

Message from the Dean of the School of Public Policy

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The George Mason School of Public Policy has a proud tradition of scholarship and a well-deserved reputation for making real contributions in the public policy arena. Ground-breaking research is central to the School of Public Policy's academic mission. The School's talented students strive for excellence, both in the classroom and in research. To showcase their insightful and innovative work, it is with great excitement that we launch George Mason's new on-line, student-run journal, *New Voices in Public Policy*. The journal is a venue for sharing our students' original policy research and analysis with the broader academic and public policy communities and highlights the diversity of ideas and range of studies undertaken at the GMU School of Public Policy. The published works are written by students from across the School's progressive fields of study, including international commerce, peace operations, organizational development, and transportation policy, as well as its flagship public policy program. The authors, reflecting the diversity of the School's student body, hail from across the country and around the world; they represent the entire spectrum of professional experience, from young professional to senior management.

New Voices in Public Policy is a new endeavor and the realization of a vision for sharing the outstanding scholarship of the School's student body. The debut of this journal is the result of the marvelous work of a small group of highly-motivated and academically exceptional students

that formed the first editorial board. I would like to thank them for their dedication and tireless efforts.

This inaugural edition of *New Voices in Public Policy* is just the beginning. The George Mason School of Public Policy and the journal staff look forward to sharing students' ground-breaking research and policy analysis for years to come.

