

## Letter from the Editor | Fall 2014

I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our Fall 2014 papers. This includes our authors, all of whom have dedicated admirable time and energy to their respective pieces. It also includes every member of the Journal's editorial board; these students provided invaluable insight and feedback to every submission we received, and they are the foundation of the Journal. Finally, our Web Editor Ramiro Funez, and our Managing Editors—Ásdís Ólafsdóttir, Roma Parhad, and Jie Zhan—have been nothing short of extraordinary. Thank you.

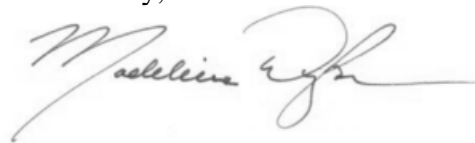
The conveyance of one's ideas is an art form. It is a skill that is largely unmatched in value. This is in part because skilled communication—and notably, skilled writing—transcends academic and professional fields. It is a prerequisite to success, not only within one's career but throughout many areas of life.

The Journal of Political Inquiry presents a unique opportunity for us. It allows us to explore, build upon, and refine this skill within the domain of our peer group at NYU, providing a supportive environment as we become better writers. As editors, we are exposed to different writing styles, introduced to new topics and ideas within the realm of politics, and through revising the writing of others, we gain new insight into our own literary techniques. As authors, we can escape the confines of class requirements and write creatively, with a vast spectrum of political topics and ideas at our disposal. Through the review process, we open ourselves to constructive criticism and are ultimately rewarded in doing so through a better understanding of how our writing is interpreted by the reader.

Thus, JPI serves not only as an informational exchange, but also as an exchange of skills. And it is important that we, as fellow students, take advantage of our time together in graduate school, and the pool of talent that comprises our own student body.

Ultimately, the Journal is what we make it. For those who have been a part of our Fall 2014 publication, I again say thank you. For those who consider becoming involved in the Journal, I encourage you to do so. Fortunately, we have an additional semester to continue our work. I look forward to working together with many of you as we continue our graduate education, and as the Journal develops our Spring 2015 publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Madeleine Wykstra".

Madeleine Wykstra  
Editor-in-Chief