

Note from the Editor

This edition of *Critique* is comprised of winning papers from the 14th Annual Illinois Conference for Students of Political Science, held on 7 April 2006. Out of the seven papers recognized as the best papers, five are published in this edition. Papers presented by Dana Van De Walker, and Megan Kerr were recognized as the best papers in the graduate section. Morgan Weiland, Kyle Groenewold, and Ali Wyne received awards in the undergraduate category. These papers represent the wide scope within Political Science and have been written from a variety of perspectives.

We would like to thank the authors for allowing us to publish their papers. It is a pleasure to have such a collection of thought-provoking and well-written papers in one edition.