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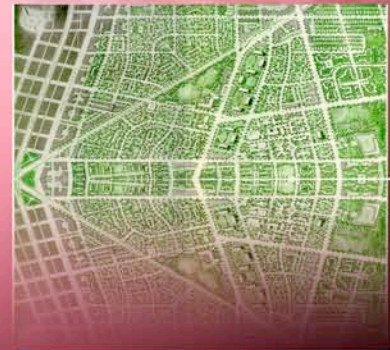




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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

To Our Readers,

We are pleased to present the first volume of *New Visions for Public Affairs*, an online journal produced by graduate students in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (SUAPP) at the University of Delaware. Five SUAPP graduate students started this initiative in November 2007 with the goal of highlighting excellent student written work from within the School.

New Visions for Public Affairs aspires to publish an online journal in the public affairs community through publishing exceptional student writing and professional-level research. This journal will blend professional research, book reviews, and innovative public policy recommendations produced by the students of School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware. Our principal goal is to stimulate discussion on pressing public policy issues within the campus community and beyond.

In this volume are two articles from SUAPP students, a Masters of Public Administration student and an article from a Masters of Arts in Urban Affairs and Public Policy student. These articles best exemplify the goals we have developed for the New Visions for Public Affairs Journal. Many thanks go to all of the authors that submitted their work for consideration in this inaugural edition. The submissions were graded with a double-blind review process on a competitive basis. Student work could be submitted either directly by the student or on recommendation of SUAPP faculty.

We appreciate the support that we have received for this project from the University of Delaware and School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy faculty. In particular, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Office of Graduate Studies for showing us their support through awarding us the Graduate Improvement and Innovation Grant. Additionally, we would like to thank our Faculty Advisory Board, the members of which have been of great assistance to us throughout this project.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural volume of *New Visions for Public Affairs*.

Sincerely,

The New Visions for Public Affairs Staff

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