

Message from the Editor

Volume III of the *Pepperdine Policy Review* highlights the work of three students at Pepperdine University School of Public Policy. Lindsay Young wrote an article about the recent removal of President Zelaya in Honduras, which was also presented at the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies Annual Conference. Kevin Chlebik's article uses game theory to explain the actions of terrorist cells. Lastly, Matthew Saha wrote an article detailing the continuing importance of Russia to U.S. national security. In addition, the *Pepperdine Policy Review* highlights the work of Kevin Simons, a recent graduate of the School of Public Policy, who wrote an insightful piece detailing both sides of the debate concerning the bailout plan.

This year has been a challenging and rewarding endeavor. The *Pepperdine Policy Review* increased its editorial staff in order to handle the record number of submissions that the journal received. This year the *Pepperdine Policy Review* decided to hold a symposium on the current financial crisis. The *Pepperdine Policy Review* sponsored five lectures over the course of the fall semester. Edited transcriptions of three of these lectures are included within this volume of the *Pepperdine Policy Review* for your enjoyment. I would like to thank Dr. Luisa Blanco, Dr. Randall Holcombe, Dr. Jerry Ellig, Dr. Michael Shires, and Dr. Richard Rahn for their thought provoking lectures.

I would like to give a special thanks to Volume III's Symposium Editor, Lindsay Young, who put in countless hours helping to arrange the symposium and edit the transcriptions that appear in this journal. I would also like to thank Josephine Huang and Monica Klem for going above and beyond their duties as editors. In addition, I would like to thank Matt Piccolo and Nicolas Valbuena for their continued dedication to the *Pepperdine Policy Review*, without which publication would not be possible. Lastly, I would like to thank the Class of 2010 for its generous gift to the *Pepperdine Policy Review* and wish them all the best of luck in the future. Please enjoy Volume III of the *Pepperdine Policy Review*.

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