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Letter from the Editors

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With this first issue of volume four we, Lindsey and Bruce, would like to introduce to *JPNA* readers our newest editorial team.

Recently, we transitioned into the role of *JPNA* co-editors; and, we are thankful for the leadership of our predecessor, Robert Eger. Through Robert's vision and guidance *JPNA* has continued to demonstrate theoretical innovations and empirical rigorousness—meeting the highest standards of scholarship in the field.

With our transition into the role of co-editors, there will undoubtedly be big shoes to fill; however, we have appointed a new editorial team that we believe will allow us to continue building the reputation of *JPNA* as a high quality open-source publication outlet for disseminating scholarly and practitioner insights regarding public and nonprofit affairs.

To assist us in the management of the journal, we have appointed three associate editors:

- Dr. Sam Stone of California State University-Fullerton;
- Dr. Myung Jin of Virginia Commonwealth University; and,
- Dr. Mirae Kim of Georgia State University.

In addition to these associate editors, we have three context specific editors:

- Dr. Sarah Larson of the University of Central Florida is the social media editor;
- Dr. Marcus Lam of University of San Diego is the book review editor; and,
- Dr. Marlene Walk of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is the current issues in practice editor.

As Editors-in-Chief of the journal, and with this new editorial team in place, we plan to continue providing an outlet for high quality research on public and nonprofit affairs (evaluated on the basis of substance, methodology, originality, and relevance to *JPNA*'s readership). We also plan to continue providing an outlet for practitioner-oriented work that links research with the practice of public and nonprofit affairs.

In this issue, we have three excellent research articles, one comprehensive survey article (with two commentaries), and two book reviews. We extend a heartfelt thank you to:

- All of the authors for their interest in *JPNA*;

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- The countless peer reviewers who have assisted us in reviewing manuscript submissions; and,
- All of you who have used using social media and other means for helping *JNPA* to grow in popularity within the field.

We look forward to receiving many more manuscript submissions in 2018!