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Director's Message

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Welcome to the twelfth edition of the *SPNHA Review*. The *Review* is compiled and edited under the able stewardship of Professor Priscilla Kimboko, the *Journal's* Editor-in-Chief. Each year Dr. Kimboko and other faculty members select papers from among those submitted by MPA and MHA students in their PA 619 capstone class. Neal Buckwalter served as Associate Editor. In 2015-16 these papers were selected because of their outstanding scholarship and they also represent the broad range of interests found among our students.

As we close out the 2015-16 academic year and begin our new school year we have much to celebrate. Our public affairs and nonprofit administration programs are nationally ranked in the *U.S News and World Report* rankings. Indeed, our nonprofit administration program jumped ten spots to one of the top 15 programs in the nation! This year's *SPNHA Review* reflects the achievements of our MPA and MHA students. The best student papers were authored by Morgan Appleby, Autumn Hubbard, Nathaniel Mehmed, Sarah Reamon, Jeff Skinner and Simeon John-Armando Switzer. Professor Kimboko and Professor Dan Balfour work with students in the PA 619 capstone to prepare a professional quality manuscript based on earlier research. Editorial assistant, Fran Cain proofed and formatted the papers for the *Review*.

We think you will find this year's issue of the *Review* a testament to the high quality work performed by students in the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration. Our MPA program was recently re-accredited until 2023. Our MHA program has been working steadily on pre-accreditation activity. Next year our new degree, the Masters of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (MPNL) will have its first graduates and their capstone papers will also be eligible for possible inclusion in the journal.

This year, the journal's highest honor goes to Autumn Hubbard. Her paper, *Built on a Rock: A Study in the Longevity and Adaptability of Organizational Structure Within the Catholic Church* was selected as the Winner of the 2016 Best Paper Award. Congratulations to all the students selected for inclusion in this year's edition!

Richard Jelier, SPNHA Director, August 2016