

PERSPECTIVES IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WELCOME

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second issue of *Perspectives in Public Affairs*. This year's issue is a reflection of our students' eclectic interests, varied viewpoints, and excellent writing skills, with articles covering a wide area of policy interests. A sampling of the contents includes several current issues of growing importance: public art, prescription drug advertising, education, and poverty.

I am pleased to present this work on behalf of the ASU School of Public Affairs, and delighted that our students have chosen to share their work and their voices with the larger academic community. Gratitude is due to them, and to the Editorial Board members and our faculty adviser, Dr. Laura Peck, for their unfailing support and hard work. Finally, many thanks are due to the School of Public Affairs and to School Director Dr. Robert Denhardt for support and encouragement. Thank you all for making this forum possible!

I'd also like to extend an invitation—actually two invitations—to our students and alumni: first, to submit papers for consideration in the coming year, and second, to consider joining the Editorial Board as a member or reviewer. Information may be found at our web page, <http://asu.edu/mpa.aboutjournal.htm>.

I hope you enjoy this year's *Perspectives*.

Regards,

Anne Ellis
Editor in Chief