

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT AND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Volume 30 of Oklahoma Politics. As the President of the Oklahoma Political Science Association, one of my duties is to ensure that our flagship journal is published every year. We have a new editor, Dr. Erick Ananga. He is Assistant Professor of Political Science at East Central University with a specialty in in water resource policy and management. He has published widely in the area of water management schemes in both the American and international contexts. We are lucky to have him as our editor!

OPSA – like every other organization in the year 2020 – has struggled with logistics such as how to host a conference in the time of Covid. Dr. Shanna Padgham of Oklahoma City Community College is our 2020 Program Chair and she was prepared to host a live conference in Oklahoma City. Less than a month before our conference the plan was changed and she put together an excellent virtual conference. In fact, several elements of the conference were so successful that we might consider incorporating them into our standard conference. If you presented a paper on Oklahoma politics at the 2020 conference please don't be surprised if you get a call from me or Erick Ananga asking to publish your paper in the journal.

The 2021 conference will be hosted by Mr. Conner Alford at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. As the headquarters of the Choctaw Nation, please look forward to this conference being replete with high ranking Choctaw officials who will make the short trip to campus to address us. We have also resolved to host the 2022 conference at OCCC so that we can

enjoy the conference that we meant to have this year.

I am writing this letter as my last act as President. This is the third time I have served OPSA as President and I hope that my service sends a clear message as to how important our organization is to the civic health of the state as well as to our society of scholars. Usually, professors and researchers are not given the opportunity to turn their view to the geographical location in which they live. This association incentivizes scholarship on Oklahoma politics which allows striving junior faculty to be rewarded for it. We provide a venue for presentations not only for faculty but for students as well. Finally, our awards allow OPSA to help our members add to their dossiers for tenure and promotion.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I look forward to watching the continued growth and success of the OPSA over the next 30 years.

Christine Pappas

President, OPSA

STATEMENT FROM THE EDITOR

The peer-reviewed journal Oklahoma Politics publishes articles, research notes and book reviews that have a significant Oklahoma political, social, and environmental related issues. Consequently, we consider work that addresses practical methods and make significant contributions to scholarly knowledge about theoretical concerns, empirical issues, or methodological strategies in the subfield of political science and or environmental politics in the State of Oklahoma. Manuscripts submitted for review should address an important research problem and or question, display a modest level of creativity and or innovation in research, contribute in a significant fashion to a body of knowledge, and lastly,

demonstrate the use of appropriate quantitative and or qualitative methods.

Our core concern is to ensure that we provide a platform for authors from Oklahoma and their collaborators from around the United States and around the world to inform the larger scientific community of current political science and environmental politics related research issues in the state. All manuscripts submitted for publication in our journal are thoroughly reviewed by anonymous referees. The submitted manuscripts first goes through a detailed check including a plagiarism check. The editor together with the editorial office takes charge of the review process.

When a manuscript is accepted for full review, the editor will collect at least two review comments and prepare a decision letter based on the comments of the reviewers. The decision letter is sent to the Corresponding Author to request an adequate revision after which the manuscript is forwarded for eventual publication. If you would like to publish your research in Oklahoma Politics, please submit your paper for peer-review at: eananga@ecok.edu

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