

# EDITORS' FOREWORD

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**T**HIS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR FOR THE LBJ JOURNAL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. As Editors-in-Chief, we began in the fall by recruiting a large staff of energetic and capable students from among our colleagues. These staff members offered exceptional talent and creativity to the project, and as a result, we were able to undertake a comprehensive redesign to make the print and online Journals more cohesive and interactive. This redesign has targeted three critical areas: website redevelopment, alumni involvement, and a new-look print Journal.

First, our website, [www.lbjjournal.org](http://www.lbjjournal.org), is becoming a sleeker, user-friendly, and interactive forum for short opinion articles as well as the online home of the LBJ print Journal. David Baumann, our Deputy Online Editor, and his staff have worked diligently to transform the LBJ Journal Online. Our web designer is currently implementing these changes. Please continue to check the website and use it to engage further in the intellectual life of the LBJ School.

Second, we are attempting to make the LBJ Journal a regular part of the lives of LBJ alumni. By becoming a regular subscriber to the Journal, you not only have the opportunity to make the Journal a vital part of the LBJ School academic discourse, but also to keep it financially stable. We also want the Journal to become the forum of choice for LBJ alumni to present their most current research proposals and interests.

Finally, you have no doubt noticed the print Journal looks different this year. While preserving the Journal's status as primarily a forum for public policy students, we have solicited a mix of articles from practitioners, professors, and students to ensure the Journal is comprehensive and balanced. We want the Journal to communicate that one's policy education does not end when one exits the LBJ School doors for the last time.

We believe these changes will put the LBJ Journal on the right track to integrate technology with the already impressive intellectual contributions we regu-

larly receive. We would like to give special thanks to those staff members who went beyond the call of duty in this year's print Journal production: Todd G. Smith, Fiona Murphy, Sean Reyna and Elisabeth Long. Last year's Editors-in-Chief, Jennah Durant and Rachel Silberman, also deserve a great deal of thanks. Finally, of course, we must thank the LBJ faculty, students, and outside contributors for their unwavering support. As we now prepare to exit the LBJ School, we hope that our legacy lives on through the LBJ Journal, and that the LBJ Journal continues to bring pride to the school.

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