

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue we feature a symposium on leadership in the history of political thought. Always salient, the importance of this topic is underscored as the U.S.A. rolls into the 2020 presidential election. What are the virtues most necessary for the statesman? Is political leadership cognate with military leadership? Must political leaders necessarily be drawn from our elite classes? How much latitude must political leaders be given for their inevitable vices? The contributors to this symposium all seem to recognize that leaders, like human beings in general, are flawed individuals, and therefore we must hope for leaders whose virtues and vices best suit the kind of polity we hope to live in. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Michael Promisel, of Coastal Carolina University, from whose virtuous leadership this symposium spawned and came to timely fruition. Like our great republic, the *Political Science Reviewer* depends on leaders like this to countervail our many vices and shortcomings.

The Author Meets Critics symposium in this issue features Luke C. Sheahan's *Why Associations Matter: The Case for First Amendment Pluralism* (University Press of Kansas, 2020). Once again, we find ourselves in the midst of a nice piece of serendipity: discussing freedom of association in the midst of a national lockdown in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With public gatherings curtailed, houses of worship shuttered, schools closed, football seasons canceled, our associational lives might be in serious trouble. The conversation between Sheahan and his interlocutors—Tim Shiell, Bruce Frohnen, and Howard Schweber—is nothing if not instructive.

The next issue of the *Political Science Reviewer* will feature a symposium on music and censorship in Plato's *Republic*, with contributions from Rebecca Lemoine, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Sophie Pangle, Jeremy Geddert, and Nina Valiquette Moreau. The subsequent issue will feature a symposium on Russell Kirk, with themes of populism, economic virtue and free speech hovering on the

horizon. As always, we ask our readers to submit articles for review and ideas for future conversations and symposia.

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