
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Policy Perspectives Volume 32 follows in the deep footsteps of its predecessors. This annual publication gives readers analyses, findings, and reflections that advance our understanding. It also gives us important questions to ask and methods to pursue them. This year, the volume has a strong international focus, with authors examining United States, Brazilian, Ethiopian, Chinese, and Japanese contexts. The authors provide data-grounded insights into domestic and international policy and practice.

For over 30 years, our Trachtenberg students have designed and delivered Policy Perspectives. Each volume reflects the perspectives and training of the authors, input of the editorial team, and light guidance and enthusiastic encouragement from faculty. The authors and editors come from our degree programs: Master of Public Policy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Arts in Environmental and Sustainability Policy, and the doctoral program in Public Policy and Public Administration. This volume, like those that came before, exemplifies the ways that Trachtenberg students tackle policy questions in different domains to inform readers.

My congratulations to the authors, editors, and faculty advisors who made this volume possible. I appreciate all the care and effort that went into it. It is a product of a public service ethic. It also showcases the value of sound research and carefully crafted research questions. In addition, it brings to our attention some areas of the world and their opportunities and challenges that we readers may have devoted less of our thought and attention to understanding.

The Policy Perspectives website offers more information on this volume and its contributors, and it can be found at <https://policy-perspectives.org/>. I trust you will enjoy Volume 32 and join me in congratulating its creators on a job well done!



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