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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Thank you for supporting the Susquehanna University Political Review. This year's publication is continuing the celebration of scholarship within the Political Science Department here at Susquehanna, and we're glad you're a part of it.

I want to take this time to thank all the people who helped to make this 5th edition possible.

First, and foremost, I must thank the Susquehanna University Department of Political Science for investing their limited resources into this project. They have been supportive from day one, and always help in any way they can, which just goes to show the genuine desire they have to showcase student achievement. So, Department Faculty, thank you for your continued guidance and wisdom. Without your help, this could not be possible.

Next, I have to thank Allison Brown for agreeing to take on the duty of Format Editor for the 5th edition. Our regular format editor, Samantha Phillips, is studying abroad in Spain, and Allison has done a phenomenal job in preserving and continuing Sami's work on this publication. So, Allison, thank you for your diligence and hours in front of the computer. They've really paid off in a big way.

Finally, I have to thank this year's editorial board: Thomas Natalini, Jacqueline Keenan, and Rachel Gerber. Allison and I couldn't have done anything without your thoughts and guidance. Thank you for making this year so successful, and for working with us on short notice. You guys should be very proud of all you've done.

Once again, thank you for picking up a copy of SUPR, and I sincerely hope you enjoy what it has to offer.

With gratitude,
Samuel Berger
Editor-in-Chief

LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dear Reader,

The Political Science Department is proud to present the fifth edition of the Susquehanna University Political Review. This journal presents some of the best undergraduate research on politics that has been done by Susquehanna students throughout the past academic year, highlighting work that has been done in classes and in our Senior Capstone. In addition to recognizing high quality student scholarship, we hope that this journal will encourage upcoming students in their research efforts by showing them the kind of work that can be done by students who engage in research that is both rigorous and creative. Congratulations to Steven Blaney, Taylor O'Connor, Kevin Phelan, and Andrew Zwally for setting a high bar for future students.

While the journal is supported by the Department, the work is done by the student editorial board who solicits and reviews manuscripts, and chooses the finalists, and by our student editor who makes sure we are ready to go to press. This journal would not exist without the many hours of work they put into this project. The final product is a testament to their efforts. Thanks to our editor, Allison Brown, Class of 2015, and to this year's editorial board:

Sam Berger, Class of 2015

Tom Natalini, Class of 2015

Rachel Gerber, Class of 2016

Jacqueline Keenan, Class of 2016

The final thank you goes to Mr. Brian Gilbert '10 who is the founder of this publication. Without his ideas and encouragement this journal would never have been launched. We're proud to turn his idea into a tradition.

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