



Letter from the Editor | Spring 2015

It is with great pleasure that I present the Journal of Political Inquiry's Spring 2015 publication.

This issue is the product of a diverse, talented, and ambitious team of writers and editors. It features student authors from several different New York University graduate programs. These students invested commendable time and energy into their respective articles, and that effort shows in the quality of their work.

The Spring 2015 issue, of course, would not have been possible without the valiant efforts of our managing editors, who worked tirelessly to prepare these articles for publication. The Journal is also fortunate to have had an exceptional team of students serve on the editorial board this year. In addition, our operations team should be commended for expanding JPI's readership and participation to many different programs at GSAS and NYU.

This has been a transformative year for JPI. We sought to expand the Journal's presence and its substance, and we have succeeded in doing both. As you know, JPI is a student-cultivated, student-led publication. Its success this year was made possible by students who recognize the value in exchanging ideas, skills, and perspectives outside of the classroom. The Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 publications speak to our collective ambition and initiative, and the value we see in producing something with our peers, for our peers.

In my Fall 2014 letter, I wrote that we must "take advantage of our time together in graduate school, and the pool of talent that comprises our own student body." The hundreds of hours spent in putting together JPI's Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 issues have allowed us to do just that, and we are collectively better for it. Although JPI will continue evolving and growing under each new editorial board, the students who worked so hard to bring new life to JPI this year have left their own indelible mark. I thank them for their dedication—and I thank you, the readers, for your support of our efforts.

Wishing you all a happy and successful summer,

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