

Editors' Note

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Fresh ideas for spring

Spring is here at last, and it's time to put away the miseries of winter – proroguing, listless opposition parties, and the dregs of recession, we bid you adieu. In keeping with the season, we at the PPGR are pleased to bring you refreshing new ideas.

Our second issue received strong submissions from across the country, and the quality of the articles is outstanding. Research topics include: revealing the not-so-progressive side of Portland, Oregon, the fallacy of reasonable accommodation in Quebec, the questionable efficacy of the Canadian Security Certificate, Canada's role in Somalian piracy, and the complexities of "soft law" in the International Labour Organization.

Professor Les Pal, author of the ubiquitous policy student tome *Beyond Policy Analysis*, is this issue's respondent to The Maingy – see what he has to say about the role of art in politics, Cormac McCarthy, and Kraft singles. We also review Joseph Heath's new book, and provide some straight talk on Canada's abysmal record on climate change.

We would like to congratulate the first winner of the Sylvia Ostry Prize in Public Policy, Matthew Hutchinson of the University of Indiana. His exceptional paper responding to this year's topic of open borders can be found in this issue.

We would also like to congratulate next year's Editors-in-Chief: Brent Barron and Anna Strathy. Both have spent considerable time on the PPGR in technical editing and editorial assistant positions, and we know they will bring analytic rigour, creativity, and technical innovation to the second year of the Public Policy and Governance Review. Although we are less than thrilled that our term as editors is ending, we know that the PPGR is in good hands.

The experience of launching this journal was extremely rewarding, and we would like to thank our editorial board and all of our volunteers for joining in the effort. We would like to give special thanks to our advisor, Professor Ian Clark, whose guidance, support, and willingness to say "yes," in a world where "no" is frequently the answer, is truly appreciated.

We hope you enjoy the issue, and be sure to check out our fantastic blog series, updated weekly – you can subscribe to updates via RSS or listserv on the main site. It has been a pleasure to serve as your editors for the inaugural year of the Public Policy and Governance Review.

Yours truly,

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