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Preface

Volume IX of *Questions in Politics* is created from manuscripts first presented at the 2021 Georgia Political Science Association annual meeting. However, unlike the GPSA meeting in 2020, the 2021 meeting was in person. Thanks to the incredible leadership who helped organize the return of our conference to an in-person meeting, it was an evident success. In a moment where there would have been every reason to call off the meeting entirely, GPSA persevered and had an excellent meeting with great political science being presented and discussed. This issue is a testament to all the fantastic research presented at the 2021 meeting.

About the Issue

The first paper, “Joining the Club? The Politics of Government Recognition” by M. Scott Meachum, is the McBrayer Award for the best paper presented at GPSA in 2021. Meachum uses an event history approach to test how and when countries strategically recognize new governments empirically. Our second article is “Perceptions of Attitudinal Change: The End of History Illusion and Polarization” by Russell Luke and Michael Westberg. This paper finds strong evidence for using the “end of history illusion” to understand political polarization. The third article is “The Popular Perception of China in Latin America and the Role of Confucian Institutes” by Thomas J. Nisley. Nisley observes that Confucius Institutes have not improved the perception of China in Latin American public opinion.

Valerie Cochran’s “Sexual Assault Victims Have No Privacy: Updating Georgia’s Victim Privacy Statute” is our fourth article. Cochran argues that states should enact laws to protect victims’ privacy due to psychological risks imposed by social media. The fifth article is “Go West, Young Liberals! How The Critical Election Of 1992 Pioneered A Win Streak For The Democrats” by John Tures. Using critical election theory as a guidepost, he argues that the Democratic Party’s recent success in Presidential elections in western American states is due to the Critical Election of 1992. John LeJeune’s article “Chasing Secretariat: Plato, Socrates, and the Education of the Horseman” is the sixth article. He analyzes the use of horse analogies in ancient political theory. The final paper is “Cryptocurrency Regulation Around the World” by Daniel Weaver. This paper is the Pajari Award winner for the best undergraduate paper award at the 2021 annual meeting, as voted on by the Pajari committee.

Thanks to the Reviewers

As always, we are deeply indebted to the reviewers for Volume IX. We received an excellent slate of papers for this volume, which required us to find an outstanding slate of reviewers. In addition to ourselves, each article received peer reviews from scholars whose expertise could speak to the quality and significance of the submitted manuscript. Our reviewers’ expertise and suggested edits and revisions increased the quality of the work you see in this journal. Being a journal reviewer is often a thankless task, and—while it may not be much—we want to extend our heartiest “thank you” to our reviewers.

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