

From the Editors

Our three-year term as editors of *Politics & Gender* ends with this issue and we have turned the journal over into the capable hands of Professor Jennifer Lawless of American University. We are confident that she and her team will continue to move the journal forward and expand its place in the intellectual discussions of gender politics in the years to come.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the many people who have contributed to making this journal the success that it is. Whether you contributed an article, talked up the journal to colleagues, solicited manuscripts, reviewed manuscripts, or simply were a reader of the journal, you assisted the efforts to strengthen the place of *Politics & Gender* as the premier journal of this subfield in the discipline. We could not have done it without you.

In particular, we wish to thank our associate editors — Georgina Waylen, Martha Ackelsberg, Spike Petersen, Sue Thomas and Hawley Fogg-Davis — as well as our board, who generously offered us their time and expertise in giving direction to the journal, making difficult decisions, evaluating manuscripts, editing Critical Perspectives sections, and much more. We also wish to thank Kimberly Rice, a PhD candidate at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who served as our editorial assistant.

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and Its Utility to Political Scientists) and Sonia Kruks (Iris Marion Young: Legacies for Feminist Theory).

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We learned a tremendous amount from the experience of the founding editors, Karen Beckwith and Lisa Baldez, and were honored to be able to build on their important work in launching the journal. We are pleased to have been given the opportunity to contribute in a small way to a journal that political scientists worldwide recognize as the standard for politics and gender scholarship.

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