Adriana Bankston Selected as Third CEO and Managing Publisher of the Journal of Science Policy & Governance

Washington, DC (April 6, 2021) - The Governing Board of the Journal of Science Policy & Governance (JSPG) has selected Adriana Bankston as the third Chief Executive Officer and Managing Publisher.

On May 3, 2021, Bankston will succeed Shalin Jyotishi, who has been with the organization since 2013 and CEO since 2017. Jyotishi will step into a Senior Advisor role to support the transition and strategic initiatives.

During his eight-year tenure with JSPG and four-year tenure as CEO, Jyotishi prioritized new strategic partnerships and expanded outreach, communication and editorial capacity to ensure that the early career researchers published in JSPG have a voice in global policymaking.

Issue partnerships forged under Jyotishi’s tenure addressed topics ranging from U.S. science policy to climate action to equity and emerging technology. Partners included the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Kavli Foundation, the UK Government, the United Nations, the Canadian Science Policy Centre, the National Science Policy Network, and other national and international organizations.

Over the past four years, JSPG has doubled its editorial capacity producing twice as many issues, including two standard issues and multiple special topics issues annually. JSPG’s work has been cited in CNN, The Washington Post and other media outlets. Its work has been presented in formal testimony before the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development and through events with organizations such as New America’s Public Interest Technology program and the US National Academy of Sciences.

In 2019, Jyotishi led the establishment of a newly structured Governing Board composed of leading science policy luminaries, many of whom have contributed to various JSPG projects.

“On behalf of the Governing Board, we thank Shalin for all he has done over nearly a decade to build up JSPG as a visible and valuable resource to help early career researchers substantively share their most
innovative policy ideas,” said Erin Heath, Director of Federal Relations at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Chair of the JSPG Governing Board. “As JSPG celebrates our 10th anniversary, we are very excited for Adriana to assume the role of CEO. Adriana’s vision, dedication and expertise in empowering the next generation of science policy leaders will be invaluable as JSPG enters its second decade of impact.”

“It is a great honor being selected as the third CEO of JSPG. I thank Shalin for his leadership, mentoring and support as CEO. I have dedicated my career to empowering early career researchers in science policy, and I look forward to building on the JSPG legacy to advance this mission,” said Adriana Bankston.

Since January 2020, Bankston has served as JSPG’s Chief Outreach Officer. She joined JSPG as Director of Communications & Outreach in October 2018. Since that time, Bankston has elevated the visibility and impact of JSPG nationally and internationally, organizing nearly 50 events in total in the form of workshops, webinars, panels and presentations highlighting JSPG. She has established and nurtured several high-profile partnerships and served as the founding host of JSPG’s SciPol SoundBites podcast. Through her work, JSPG has seen an increased engagement level, quality submissions and meaningful outcomes for authors, fostering their professional development in science policy.

Bankston is a Principal Legislative Analyst at the University of California Office of Federal Governmental Relations in Washington, DC. Prior to this position, Bankston was a Policy & Advocacy Fellow at the Society for Neuroscience. Bankston also co-leads the Policy Taskforce at Future of Research and is a Biomedical Workforce & Policy Research Investigator with the STEM Advocacy Institute. Her work has appeared in InsideHigherEd, Nature, Science Careers and the Union of Concerned Scientists Blog, in addition to blogs from several scientific societies.

“Serving JSPG as a staff member and contributor has been one of my greatest professional privileges. We hear each and every day the tangible impact the Journal is having on early career researchers and on policy,” said Shalin Jyotishi. “I cannot be more excited to welcome Adriana. She has excelled during her time with JSPG and has become a prolific and dedicated champion for engaging students, post-docs and early career scientists and engineers in public policy.”

“Shalin has been an outstanding leader for JSPG and has shown unwavering dedication to the team and our shared goals. We are incredibly excited to welcome Adriana as she takes the helm to continue advancing JSPG’s mission and impact with policymakers,” said Max Bronstein, Founder and Senior Advisor at the Journal of Science Policy & Governance.

Bankston will formally assume the role of CEO and Managing Publisher and Jyotishi will transition into a Senior Advisor role on May 3, 2021.

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