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*“The miracle is this – the more we share, the more we have.”
-Leonard Nimoy*

The *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs (JPNA)* is pleased to announce the release of its inaugural issue. JPNA is the affiliate publication of the *Midwest Public Affairs Conference*, the third regional affiliate conference of the *American Society for Public Administration*. It is intended to provide timely, useful information to practitioners engaged in public service and the academic community, adopting an aggressive approach towards connecting theory to practice.

The journal is part of a growing movement towards free and open access to scholarship. We seek to remove publically funded research from subscription-based pay walls and into the public domain, where it can obtain the widest possible dissemination. Through the sponsorship of the *Midwest Public Affairs Conference* and the *Institute of Government at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock*, we are pleased to operate JPNA on a model of open access, without any publication fees for authors.

We endeavor to highlight research that is relevant to both practitioners and academicians of today. We actively encourage our authors to write with a greater focus on the applications of their research. Such work is meant to be read today and used tomorrow; providing actionable perspectives and techniques to improve public service.

Our first issue presents research from a symposium of scholars and practitioners from the *Indiana Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration*. Keeping with our theme of disseminating research that is actionable, this first issue addresses a wide range of topics, from budgeting and taxation to social media techniques for nonprofit organizations. Future issues will be comprised of both regular articles and symposia that will examine current trends and emerging problems. We welcome manuscripts for future issues from a wide range of perspectives in the fields of public administration, policy and nonprofit affairs, and we are particularly interested in the contributions of practitioners. We thank you for reading JPNA, and thank you for considering us as an outlet for publishing your research.

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