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# IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR JOSEPH J. CORDES

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We would also like to take a moment to honor Professor Joe Cordes, a longtime faculty member, faculty editor for *Policy Perspectives*, and a deeply valued member of the Trachtenberg community, who passed away on February 26.

As students and editors, we experienced Professor Cordes not only through his many contributions to the school, but through the way he supported this journal and the students behind it. He was a consistent and generous advocate for *Policy Perspectives*, taking the time to engage in student work and offering thoughtful guidance that strengthened both the journal and its authors.

Many of us had the opportunity to take classes with Professor Cordes, where his depth of knowledge and experience shaped both discussion and understanding. He was always willing to speak with students, whether about course material, research, or broader questions related to policy and public service. These interactions left a lasting impression and reflected his genuine investment in student learning.

Professor Cordes cared deeply about students and about the broader Trachtenberg community. His encouragement and intellectual generosity shaped the experiences of many students and contributed meaningfully to the academic community he helped build.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from him and benefit from his mentorship and support. He will be greatly missed.

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