

## Editor's Note

As the *Journal of Policy History* approaches its tenth year of publication, we are pleased with the response the journal has received from our subscribers and readers. At the same time, policy history as a subfield in the social sciences has taken root in the academy. This summer Bowling Green State University will host a policy history conference, and in 1998 Saint Louis University will host a policy history conference in Saint Louis, Missouri to celebrate the journal's tenth anniversary.

We have continued to broaden the journal through our editorial board and by adding features of interest to our readers. In recent years, we introduced special issues on specific themes, extended book reviews, and forums in which book authors engage in a dialogue with other scholars. In this issue we introduce a new feature, "Critical Perspectives in Policy History," which invites a scholar to present a "think-piece" on a current topic related to policy history, broadly defined. Steven Gillon, University Lecturer in Modern History at Oxford University, inaugurates this feature with his essay, "The Future of Political History." We invite readers to respond to this essay, as well as forthcoming feature essays. In addition, we encourage other scholars to submit essays appropriate for this periodic feature of the journal.