

Editor's Note

With this issue the *Journal of Policy History* begins its second year of publication. The journal would like to take this occasion to thank the members of the editorial board, contributors, and readers for making our first year so successful.

The response to the journal has met our highest expectations. A recent review from *Choice* (June 1989) described the journal as "significant," and recommended it to scholars, practitioners, and upper-level students. We have received many other favorable comments from readers who have written to us welcoming the journal.

In our first year of publication we have received well over a hundred manuscripts submitted for publication. The range of disciplines represented continues to fulfill our mission as an interdisciplinary journal. Disciplines represented by authors include History, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology, Economics, Business Administration, Social Work, Philosophy, and Afro-American Studies.

This year we will expand our range of interests to include policy history in Latin America and Europe. The lead article in this issue is Susan Deans-Smith, "State Enterprise in Bourbon Mexico: Profits, Policies, and Politics of the Tobacco Monopoly, 1765–1821," and this spring we will publish William Olejniczak's "Royal Paternalism with a Repressive Face: The Ideology of Poverty in Late Eighteenth-Century France." We have been in contact with scholars in Germany, Italy, and Spain, where policy history has developed as a scholarly field. Our aim is to broaden the field of policy history while keeping the primary focus of the journal on American and comparative policy history.

The journal welcomes the addition of a new member of the editorial board, K. Austin Kerr, a well-recognized scholar of American business history.

The editor encourages specific comments, observations, and suggestions from readers concerning the quality and focus of the journal.

We have done well in our first year of publication, thanks to you and others. All signs point toward the journal becoming an exciting and important force in the field.

Thank you.