

## 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 sub-field 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](mailto:eananga@ecok.edu)

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past year I have had the privilege of serving as the President of the Oklahoma Political Science Association. During this time our organization and executive board members have continued to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to fostering scholarship, discourse and interest in the field of political science. We have also worked hard to create new opportunities for scholarly development and academic research among our general membership. For example, our organization has created new award and scholarship categories for participating students and faculty members. We plan to begin rolling these out at our 2022 annual conference to be hosted by Dr. Shanna Padgham at Oklahoma City Community College. Furthermore, the executive board of our organization has expressed interest in expanding the opportunities for engagement as well as scholarly and professional development by fostering stronger relationships with political science programs and organizations around the state. We are particularly interested in partnering with appropriate institutions in order to cross-promote existing events and opportunities as well as to develop new ones. If you or your institution have speakers, events, internship, volunteer or work opportunities related to our organizations mission statement, we would like to know. Towards this end, we have established an organization e-mail account and can be reached at [oklahomapolisci@gmail.com](mailto:oklahomapolisci@gmail.com).

The last year has come with many surprises and unexpected developments. At times, the political climate in our country and recent developments around the world have been outright alarming. For all of this, I continue to find comfort in the collegiately of the Oklahoma Political Science Association. I have consistently found this organization to be uniquely welcoming and supportive of new members and especially of student participation. I also take pride in the willingness of our organization to entertain and discuss diverse (and sometimes upsetting) ideas in a spirit of ac-

ademic consideration and scholarly exchange. It is my hope (and expectation) that our organization will continue its dedication to inclusivity and intellectual diversity for many years to come.

The 2023 conference is scheduled to take place at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. In conclusion, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our contributors who provided support for the organization and its conference. I would also like to thank those who have supported the organization through scholarly contributions to our journal, Oklahoma Politics, and the organizations membership for allowing me to serve as your president.

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