

Editor's Forward

Welcome to Volume VII, Number 2 (Fall 2013) of the *New England Journal of Political Science*. As I always tell my students, late is better than never and this is particularly true when the final product is of high quality. I hope you will agree that this latest edition of the Journal merits such a description. Laurel Elder of Hartwick College opens this edition with an examination of female legislative candidate in New England. Richard Born of Vassar College follows with an analysis of the relationship of roll call extremity and reelection in the U.S. House of Representatives. Brian Danoff of Miami University provides the final article of Volume VII, Number 2 with a nuanced look at the role liberal strategies of exclusion have played in American political thought over time.

We also have a number of state reports in this issue. Stefanie Chambers and Will Hermann, both of Trinity College, start off with an update on the politics of the Nutmeg State. Howard Cody of the University of Maine is next with an up-to-the minute analysis of the changing politics of Maine. Jerrold Duquette of Central Connecticut State University provides us with the lowdown on Massachusetts politics, while Michelle Anne Fistek of Plymouth State University does the same for New Hampshire. Maureen Moakley of the University of Rhode Island then brings us up to speed on important developments in Rhode Island. Finally, Paul Petterson of Central Connecticut State University examines policy leadership in Vermont, with a bit of New Hampshire thrown in for good measure.

As always, much of the heavy lifting on this issue has been done by others, to whom I am very grateful. Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University deftly handled copy editing for this issue. As always, Paul Petterson of Central Connecticut State University is in charge of the State Reports section, and he did a wonderful job. Technical Advisor Odeh Halaseh of Kent State University puts everything together and cleans up my mistakes. For this issue Odeh also assisted with copyediting. As always, a big debt is owed to our anonymous reviewers. Their work is crucial in the scholarly endeavor, and I very much appreciate their time and effort. The reviewers who assisted for Volume VII are thanked by name at the end of this issue.

In closing, I once again ask you to consider us as an outlet for your work, and to encourage your colleagues and graduate students to do so as well. Also, anyone interested in perhaps contributing to our State (and hopefully Province) Reports section should contact Paul Petterson at Central Connecticut State University (pettersonp@ccsu.edu). Finally, please keep in mind that the Journal is now available through ProQuest databases and is also being archived by the Library of Congress

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