

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

This letter is my final act of my second term as President of the *Oklahoma Political Science Association*. I joined OPSA in 2016. I was immediately impressed not only with the scholarly activity but also the collegiality among the members. Not long after, I was asked to join the OPSA Executive Committee which has given me the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues I admire serving institutions across the state. I have enjoyed the benefit of having role models become friends. For those reasons and more I am quite grateful for this organization.

In the past year we have attempted to expand our networking and marketing efforts of political science related events in Oklahoma. We hope that our membership will continue to notify us of opportunities so we may further communicate that information through appropriate channels; especially through social media. It is our intent to be as collaborative and supportive across institutions as possible in order to highlight the good work occurring at institutions across the state. As such, please consider this an invitation to let us know of your successes, speaking events, and opportunities that we may publish.

I anticipate an excellent conference this fall hosted at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK by Dr. Brett Sharp. The conference program is reflective of the distinguished work being produced by our members across a variety of subjects within the discipline of political science. I am encouraged by the amount of student participation this year and look forward to their eventual transition to colleague. I hope that our students will continually join us at the conference and contribute to our journal as they move forward in their careers.

This thirty-third publication of our journal, *Oklahoma Politics*, is a representation of the continued scholarly work produced by the

members of this organization. Our thanks go to our editorial team Dr. Christine Pappas and Dr. Erick Ananga for their countless hours of work they put into this publication.

The 2024 OPSA conference will be hosted by Dr. Emily Stacey at Rose State College in Midwest City, OK immediately following the election. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Oklahoma Political Science Association.

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