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The Department of Political Science and Public Affairs offers a wide range of academic programs. Political science majors pursue a liberal arts curriculum that focuses on United States politics, comparative politics, international relations, political philosophy, and methodology. Undergraduate political science students at Seton Hall have the opportunity to complete internships with numerous public and private institutions for academic credit. In partnership with The Washington Center, the department offers students an opportunity to complete internships and coursework in Washington D.C. The political science program prepares students for graduate education and for careers in politics, law, government service, journalism, the nonprofit sector, public affairs, the private sector, and numerous other fields.

At the graduate level, the department offers a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) and a Masters in Healthcare Administration (MHA). The MPA program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). Students in the MPA program choose one of three concentrations: Nonprofit Organization Management, Public Service, or Healthcare Policy and Management. The MPA program in Nonprofit Organization Management is ranked #14 in the country by U.S. News and World Report.
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Foreword

Dear Readers:

A lot of writers say that a publication is a lot like a baby: easy to conceive but hard to deliver. Political Analysis is no exception. The journal was the brain-child of several members of the Department of Political Science and its top-flight students in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Honor Society for Political Science. I was the advisor to the student organization sporadically from 1987 to 2002, and served as the founding editor of the journal in 1992.

The first issue emerged thanks to a grant from the national board of Pi Sigma Alpha which helped us to establish a student-edited political science journal. With a lot of hard work and angst, that initial volume managed to publish the best Senior Thesis, chosen by the faculty, and several short papers from a variety of students in the Department. Subsequently, as the journal developed, Political Analysis received funding from the University's Student Government Association and the Department of Political Science along with monies from Pi Sigma Alpha. The amount of submissions grew as the journal prospered.

After about a decade, however, Political Analysis began to flounder. Continuity of faculty and staff was difficult to maintain. Professors went on sabbaticals and were often busy with their own publications; faculty personnel changed, students graduated or were involved in a myriad of other activities. But now—the journal has reemerged!

This is due to a number of fortuitous happenings. The merger of the Department of Political Science with the former MPA and MHA programs into the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs has given Political Analysis new life. Help from younger faculty members and a general change in departmental interests has been reflected in a renewed concern for student research and writing. Just as important, a reinvigorated Pi Sigma Alpha for undergraduates and a new collaboration with Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration for graduate students, has brought excitement back to the re-creation of Political Analysis. The journal is now returning as a serious example of student achievement; a model for student peers to emulate and an indicator of what can be accomplished with a unified commitment between professors and students to teaching and learning.

It is with a personnel sense of dedication to these goals that I commend the editorial staff and contributors to this year's journal for a job well done!! I also wish continued academic and professional success in the future to each of the students involved. Hazard zet forward...

Sincerely,
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Message from the Editors

In fall of 2012, the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society for Political Science and the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration joined together to revive the Political Analysis Journal. Since its inception in 1992, Political Analysis featured outstanding undergraduate scholarship at Seton Hall University. As a newly collaborative effort, we asked ourselves, “How can we broaden the scope for the opportunity to highlight academic achievement?”

Therefore, the 2013 publication reflects academic studies in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs to include: both undergraduate students, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in political science, and graduate students, pursuing a Masters of Public Administration (MPA), which focuses on nonprofit management, governance and leadership, and health policy.

This year the editorial board was challenged with the task of selecting among the top undergraduate and graduate submissions. The 2013 issue features the scholarly excellence of students pursuing original and thought-provoking research. Political Analysis aims to foster dialogue in the political science and public affairs sub-fields for students and leaders in public service.

The articles included in this volume illuminate some of the most influential issues in contemporary politics and public policy. Matters discussed in Political Analysis are not limited in their scope: Ranging anywhere from the international to the localized.

Our initial article examines how an integrated and comprehensive strategic planning process can strengthen America’s ability to effectively operate in the in the international arena . The next contribution seeks to provide a deeper understanding of constitutional questions of executive authority in the wake of terrorist threats. Subsequent articles analyze legislative actions in the realm of privacy and Internet content as well as the public policy process that surrounds elections . This includes: the effects of voter identification laws, the renewed authority of non-profit organizations, and campaign finance regulations in the wake of the Citizens United Supreme Court decision. These issues have held a weighty role in the electoral process since 2010 and will continue to be important for the foreseeable future.

It is with confidence that this volume is published with articles that will serve the academic community with valuable insight and analysis for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Casais and Subarna Saha
Co-Executive Editors
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