

COMMONWEALTH: A Journal of Political Science

Founded by the Pennsylvania Political Science Association (PPSA) in 1987, *COMMONWEALTH: A Journal of Political Science* is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes original research in all subfields of political science along with interdisciplinary articles. From 2004 to 2010, the now defunct Legislative Office for Research Liaison (LORL) of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives jointly published the journal. *COMMONWEALTH's* editorial staff, Editorial Review Board, and referees maintain the highest standards of peer review and publication.

Open to a variety of approaches and methodologies, *COMMONWEALTH* seeks manuscripts that are based on theoretical perspectives (empirical or normative) as well as those that employ an historical approach. An important part of the journal's mission is to encourage research on topics of Pennsylvania and regional importance (northeastern and mid-Atlantic United States). Manuscripts on state and local government, politics, and policy are especially desired. Moreover, book reviews are generally limited to essays on recently published works with a Pennsylvania or regional focus. In addition to its general issue, *COMMONWEALTH* also solicits manuscripts for various policy-options issues devoted exclusively to dispassionate academic discourse on state and regional public policy issues and options.

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The Pennsylvania Political Science Association

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Manuscripts from all fields of political science are welcome, especially those on Pennsylvania or regional research (northeastern or mid-Atlantic United States) in the areas of state and local government, politics, or public policy. State and regional policy research may originate from any relevant academic discipline. Manuscripts should be submitted in Microsoft Word format. The preferred length is 15–30 double-spaced pages, including notes, references, tables, and appendices. Format should follow the American Political Science Association's *Style Manual for Political Science*. For guidance, authors should consult previous issues of *COMMONWEALTH*, the *American Political Science Review*, or the editor. Tables should be created with the MS-WORD tools, not created manually, and they should be placed in the body of the manuscript, not at the end. Content notes should be used sparingly, and they should be contained in endnotes rather than footnotes. Appendices should be placed after the content notes. A list of references should be placed last. The author's name and affiliation should appear only on a separate cover page. An abstract of no more than 150 words should accompany the manuscript. Manuscripts should be submitted as e-mail attachments (no paper copies) to:

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Guidelines for Submitting Manuscripts: Special Policy Issues

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Dr. Michael R. King
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COMMONWEALTH will consider proposals for reviews of texts currently in print in any subfield of political science or political history. Those concerning Pennsylvania or the mid-Atlantic and northeast region are especially favored. Reviews should not be undertaken until the book review editor has accepted a proposal. Submit proposals and brief curriculum vitae to:

Dr. Tomas J. Baldino
Department of Political Science
Wilkes College
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

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- *the Pennsylvania Political Scientist*, the expanded PPSA Newsletter.
- advance "Call for Papers" to the annual meeting of the PPSA.

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