

Letter from the Founding Editor

With great honor and pride I write this piece for the 20th edition of *Policy Perspectives*. How exciting to know what started out as an idea during my first semester as an MPA student at The George Washington University is now a well-established student run journal. Thank you to all the dedicated students and faculty whose hard work over the years has kept the journal alive.

Twenty years after the journal's creation, I reflect on the knowledge I gained from working with the original editorial staff to make *Policy Perspectives* a reality and am thankful for the incredible learning experience the process provided.

What I did not realize when proposing the journal to The George Washington University faculty in 1993 was that I would later pursue a PhD in public administration followed by a career in academia. The experience I gained working on *Policy Perspectives* has proven useful throughout my career as I have served as an article reviewer for the journal *Public Administration Review* and as I continue to submit manuscripts for publication.

The field of public administration is constantly evolving. As social, economic, and environmental public policy issues change, this journal will continue to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and critical evaluation of public policy, while also displaying the talents of the students at The George Washington University.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge my father, Frederick Murphy, who passed away last year. His support and encouragement meant the world to me as I worked to help establish GW's first student run policy journal. I also want to thank my mother, Martha Murphy, whose love has always served as a source of strength.

I am extremely proud of *Policy Perspectives* and I wish the journal continued success in the years to come!

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Founding Editor

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief of Volume 1

Policy Perspectives began as a terrific idea. After that, what is most notable is that the journal happened at all. We were graduate students, many with full-time jobs and some with families, who had very little time and no blueprint from which to work. We held countless meetings in Professor Kastle's office, tried one system and then another, and spent long hours huddled over manuscripts. But the journal did happen.

The credit, of course, goes to the many students and faculty members who jumped into the boat with us. They brought their copies of *Strunk and White*, their creativity, and their humor. Together, we believed that the School of Public Policy should and could offer a journal reflecting the highest standards of student journalism.

Twenty years later, *Policy Perspectives* remains relevant because of the scholarship of today's students and the tireless work of her editors. Congratulations on the 20th anniversary edition!

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