

# From the Editor

Over the last decade the format and content of *PS: Political Science & Politics* have changed considerably. From a simple quarterly featuring "News and Notes," *PS* has evolved into a journal of the profession and contemporary political analysis. It is useful at this juncture to reflect on what *PS* is, the audience or audiences it serves, and the criteria by which manuscripts are selected for publication.

*PS* is the arena in which to try out a new idea, to theorize across sub-fields and the discipline as a whole, and to apply what we know as political scientists to explaining the changing domestic and international politics. *PS* is an arena in which teachers can share a curriculum idea, where an administrator can reflect on the management of courses and scholars, and where graduate students can pass on hard earned understanding of becoming a professional to those who follow them. *PS* is an arena in which those with less voice and opportunity, women and minority groups, remind the profession of their interests and its obligation to be inclusive. Finally, *PS* serves as the chronicle of record for the governance of the Association.

## How is Material Selected?

Serving *PS*'s many constituents and functions means many printed pages, and though the new format has allowed us to add pages without additional cost, we still face serious page constraints. We receive many more manuscripts than can be included in *PS*; we get more positively reviewed articles than we can hope to

accommodate and still remain timely.

*PS* receives many notices, announcements and calls for papers. No notice or announcement is included in *PS* without judging whether it is relevant and timely to our readers, though our policy is to be as inclusive as possible. Indeed we encourage individuals, departments, and organizations related to the study of political science to submit as much material as possible.

No article is published in *PS* without critical review. All unsolicited articles are peer reviewed by at least two external reviewers including, but not exclusively, members of the *PS* Editorial Board.

*PS* articles should emphasize writing as well as substance. The object

is to reach as wide an audience as possible in writing that is as clear and concise as possible.

Due to space limitations, no unsolicited manuscript over 15 double-spaced pages will be printed in *PS*. We will review longer articles, but if they are positively reviewed and accepted for publication, the authors must still reduce their work to the required page length.

## What More Can Be Done?

If *PS* is to continue to serve its readers and needs, we must hear from them. Please take a few moments to complete and return the questionnaire below.

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