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Dear readers,

It is a privilege to present to you the sixth volume of the Hatfield Graduate Journal of Public Affairs. Serving as Editor-In-Chief has been an enriching and edifying experience. I have enjoyed the exposure to new and innovative research as well as the opportunity to work with a talented team of editors. Over the course of the 2021-2022 academic year, the editorial team has worked diligently to ensure that the HGJPA continues its tradition of presenting high-quality graduate research. Like the two years before it, this year presented unique challenges as colleges and universities returned to on campus life and in-person learning. With increased demand on schedules and less flexibility, the editorial team worked to support one another and prioritize the publication of the journal among their enumerable responsibilities.

Volume 6, Issue 1 of the Hatfield Graduate Journal of Public Affairs presents five new articles that range in subject area from healthcare policy to land use to COVID-19. The work presented in this issue offers application and insights for nearly every level of governance. Within this issue, the reader will find scholarly work that pertains to local, state, and national governance, each article with its own unique policy implications. Each of the five articles takes on major questions and unique challenges facing public affairs, public administration, and public policy scholarship. It is our hope as an editorial team that the reader will enjoy these scholarly works as much as we did and find edification in their unique perspectives.

I would like to thank the associate editors for their time and dedication to the HGJPA publication efforts, as well as the reviewers for their insightful and indispensable feedback on the work submitted to the HGJPA. Additionally, I would like to thank all of the authors that submitted work to the HGJPA for their willingness to share their insights, perspectives, and passion for scholarship. Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you on behalf of the editorial team to Faculty Advisor Bruce Gilley and Portland State University Librarian Sherry Buchanan whose continued dedication to student scholarship, and essential guidance throughout the publication processes proved invaluable in the publication of this year's issue of the Hatfield Graduate Journal of Public Affairs.

Sincerely,

Tyler Wolfe, Editor-in-Chief