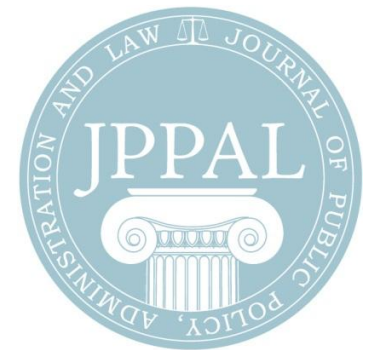


## Letter from the Editor

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This second issue of the *Journal of Public Policy, Administration and Law* continues the legacy of the first cohorts of the Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) program that created this journal. They set out to establish a peer-reviewed, academic journal at York University that meets the highest professional standards, and I and the editorial board am content that this issue meets that goal.

This issue could not have happened without the incredible involvement of our esteemed editorial committee. At every stage of production, their expertise, interest and support was instrumental. On behalf of the editorial committee, I wish to thank wholeheartedly every author, reviewer, artist, copy editor and layout editor that contributed to this issue. I also thank Chantal Carstens for her contributions in copyediting manuscripts, and Andrea Kosavic, Digital Initiatives Librarian at York Libraries, for her sound technical advice. I also thank Sean Karmali, who joins the JPPAL editorial board in the production of our upcoming third issue, for his involvement.

The goal of our journal is to share and compile high quality literature, exploring conventional and innovative topics and areas of research. In following this mandate, JPPAL seeks to cultivate an "esprit de corps" engaging in educational, political, cultural, scientific and community issues. JPPAL publishes theoretical, methodological and empirical papers (as well as book reviews and short commentary sections) and seeks submissions for its upcoming issue. We encourage students, public servants and scholars to share knowledge and research concerning public policy, administration and law issues. We have many opportunities for involvement available for our upcoming third issue, including positions on our editorial board, as well as positions such as JPPAL Reviewer (to assess the accuracy, cogency and validity of an article), layout editor, and copy editor. Please send a resume and cover letter to [Jppal@Yorku.ca](mailto:Jppal@Yorku.ca) to apply.

What is remarkable about our journal is its interdisciplinary focus. Certainly, there are articles in this issue of the Journal that may weigh more heavily on either of the disciplines of public policy, administration or law, but never to the exclusion of each other. As a result, the combination of these disciplines establishes a greater whole that can better encapsulate reality. Such a realism, grounded in the practical aspect of administration, is essential for the effective functioning of federal, provincial and municipal public services in Canada and abroad.

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