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It has been over four years since the last issue of the *Journal of Economics and Politics (JEP)* was published. Several changes have occurred since that time. First, the long-time editor, Henry Rennie, decided to leave the editorship for other opportunities. Second, the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists decided to embark on a search for a long-term relationship with a publisher that will serve the needs of our organization and the membership. We are lucky to have found such a relationship with the University of Akron Press. In January, 2011, we came into an agreement with Akron to publish our journal annually. Our hope is to develop a strong journal that will attract academic research on issues of economics, political science, and policy. Papers that examine Ohio issues are especially welcome. We ask that you consider sending a research paper for review for the *JEP* for the next issue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I welcome your submissions and will work with you as you navigate the review process.

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