

The Diversity of Topics and Changing Leadership

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The *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy* concludes its nineteenth volume by including a collection of articles that address various issues and topics. The issue begins with a discussion on energy and the environment. It proceeds to explore employment trends among foreign-born workers. The issue concludes with topics on technology and religious freedom and contraception. These diverse article issues reflect the breadth of topics that have been and continue to constitute *JPMSP*. Overall, the issue brings together four general articles in the final issue of this nineteenth volume of *JPMSP*.

The opening article, "Energy and the Environment: Knowledge for Change in a Quasi-Governmental, Quasi-Business Setting" by Nicholas Zingale, reviews knowledge management in the context of environmental energy. Zingale examines "new ways of thinking about how knowledge is applied for helping managers cope with transition when confronted with the ambiguity associated with uncontrollable change."

In the second article, "Racial Employment Patterns of Foreign- and Native-Born Workers in the U.S.: An Exploratory Analysis," Norma M. Riccucci and Byron E. Price explore data on the status of foreign- and native born workers in the United States by race and unlike previous studies, their research provides a comparative picture of the actual employment of foreign- and native-born workers in the U.S. over time. They provide policy considerations regarding changing trends in the labor force.

The third article, "Opportunities for Online Citizen Participation: A Study of Global Municipal Practices," by Aroon Manoharan and Lamar Vernon Bennett explores two international surveys of municipal e-governance with a specific focus on citizen participation online. They found that the number of cities with official websites has increased recently, but the potential for online citizen participation is still in its early stages of development.

In the final article, Joan E. Pynes and Lisa Suprenand review contraception in "Religious Freedom and/or Contraception Coverage: Time to Shelve the Disagreement." They review relationships between religious affiliated organizations and contraception equity practices in the states. They suggest framing employer provided insurance benefit practices of sectarian nonprofit employers as an important health and social equity issue. All four articles underscore the importance of social equity through distinct topics and issues.

In one final note, we would like to share with our readers a change in the journal's leadership. After more than six years of working with the journal, Tony Carrizales will be stepping down as editor-in-chief of *JPMSP*. He will be succeeded by Andrew I. E. Ewoh, current managing editor. Dr. Ewoh will become the fifth editor-in-chief in the history of *JPMSP* beginning in the Spring of 2014, Volume Twenty. As always, we would like to offer sincere thanks to our committed editorial board, reviewers, and staff for their continued work. Lastly, we would like to thank our contributors for considering *JPMSP* as an outlet for their research.