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Introduction to the Issue

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This is the final issue of volume six. This is also the final issue that I will serve as editor-in-chief of *JPNA*.

Looking back, I can truly say that these past three and a half years have been both fulfilling and rewarding. As first co-editor-in-chief and then editor-in-chief, I was able to shepherd more than two hundred research articles through the peer review process; and, in doing so, I witnessed firsthand the growth that *JPNA* experienced in terms of not only the quantity of manuscript submissions, but also the quality of submissions. As a still relatively new(er) journal, this growth signifies that there was (and, perhaps still is) a need for additional publication outlets that allow for the dissemination of timely, relevant, and *impactful* scholarship concerning the affairs of public and nonprofit organizations.

You may be wondering what led to *JPNA*'s growth.

Surely, it can be in part attributed to the fact that *JPNA* is proudly open access. Open access publishing helps manuscripts reach broader audiences than subscription access journals (Davis, 2011). However, this growth is also largely attributed to a) the invaluable work that each of our associate editors, Mirae Kim, Myjung Jin, and Samuel Stone, did in ensuring that we recruited outstanding reviewers who provided submitting authors with critical, developmental, and substantive feedback on their work, and b) the innovative communication methods and channels that our social media editor, Sarah Larson, used to promote the journal.

Under my editorship, *JPNA* consistently provided valuable insights to our readership not only through our *Research Articles* but also through our *Book Review* and *Current Issues in Practice* sections. Our book review editor, Marcus Lam, and our current issues in practice editor, Marlene Walk, both worked tirelessly to ensure that in each issue we provided thorough reviews of contemporary texts and that we highlighted applied research about practical applications of public and nonprofit affairs principles.

In these last few months of my term, I have had several conversations with the incoming editor-in-chief, Deborah Carroll. From each of these conversations I have walked away more-and-more excited about what lies ahead for *JPNA*. Deborah has bold vision; and, her plans for the journal are innovative and intentional. Learning about these plans reminds me that this is the beauty of growth: when you look back, you can see how far you've come. Under Deborah's leadership, I'm excited about what is in store for *JPNA*; and, I hope that you are too!

To conclude this final edition of volume six, we have four insightful *Research Articles*, a useful *Current Issues in Practice* piece, and a *Book Review*—all of which focus on various aspects of public and nonprofit affairs.

In the first *Research Article*, Clare FitzGerald (2020) tests established drivers of purposeful and political performance information use (PIU) by using survey data from 260 nonprofit

executives throughout the United States. Her results show that nonprofit executive PIU is driven by different considerations than public manager PIU. Additionally, her results show that leadership support of performance measurement is an important driver of purposeful and political PIU, with organizational goal clarity and networking behavior also, specifically, driving political PIU.

In the second *Research Article*, Valero and Jang (2020) examine the relationship between transformational leadership and network performance in Continuum of Care homeless service networks. They hypothesize that transformational leadership behaviors of network managers contribute to the effective management of homeless service networks; and, they test this using survey data from 237 respondents who lead federally funded Continuum of Care homeless service networks.

In the third *Research Article*, Taylor, Faulk, Schaal (2020) revise and extend Leland and Thurmaier's City—County Consolidation (C3) model by synthesizing it with Johnson's Theory of Local Constitutional Change (LCC) and Hughes and Lee's Evolutionary Consolidation Model (ECM). The result, they find, is a more general model of local government consolidation.

Finally, in the last *Research Article*, Searing (2020) revisits traditional definitions of nonprofit life and death to better reflect actual organizational operating status. Her findings show that certain internal and external characteristics are more important in determining a nonprofit's operational status.

Our *Current Issues in Practice* piece, by McDonald and Larson (2020), focuses on a timely subject. They explore the shock to sales and use tax revenue faced by local governments from COVID—19. They then, estimate its impact on county fiscal health. The issue is completed with a book review by Raymer (2020), who provides a review of *Patricia G. Greene and Candida G. Brush's book A Research Agenda for Women and Entrepreneurship: Identity through Aspirations, Behaviors, and Confidence*.

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