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Now in its third year of publication, *Res Publica* has come into its own. As co-editors, we are very pleased with the high caliber of this year's submissions and the diverse range of subject matter. As the department has grown in strength and depth, so has the quality of student work. We believe these developments are reflected in Volume III. Papers ranged in topic from American to comparative and addressed both theoretical and empirical questions.

This year's volume also diverges from past issues by including a section aimed at helping students prepare for life after graduation. Matt Sebek discusses his experiences seeking employment in public policy in the Washington D.C. area. Angela Burnette and Jarod Bona, in addition to editing responsibilities, also contributed sections on preparing for graduate school and law school, respectively.

As graduating seniors, working to produce *Res Publica* has been the last of many challenging and rewarding academic endeavors during our undergraduate careers. We hope, on behalf of ourselves and all of the contributors, that the vast amount of time and effort invested in this volume will inspire future Wesleyan students to continue the legacy of *Res Publica*.

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