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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We would like to welcome you to the fourth issue of *Perspectives in Public Affairs*. During this past year *Perspectives in Public Affairs* has undergone a variety of changes. With new leadership driving the journal, a fresh group of students joined on as members of the Editorial Board. These changes resulted in an intelligent and enthusiastic group of ASU graduate students to carry *Perspectives in Public Affairs* into the future. Our goals for this year were to advance both the scholarly quality and commercial viability of the journal.

These goals have been achieved in this fourth issue. The articles in this issue exemplify the outstanding scholarship of the students in the School of Public Affairs at ASU. With topics such as child support collection and the changes taking place in university environments, Volume 4 highlights some of the most pressing issues in public administration and policy. In addition, we were able to raise additional funds to publish the journal in print form through an advertising campaign.

Many thanks to following Editorial Board members for taking the time and careful consideration to review each submission: Irene Hsiao, Greg Jordan, Patsy Kraeger, Leah Kritzer, Stacey Long, Meghna Sabharwal, Billie Sandberg, Mark Speicher, & Tanya Watt. A special thank you goes out to our faculty adviser, Dr. Laura Peck, for her continued technical and emotional support. We are indebted to the School of Public Affairs and its Director, Dr. Robert Denhardt, for financial support and encouragement. Without the support of the School of Public Affairs, we would be unable to provide this opportunity for student publication.

We also would like to extend a very grateful thank you to Michael Pearson for his donated time and energy. Michael was invaluable in formatting *Perspectives in Public Affairs* and this issue looks spectacular because of his efforts.

Please enjoy this latest issue of *Perspectives in Public Affairs*.

Sincerely,



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Perspectives in Public Affairs is the student Journal created by the Students of Public Affairs Network (SPAN), the student organization in the School of Public Affairs at Arizona State University. The mission of the journal is to provide an avenue for graduate students to publish academic works and engage students, faculty, and other interested parties in a dialogue about on issues in public administration and public policy.

Perspectives in Public Affairs is an annual publication. Members of the School of Public Affairs community and graduate students in any department are encouraged to submit papers on topics relevant to the field of public affairs. Submissions are accepted throughout the year and considered for publication in the spring. All submission undergo a blind review process. More details about the submission process can be found on the *Perspectives in Public Affairs* website at <http://asu.edu/mpa/aboutjournal.htm>.

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