



## Editorial

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Welcome to this special issue of *Nonprofit Policy Forum* which derives from the 2019 ARNOVA-Independent Sector Symposium on Nonprofit Public Policy Research. The Symposium focused on the development of new policy proposals to improve the functioning of nonprofits and their contributions to society in the United States. In his introductory essay, our issue editor Alan J. Abramson offers an overview of the policy concerns addressed by the Symposium and the papers selected and reviewed for this special issue. The result is a compelling set of articles that range widely in their foci from tax incentives for charitable giving, to lobbying and advocacy, to foundation support of voter registration, to government oversight of nonprofits, to workforce development in the nonprofit sector. The forms that these papers take are varied and innovative as well. They include formal full-scale research papers, shorter policy briefs and more pragmatic commentaries containing innovative policy recommendations. Having the flexibility of these various forms allows us to offer a variety of important new ideas based on a spectrum of formal research and informed experience.

As is our normal practice, we round out this issue with a feature article, in this case a comprehensive book review by Meeyoung Lamothe, of the *Routledge Companion to Nonprofit Management*, a new volume which includes rich content on nonprofit policy issues. The book is co-edited by Helmut Anheier, a member of our editorial board, and Stefan Toepler, soon to become one of our co-editors in chief.

Indeed, I want to take this opportunity to announce that the search committee for my successor as Editor-in-Chief has succeeded in grand fashion, resulting in a distinguished triumvirate of co-editors in chief from the Schar School of Policy and Government of George Mason University, to lead *Nonprofit Policy Forum*. The team includes Alan Abramson, our special editor for this issue, along with his faculty colleagues Stefan Toepler and Mirae Kim. All are leading scholars in the field of nonprofit studies and public policy and ongoing contributors to the work of this

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journal. On behalf of the editorial board, we are delighted to welcome them to NPF. They will begin their terms on July 1, 2021.

Special thanks go to the search committee whose members worked long and hard to produce this result in a very difficult time period when candidates and their institutions were understandably preoccupied with the COVID19 pandemic and its economic fallout. The members of the search committee represented the financial sponsors of NPF, led by committee chair Elizabeth Boris of the Urban Institute, and joined by Melissa Stone of the Humphrey School/University of Minnesota, Robert Fischer of the Mandel School/Case Western Reserve University, Marta Reuter of the Stockholm Center for Civil Society Studies/Stockholm School of Economics, and Meeyoung Lamothe of the University of Oklahoma representing ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action).

As this is the final issue in volume 11, I also want to thank Linda Serra for her continuing fine work as our managing editor, and the support staff at De Gruyter who have helped us this year including Bendix Deuker, Scott Whitener, Sabina Siddiqui, Katharina Appelt, and Janine Conrad.

Finally, we give special thanks to all of you in the scholarly and practice communities who have served us as reviewers in 2020. These are Mimi Abramovitz, Alan Abramson, Rikki Abzug, Thomas Adams, Michal Almog-Bar, Fredrik Andersson, Susan Appe, Christoph Badelt, Satchit Balsari, Putnam Barber, Andrea Bassi, Erynn Beaton, Elizabeth Boris, Dana Brakman-Reiser, Oonagh Breen, Eleanor Brilliant, Hana Brown, Heath Brown, Will Brown, Jeffrey Brudney, Thad Calabrese, Alex Campbell, Heather Carpenter, John Casey, Susan Chambre, Ram Cnaan, Joseph Cordes, Kate Cooney, Tim Delaney, Nathan Dietz, Gemma Donnelly-Cox, Nicolas Duquette, Rosemarie Emanuele, Beth Eschenfelder, Philippe Eynaud, Lewis Faulk, Leonie Fleischmann, Beth Gazley, Cindy Gibson, Benjamin Gidron, Mel Gray, Chao Guo, Daniel Hemel, Catherine Herrold, Bart Hildreth, Douglas Ihrke, Soo-Jung Jang, Marc Jegers, Sabith Kahn, Hagai Katz, Kevin Kearns, Janelle Kerlin, Mirae Kim, Roland Kushner, Marcus Lam, Meeyoung Lamothe, Michael Layton, Eliza Lee, Les Lenkowsky, Helen Liu, Wesley Longhofer, Heather MacIndoe, James Marton, Dyana Mason, Myles McGregor Lowndes, Jasmine McGinnis-Johnson, Joseph Mead, David Meyer, Michael Meyer, Melissa Michelson, David Miller, Carl Milofsky, Jennifer Mosley, Alki Nicolaidis, Andrada Nimu, Shihyan Noh, Nele Noesselt, Marthe Nyssens, Jennifer Onyx, Simone Poledrini, Margaret Post, Aseem Prakash, Jon Pratt, Lionel Prouteau, Hal Rainey, Sarah Reckhow, David Renz, Pier Rogers, Patrick Rooney, Michael Roy, Lester Salamon, Hillel Schmid, Hans Peter Schmitz, Bruce Seaman, Elizabeth Searing, Krystian Seibert, Shariq Siddiqui, Ruth Simsa, David Sjoquist, Steven Rathgeb Smith, Melissa Stone, Daniel Teles, Jeremy Thornton, Stefan Toepler, Kelechi Uzochukwu, Jon Van Til, Isabel Vidal, Diane Vinokur-Kaplan, Georg Von Schnurbein, Edward Walker,

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