

## Editorial

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At the start of the third year of the *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* (JBPA), we would like to report to our readers, authors, reviewers, and editorial board members on the collective accomplishments of this new, open-access journal over the past year and on some of our goals for the year ahead.

In 2019, we received on average about one manuscript submission per week. We have desk rejected about a fourth of these submissions, on average. The journal's acceptance rate is 39% and the average turnover from a manuscript's submission to acceptance for publication is about 170 days. During 2019, we had over 29,000 article downloads, which means that a typical JBPA article was downloaded over 678 times a year. In 2019 we also published our first symposium, on social norms, edited by Peter John and Michael Sanders of University College London.

For 2020, we have a number of compelling symposia in the works on topics including 'nonprofit management', 'government transparency and accountability', 'work motivation', 'administrative burdens', and 'role models and messenger effects'. We are grateful to all of our distinguished symposium editors for the many strong manuscripts they have solicited. Also for 2020, we aim to solicit several timely contributions for our Perspectives and Practices section, particularly pieces that reflect on the experiences and challenges of behavioral science teams working for or within government. Commentary on directions for behavioral public administration or significant issues that need to be addressed would be especially welcome. We would also like to encourage more contributions to our Research Letters section, which offers an option for publishing applied trials (e.g., nudge tactics by

government or nonprofit agencies), replications, or other empirical studies that can be presented in a more concise format. We remain committed to publishing null results; well designed and implemented studies that do not confirm existing hypotheses are valuable and will be reviewed using the same standards as other manuscript.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of JBPA provided by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University, Newark, and the School of Public Affairs at American University, Washington DC. And we would like to welcome a new institutional partner for 2020: City University of Hong Kong, Department of Public Policy. We're especially glad to welcome Nicolai (Nick) Petrovsky of CityU who will be our Associate Editor and head the production side of the journal. Because of our institutional partners, together with the voluntary labor of our dedicated editorial team, we continue to be able to publish JBPA without requiring authors to pay article processing charges or other publication fees. Importantly, authors help us keep our costs down by always using the JBPA Word template to format their manuscripts prior to submission and by their careful attention to the final stages of the editorial process.

We would like to thank the entire JBPA editorial team, board of editors, authors, reviewers, and readers for their continued support of this unique journal. As JBPA enters its third year, we plan to continue to publish cutting-edge behavioral research within public administration, broadly defined. We thank you in advance for your help with serving as a reviewer of JBPA submissions, for spreading the word about JBPA to interested colleagues, and for continuing to send us your best work on behavioral public administration.

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