

Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

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It is hard to believe that it has been 15 years since Keith Krehbiel and Nolan McCarty launched the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. The *Q* has provided a general interest outlet for rigorous theoretical and quantitative research about politics, with contributions from both political scientists and economists.

The last few years have seen tremendous growth in the field, and we are impressed by both the quantity and quality of the submissions we receive. In 2019, we received 227 submissions — a 18% increase from the 192 submissions received in 2018 and the 193 submissions we received in 2017. The increasing number of submissions, the evolving nature of our submission pool, and the desire of some of our long-standing Co-Editors to step away from editorial duties has led us to make several changes to our Editorial Board starting with volume 15.

Several Board members are moving on. Lisa Martin stepped away a year ago. David Stasavage is handling his last submissions as we write. And while Greg Huber will remain on the Board, he will be significantly cutting back on handling papers. We warmly thank all three of them for their hard work on behalf of the *Q*.

We are excited to add six new members to the Board: Claire Adida, Renee Bowen, Anthony Fowler, Andy Hall, Ellie Powell, and Kris Ramsay. Their broad range of methodological skill and substantive knowledge, along with that of continuing Board members Scott Gehlbach, Cathy Hafer, Shigeo Hirano, Keith Krehbiel, Nolan McCarty, and David Myatt, will ensure that the *Q* can stay on top of the increasing flow of sophisticated submissions.

We remain tremendously excited about the future of the *Q* and we strongly believe that the largest expansion of the Board since the creation of the *Q* will broaden our expertise, impact, and appeal. We remain committed to publishing interesting and well-executed work that pushes our understanding of essential questions, and we are eager and excited to be able to promote the insights of our authors.