
EXECUTIVE EDITOR'S NOTE

More than ten years ago, in July 2015, *Policy Perspectives Journal* editors, Monika Jansen and Charlotte Nugent, launched *Brief Policy Perspectives*, designed to complement the *Policy Perspectives* print journal. In the decade since, the blog has published more than 350 pieces and has grown alongside the journal itself. It has remained, year after year, a consistent space for Trachtenberg students to put their ideas into writing, see their work published, and meaningfully contribute to their fields. Part of the Trachtenberg School's mission is to equip students with the ability to approach policy questions with analytical precision, practical awareness, and an understanding shaped by diverse backgrounds and experiences. That commitment is evident throughout the blog's history, and this year's work was no exception. Each member of this year's blog staff brought unique experiences and research interests to their writing. Together, they produced pieces that demonstrate how rigorous public policy research can take shape in practice.

From examinations of policy institutions and governance to analyses of economic and social outcomes, the work produced this year reflects both the breadth of policy research explored on the blog and the precision with which it was examined. I am overwhelmingly grateful to have had the opportunity to uplift and support my blog staff as they produced so many outstanding pieces during the 2025-2026 academic year. For *Policy Perspectives* Volume 33, the editorial board selected five articles from the blog that exemplify the strength and scope of the work produced over the past year.

The pieces you see in this journal and those published on our website are all a result of lush collaboration between staff writers and deputy editors. They all devoted sustained attention and care to *Brief Policy Perspectives* while balancing demanding professional, academic, and personal commitments. Their dedication to the blog was evident in how deeply they valued and invested themselves in the work. A special thank you to my staff writers, Maddie Brown Shirley, Giovanna Calderon, Samantha Marcotte, Leo Martin, Saumya Mutatkar, Miguel Ramon Hermosillo, Lydia Woodley, and Vannia Yalan. Your writing and reflections shaped the blog this year, and the care you brought to your work is evident across everything that was published. Behind each published piece was an editor who helped shape the work from outline to final draft. I am extremely thankful to the deputy editors who made it all possible: Jacob Carson, Adrienne Davis, Mary Macklem, Cyrus Unvala, and Zoha Zafar. Thank you all for sharing

your ideas and contributing so deeply to *Brief Policy Perspectives*. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a thoughtful and committed group of writers and editors this year.

To my colleagues Naomi Atughonu and Christian Schamberger, the editors of the journal, it has been a pleasure working with you both to lead *Policy Perspectives*. My sincere thanks to the faculty and staff who have mentored us throughout our time at the GW Trachtenberg School, especially Director Dr. Kathryn Newcomer. Her leadership and support have sustained *Policy Perspectives* across many volumes and supported generations of students.

Congratulations to the *Brief Policy Perspectives* team on another successful year of thoughtful and impeccable work! I am profoundly proud of each one of you. I wish you all a well-earned, restorative summer, and every success in your work ahead.

Emily Cipolla
Executive Editor