Celebrating 75 Years of The Review of Politics

The year 2013 marks the seventy-fifth year of the publication of the Review of Politics. In order to celebrate the anniversary and to recognize the many individuals who have contributed to the journal’s success, we have asked our managing editor, Dennis Moran, to write a brief history. Having begun his career at the journal as an editorial fellow in 1972–73, Moran has worked with all its editors-in-chief except the founder, Waldemar Gurian. Moran is thus our living memory.

Dennis Moran received his PhD in English literature at the University of Notre Dame in 1976. At first he combined work at the journal with teaching at St. Mary’s College, Indiana University at South Bend, Holy Cross College, and the University of Notre Dame. In 1984 he became a full-time Faculty Professional Specialist. Under this general title he has undertaken a variety of editorial tasks, ranging from copyediting and soliciting book reviews to producing desktop copy with the help of undergraduate student workers, working with a local publisher to print and distribute the journal, then managing our transition to digital publishing by negotiating with JSTOR, and now editing and assembling copy to send to the Cambridge University Press compositors in India. Both the staff and the mode of publishing the journal have changed over the years, but Dennis Moran has remained. His continuing service, acquired experience, and knowledge about publishing have contributed greatly to maintaining the journal’s excellence. For decades he has read and evaluated all the manuscripts submitted as well as many of the book reviews. It would be difficult if not impossible to find someone who knows more, not merely about the production, but about the content of seventy-five years of the Review of Politics.

—Catherine Zuckert, Editor-in-Chief