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The Editorial Board of *New Voices in Public Policy* (ISSN: 1947-2633) is pleased to present its fifth issue of outstanding work from students at the George Mason University School of Public Policy (SPP). Our peer-reviewed journal is comprised of work created by current Master's level students. The journal strives to provide a forum for insightful and innovative works in the policy arena that highlight the diversity of ideas and range of study undertaken by the SPP student body.

This issue brings the first of a new type of submission: a short commentary critiquing Michael Ross' "Oil, Islam and Women." We hope to publish more pieces of this style within future editions of *New Voices*, to facilitate a more public discussion of the pressing issues of our day. We welcome feedback from our readers on the style and content of any of our volumes.

To that end, we direct your attention to critical issues of human trafficking in Georgia, the impact of the "African land grab" on agriculture throughout the European Union, the battle against Afghanistan's flourishing opium trade, the political background of the economic bailout, and a thorough exploration of the mental health stresses and services impacting military peacekeepers. All of these articles are incredibly timely and speak to the absolute necessity of sound public policy theory and practice.

It is our wish that you enjoy our latest edition. Congratulations to our authors for their outstanding contributions.

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