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We are pleased to present the 27th edition of *Res Publica*, Illinois Wesleyan University's Undergraduate Political Science Journal. Producing a journal is no small feat, yet it is a rewarding one. Especially challenging was the task of selecting submissions from a pool of remarkable papers. We thank everyone who took the time and effort to submit a paper. As true as ever, this volume features the work of some of Illinois Wesleyan's most exceptional students.

The issues addressed in our paper vary, but a common theme emerges among them: injustice. This theme is not new to anyone, although it has unfortunately been highlighted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As the following pages show, other forms of injustices remain very prevalent in the U.S. and internationally: in our voting laws, in the play of politics, in climate change, in warfare, and, of course, in wrongful convictions. Our authors seek to shed light on these injustices. They have launched the conversation. It is our duty, as readers, to act upon this information and become positive changemakers whenever and however we can.

This journal, of course, would not be possible were it not for our authors. Writing a paper of such caliber requires great time, effort, and commitment. We thank you. Thank you also to the Political Science Department faculty. Your guidance has been much appreciated during this process. Thank you for challenging us to always strive to be better and grow as scholars.

Thank you for reading, and we hope you enjoy this year's edition of *Res Publica*!

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