

From the Editor

I am pleased to present to you the Fall 2001 issue of the *Journal of Business and Public Affairs (JBPA)*. The articles contained in this issue cover various themes. These themes cover topics such as sexual harassment and the law, the degree of assimilation by Hispanics in America, the difficulties faced by American business expatriate managers elsewhere, and so on.

In this edition, we are pleased to present to you a transcribed version of the speech delivered by His Honorable Secretary of Education, Rod Paige. The speech was delivered on April 17, 2001, at Harry Lee Waterfield Distinguished Lecture Series and during the spring 2001 graduation ceremony. On behalf of Murray State University, the College of Business and Public Affairs, and the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, we thank the Secretary of Education for being our distinguished guest and delivering his speech.

My thanks go out to the authors. I encourage them and others to continue using *JBPA* as their publication outlet and the dissemination of their knowledge. My sincere thanks also go out to the many reviewers of the articles. Indeed, serving as editor without their help is a daunting task for one person.

I am honored to have the opportunity to edit *JBPA* and wish to thank our college dean, Dr. Dannie Harrison, for the confidence and trust he has placed in me.

This time, we have decided to publish the articles both in print and electronic form. The same papers will appear on the College of Business and Public Affairs website. I hope you benefit from reading these articles.