grateful to the authors who took the time to submit their work and participated in the editorial process. The decision to publish the proceedings was made after students originally agreed to participate in the conference and they went beyond their original commitments to participate in this way.

It was my pleasure to participate in planning the conference and I wish to extend my thanks to the other organizers: Steven Sutherland, Laura O'Brien, Andrew Merrell and Mira Raatikainen. We all benefitted from the guidance and support of Dr. Isabelle Côté and Dr. Sarah Martin throughout the planning process and the day of the conference. We are also grateful for the support of the entire department including the many faculty members who took the time to attend and participate. Experiences like this conference add a great deal to students' educational experience.

It is important to note that the articles included in the conference proceedings are not peer-reviewed. These papers were presented during the conference and have been included in this issue by virtue of that involvement. The papers are largely presented as written for the conference and include a variety of formats and citation styles. However, each paper was reviewed by a member of the department for academic honesty. I am grateful to Dr. Sarah Martin and Dr. Russell Williams who took on this extra work.

I hope that *Mapping Politics* will have the opportunity to publish the proceedings of future student conferences hosted by the Department of Political Science at Memorial University. The journal is privileged to belong to a vibrant academic community in the department and student conferences are an exciting part of that community.

JASON D. WATERS

## Letter from the Conference Chair

While it took us some time to come up with a title for the conference, it feels appropriate that we settled on the idea of Changing Political Landscapes. As these landscapes are ever changing, so too are the topics that we as researchers, students, faculty, and political scientists face. What we had hoped to do with the conference was bring together a myriad of voices from a variety of academic fields with the common theme of politics. I would say we were very successful in doing this. Covering topics of Canadian politics, Newfoundland politics, Feminism/Gender, Environment/Food, Domestic politics, and International Relations, students from across the university provided such excellent insight into topics that some may not have considered political originally, but we as organizers knew that there were always political implications within the papers. We also were privileged to have some of the faculty in the department present on President Trump in different capacities. The discussion that followed the presentations was enjoyable and allowed for more interaction amongst everyone.

A huge thank you to my fellow organizers: Jason Waters, Laura O'Brien, Mira Raatikainen, and Andrew Merrell. Without you all, this conference would not have been even remotely successful as it was. I was proud to have created such a wonderful event with all of you.

To all of the faculty of the Memorial University Political Science department, thank you for participating in what is hopefully the first of many conferences that the department puts on. The advice and expertise that you were able to provide us with was incredibly valuable in making the day run smoothly and efficiently. A further thank you to Dr. Cote and Dr. Martin for allowing us into their offices whenever we needed a helping hand.

To our award winners, congratulations! Your work was well received by faculty and attendees alike. Chris Ivanic and Dan Campbell, your papers were well written and the faculty felt you had provided excellent insight into your topics, congratulations. Katie Cranford and Morgon Mills, your presentations were intriguing and provided so much information in an accessible way, again, congratulations.

To all those who attended and participated, I am very grateful. Without you all there is no event to speak of. You all provided such valuable insight on a variety of topics that all came together under the themes of political science.

STEVEN SUTHERLAND

## 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.

### **Volume 8**

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