

STATEMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the most recent issue of *Oklahoma Politics*. I am new to the position of Editor and thought that I should introduce myself. My name is David Searcy. I am a professor of Political Science at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU). I have been on the job for a couple of months and hope to continue the standard of quality that you expect from *Oklahoma Politics*.

I wanted to begin this by issuing a series of thanks. Thank you to Dr. Ananga who I am following in this position. Editing a Journal is a rewarding experience. It is also a challenging one. Anyone who has had to try and wrangle reviewers over the Summer knows how difficult it can be. Dr. Ananga did this job in an excellent and professional manner, and I want to thank him for that work.

Additionally, I want to thank Dr. Christine Pappas who has been an invaluable resource over the past couple of months. In addition to working on the Book Reviews she has been the person who helped me with the mechanics of deadlines and timetables. That you are holding a Journal is a testament to both. If you find something you dislike in this edition, then place the blame with me.

I also want to thank the authors and reviewers for their work. Without submissions and without reviewers to improve those submissions there is no *Oklahoma Politics*. Anyone who has done this work knows how challenging it is. I want to thank everyone involved for their work. That work never ends. I am already thinking of the next issue of *Oklahoma Politics* and would love to see submissions from you. Below you will see submission guidelines. Please consider submitting your work this coming year. I would love to read it.

Finally... Thank you for reading.

The peer-reviewed journal *Oklahoma Politics* publishes articles, research notes, and book reviews that have a significant Oklahoma political, social, and environmental related issue. 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: david.searcy@swosu.edu

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