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Note from the Editor

Welcome to the latest issue of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. This is the second issue to publish on our new annual schedule. We did not meet our Fall 2023 publication goal, but we are getting closer to meeting our desired fall publication schedule. Allow me to take this opportunity to remind folks that the journal has adopted a proceedings model for content. In practical terms, this means that each new issue will be comprised of papers presented at that year's Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association (NEPSA). Please note that this is **not** case for this issue, whose content comes from papers presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting (hence the 2023 publication date). Papers presented at the Annual Meeting are eligible for publication as follows. First, papers receiving one of NEPSA's three awards—the John Donovan Prize for Best Paper by a Faculty Member (represented in this issue by the article from Erin O'Brien and Jane JaKyun Han), the Robert Wood Prize for Best Paper by a Graduate Student (represented in this issue by the article from Clara Sedzro), and the Wilson Carey McWilliams Prize for Best Paper by an Undergraduate Student—will automatically be offered the opportunity for publication. Second, all other papers presented at the annual meeting are eligible to be nominated for publication by the Section Chair that organized and oversaw their panel. We certainly encourage Section Chairs to take this opportunity to recognize quality scholarship. Papers nominated by Section Chairs will be subject to peer review and are not guaranteed publication. Third, all presenters in the New England Politics Roundtable Panel are offered the opportunity to submit a version of their paper for the State Reports section of the journal.

This is also the second issue published through our partnership with the University of Maine's Fogler Library and bepress to publish the journal on the Digital Commons platform. I am pleased to report that this switch in platform appears to have increased readership. All back issues have now been migrated to our Digital Commons page and platform as well.

As always, I'll end with a number of thank yous. Paul Petterson of Central Connecticut State University put together our State Reports Section. Odeh Halaseh of the University of Mount Union did his usual excellent job on technical support. Steven Litchman of Shippensburg University in his role as Executive Director of NEPSA was very helpful in attracting submissions. Kaitlyn Kieffer of bepress was always quick to answer any questions that came up regarding Digital Commons. Finally, Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University copyedited the articles in this issue and served as a valuable editorial sounding board.

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