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The Editorial Board of *New Voices in Public Policy* (ISSN: 1947-2633) is pleased to present its sixth issue of outstanding work from students at the George Mason University School of Public Policy (SPP). Our peer-reviewed journal is comprised of work created by current Master's level students. The journal strives to provide a forum for insightful and innovative works in the policy arena that highlight the diversity of ideas and range of study undertaken by the SPP student body.

We have two authors returning to us in this volume: KJ Hertz and Kelsey JV Willingham. KJ Hertz has brought us another instructive and in-depth survey; this time on Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grants. Ms. Willingham, after this second submission was selected for publication, did us the honor of joining our editorial staff where she brings the same high standards to her work as an editor that she displays as an author. Her work provides an informed look at Russian organized crime. In a similar vein, Steven Gawthorpe cogently and eloquently examines Bulgarian corruption.

In a timely piece on policy aimed at improving life in Iraq, Kathryn Busardo, Cara Gavagan, Janet Kenny, Sarah Wallace and Kristin Roberts walk us through major initiatives in microfinance. They carefully and clearly explain why this is so important to Iraqi and US citizens in search of national security.

Last and certainly not least, Mr. Ryan Hoskin delivers a provocative piece for our new Perspectives section. Mr. Hoskin presents critical look at the legalization of marijuana. Mr. Hoskin presented his paper this past March at a panel discussion sponsored by George Mason University's School of Public Policy, coordinated by none other than NVPP's Andro Gigauri.

Finally, it is imperative to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our graduating board members and those who have transitioned to other projects. The best of wishes to Matt Hourihan, Paul Kavitz, Eric Keller, Kurt Lang, Geoff Schaeffer, Andro Gigauri, Kelsey Willingham, Jennafer Spealman, and Michael Lee.

The Editorial Board is to be praised for the value they bring to this publication and the School of Public Policy. They are Presidential Management Fellows, officials of foreign governments, Congressional staff members, student government leaders, subject matter experts and leaders in their field. We are grateful they choose to spend their precious time with *New Voices in Public Policy*.

It is our wish that you enjoy our latest edition. Congratulations to our authors for their outstanding contributions.

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