

# Letters from the Editors

My journey at Cal Poly Pomona was a wonderful one, but what truly made it unique and so impactful on me as a student was how great the Political Science department is. From the students through the faculty members, each person in this department is dedicated to the polytechnic idea of “learning by doing.” An example of this dedication can be demonstrated by this journal itself and how many people have supported it in the making, from the members of the editorial board, to the students who submitted their research, and of course, the editorial team itself. My graduation from CPP is truly bittersweet and I will still be in touch from my doctoral program to try my best to continue this legacy of strong political science scholars who will continue to emerge from this program!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of the professors who have helped me while I was a Bronco, especially the department chair, Dr. Guerrero. Thank you Professor for your strength as a leader and your strong commitment to our department. Next, I want to give the biggest thank you to my mentor and academic advisor, Dr. Menounou. Dr. Menounou has truly shaped me into the student I am today and is easily one of the best educators I have ever encountered.

Lastly, I wish the best of luck to all of the future editors of this journal. To my current junior editor, Kyle, I know you will do great as the senior editor next year and will continue to succeed in all of your academic endeavors.

Thank you all so much!

**Sofia Lisette Rosales**  
*Senior Editor*

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Embodying Cal Poly Pomona’s “Learn-by-Doing” motto, the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Undergraduate Journal of Political Science is an entirely student-run publication. Closely following this motto, all published works are academic works conceived by students, which embody a variety of disciplines relevant to the study of Political Science. Working tirelessly behind the scenes is the Journal’s Editorial Board, which is composed of some of the Department’s most talented students, each of whom reviews submissions and critiques them to ensure their quality. The standard of excellence that the Journal embodies would not be where it is without the amazing work and dedication of its authors and Editorial Board.

As the Junior Editor for Spring 2023, overseeing the Seventh Edition of the Journal, I would like first to acknowledge the great work done by the Journal’s Editor-in-Chief, Sofia Rosales, and wish her the best of luck in her endeavors as she enters her Ph. D. program. I would also like to recognize the unwavering support given by the Journal’s advisor, Dr. Elli Menounou, whose indispensable guidance and advice made this publication possible. As a key figure within the research community here at Cal Poly Pomona, Dr. Menounou has played an instrumental role in advising and promoting student-led research. I would lastly like to give special thanks to the chair of our department, Dr. Mario Guererro, who works tirelessly to promote student outcomes, including the overall quality of the education received by students.

As I enter my final year here at Cal Poly Pomona, and my position as Editor-in-Chief of this journal, I seek to continue the daunting standard of academic excellence that has been set by my predecessors.

**Kyle Chao**  
*Junior Editor*

# Letter from the Faculty Advisor

At Cal Poly Pomona, our motto is “learn by doing.” In the Department of Political Science, we strive to give our students every possible experience that will help them develop successful careers and create well rounded scholars. We offer over 50 undergraduate courses in six different subfields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Administration, and Public Law). In an effort to provide our students with the experience needed to succeed in graduate programs in law, master’s programs, doctoral programs, or the job force, our courses focus on the teacher-scholar model, encouraging our students to engage in scholarly research.

In our Undergraduate Journal of Political Science, we showcase some of the best articles written by our students, exemplifying the various areas of studies offered to students here at CPP. While the articles published in the journal tackle some of the most salient issues in the discipline, we also hope that these articles serve as examples for our continuing students on what successful academic scholarship looks like.

The Undergraduate Journal is a particularly impressive endeavor in that it is student run. As such, we should recognize the editor-in-chief, Sofia Rosales, and the junior editor, Kyle Chao. Their work producing this issue and overseeing the editorial process was a monumental task; Sofia and Kyle did an incredible job, as the final product here suggests. Sofia is now a graduate of CPP and while we are sad to see her leave, we are excited for what is on the horizon, with Kyle as our new editor-in-chief. We should also recognize the hard work of the editorial board, composed of political science students who volunteered their time to provide peer review to ensure the strength of this journal.

Finally, I offer a special thanks to my predecessor, Dr. Mario Guerrero, who served as the faculty advisor for the journal at its inception and has supported the journal’s goals as our department chair. Without Dr. Guerrero, this journal would not have existed, and we are grateful for his work in setting our students up with this opportunity. Thank you to Ms. Beatriz Garcia, the department’s administrative coordinator, and the entire faculty of the political science department who inspire our students.

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