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Preface

Questions in Politics (*QiP*), the scholarly journal of the Georgia Political Science Association (GPSA), welcomes our readers to Volume III. The articles published here began as papers presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the GPSA. The authors then submitted the manuscripts to the journal, where they were anonymously and thoroughly reviewed. After further review and editing, out of seven manuscripts submitted, four are published here.

We are pleased to announce that the first article in Volume III, “Where Have You Gone Federalism, the States Turn Their Lonely Eyes to You: An Empirical Investigation into the Rehnquist Court’s Federalism Decisions” by Dr. Joshua R. Meddaugh of Clayton State University, is the McBrayer Award winner for 2015. The McBrayer is given annually to the best paper presented at the Annual Meeting. The winning author or authors have traditionally received a certificate and a cash award. To further recognize this achievement, the McBrayer winner is the first article in this volume.

The journal’s broad approach to the scholarship in political science continues in this volume. Two of the articles cover American politics, one article is from the field of international relations that incorporates elements from comparative politics, and the final article’s focus is on teaching and learning in political science. Not only are the topics diverse, but so is the methodology of each article. For example, the McBrayer Award piece by Meddaugh has a unique approach that not only analyzes the reasoning and case law in U.S. Supreme Court decisions, but uses an empirical analysis that extends scholarship in the area of federalism. Albert et al. examine the flipped-hybrid classroom model, an important development in the teaching of political science, with both a qualitative and a quantitative analysis, again combining methodologies. Enduring and larger questions in politics and the discipline of political science receive attention in this volume. Cavalli looks at Richard Neustadt’s classic conception of presidential power from 1960 and how it has been applied, successfully and unsuccessfully, by twenty-first-century presidents. Tures rigorously analyzes “lone wolf” versus “wolf pack” terrorism, providing scholarly conclusions that may challenge both pundits and policy makers.

Readers will also notice the new *QiP* logos on the cover and near the end of each article. We continue to update the appearance of the journal and make it more visually recognizable. For those who read the print edition, the peach-colored cover, an homage to this journal’s Georgia roots, has also changed. In

addition, we have received permission from the APSA to link *QiP* to their website. (If interested, please go to apsanet.org, “Publications,” then “Journals,” then “Publishing Resources,” then, finally, to “Journals by Other Fields/Areas and Associations” and look for *Questions in Politics*.)

Again, we would like to thank the anonymous reviewers, as well as the Editor, James “Larry” Taulbee, and the Managing Editor, Matthew E. Van Atta, for their efforts to continuously improve this journal.

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