

Executive Editor's Note

While the COVID-19 pandemic continued through the year, the world began looking to the future. In their writing for Brief Policy Perspectives, our 10-writer team did the same. Through over 20 compelling pieces on important policy topics, including 4 op-eds and 2 guest contributions, the Brief Policy Perspectives team envisioned a future of policy that combats institutionalized racism, fights climate change, rectifies inequities in our economy and the justice system, and prepares us for the next health crisis. To look to the future, I encourage you to look to the writing and ideas of the Policy Perspectives team, and especially to the “Best of the Blog” pieces, all of which make powerful cases for change at every level of government.

This year also saw the return of WonkCast, Policy Perspectives’ podcast covering crucial policy topics and debates. Behind this comeback was our stellar host, William Some, who hosted, wrote, and produced every WonkCast episode in season 6. His ambitious slate of episodes covered the role of history, power, and partisanship on policymaking in the United States, as well as a number of contemporary issues including environmental management and reparations. William also hosted several guests throughout the year, all of whom contributed their experiences and expertise to guide listeners through the weeds of some of the most important debates and issues of our time.

Of course, Policy Perspectives would be nothing without its exceptional team of writers, editors, and guests, and it would be remiss of me not to thank every one of them. Thank you to William Some, our incredible podcast host and producer, who’s vision brought the WonkCast back to life. Additionally, thank you to Hertie Wingerter, Sarah Nichols, Maulian Dana, and Policy Perspectives own Allison Woolverton for sharing your work and expertise with the podcast. Thank you to Emma Weiss, Christina Prinvil, Ben White, Bianca Onwukwe, Julia Vanella, Evan Linett, Andres De La Torre, Leisha Goel, Gio Liguori, and Ryan Greenstein, our incredible team of writers, who’s insights and ideas make Brief Policy Perspectives what it is. Lastly, I need to thank Lancy Downs, Dayo Hall, and Lauren Salmiery, our fantastic team of deputy editors, the foundation of the blog and without whom nothing could be done. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead you all this year. I have learned so much from all of you and your work, and I wish you all the best.

Signing off,

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