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The Editorial Board of *New Voices in Public Policy* (ISSN: 1947-2633) is pleased to present its fourth issue of outstanding work from students at the George Mason University School of Public Policy (SPP). Our peer-reviewed journal is comprised of articles written by SPP students that are supported by SPP professors. 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.

Since publishing our first issue in Spring 2007, we have covered an array of diverse and timely topics that reflect the varied specialties of SPP students. In particular, this issue tackles green energy at a time when energy independence has riveted the American public. It also covers the narcotics trade in West Africa, an ever-increasing transshipment point for drugs entering European markets. As these articles show, *New Voices* presents issues from an interesting lens, provides creative recommendations, and contributes to the body of literature in new ways.

We invite you to enjoy this issue. Congratulations to our authors on their exemplary work!

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