

# Cover Memo: Volume 17, in Partnership with AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to introduce the [17<sup>th</sup> Volume](#) of the [Journal of Science Policy and Governance \(JSPG\)](#) which has been presented by the [American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\) Science & Technology Policy Fellowships \(STPF\) program](#). The twenty-one articles included in this volume comprise JSPG's most intensive and comprehensive issue to date.

The articles included in this issue address a diverse array of vital topics including global health, climate change, food systems, artificial intelligence, drug pricing policy, and electoral integrity. I applaud the authors of these papers for their substantive contributions to science policy debate as well as the editorial board of *JSPG* for their leadership of this issue.

The STPF program operates as part of the AAAS mandate to advance science and serve society. We are known widely for fostering evidence-based policy and practice by providing opportunities for scientists and engineers from a broad range of disciplines, backgrounds, and career stages to apply their knowledge and analytical skills to pressing societal challenges. The fellowship program builds leadership capacity for a strong S&T enterprise to benefit all people everywhere. Seven fellows on Capitol Hill ushered in the program back in 1973. Today, STPF places more than 250 fellows each year in all branches of federal government.

For a decade, *JSPG* has served as one of the premier peer-reviewed publications for students, post-doctoral researchers, policy fellows, and early career scientists and engineers of all backgrounds to apply their technical knowledge to the widest dimensions of science, technology and innovation policy topics. *JSPG* seeks to empower early career researchers to have their voices and ideas heard in local, national, and international science policy issues.

Clearly, the missions of STPF and *JSPG* are well aligned. In fact, many STPF fellows and alums have published in *JSPG* and have served on its [editorial](#), [governing](#), and [advisory boards](#).

I invite you to review this volume and share it through your social media channels, newsletters, and personal networks. I also invite you to review the [recording of a joint webinar](#) *JSPG* and STPF organized to help early career researchers advance their careers. The popular webinar featured current and alumni fellows who also have served as editors of the *JSPG* including Lida Beninson (2014-16 fellow at the National Science Foundation), Iris R. Wagstaff (2015-17 fellow at the National Institute of Justice), Benjamin Isaacoff (2018-19 Congressional Science & Engineering Fellow sponsored by the Optical Society & SPIE; 2019-21 fellows at the U.S. Department of State), and Stephanie Davis (2019-21 fellow at the National Institutes of Health) moderated by *JSPG's* Adriana Bankston and introduced by Jessica Soule of STPF.

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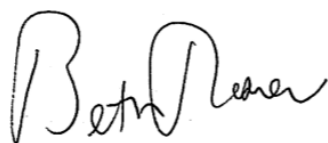
And there is yet more to come! Over the coming months, *JSPG* will be highlighting authors of each of this issue's papers in its new podcast [SciPol SoundBites](#). I hope you will join me in tuning in.

Finally, on behalf of both *JSPG* and the AAAS S&T Policy Fellowships, I invite you to share *JSPG* and STPF opportunities with students and researchers in your network who can benefit from both vehicles to contribute to sound, evidence-based public policy and governance.

Again, my hearty congratulations to the authors included in this latest issue of *JSPG* and thanks to the *JSPG* editors, staff and to my team at AAAS for their work on this partnership.

With best of regards,

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