

Nonprofit Policy Forum

Call for Papers

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Overview

Nonprofit Policy Forum is a double-blind refereed international journal that publishes original research and analysis on public policy issues and the public policy process critical to the work of nonprofit organizations. It serves as a forum and an authoritative and accessible source of information, for scholars, leaders, and policy-makers worldwide. A primary goal of *NPF* is to provide nonprofit leaders and policy-makers with readily accessible and relevant scholarly research. *NPF* seeks to contribute to the development of the field of nonprofit related policy research, to more clearly define the role of the sector in the policy and advocacy process, and to build a stronger research base on public policy and nonprofit organizations. *NPF* will be published by Berkeley Electronic Press, beginning in the Fall of 2010.

NPF welcomes unsolicited manuscripts year round. The journal strives for quality, relevance, and originality and encourages contributions from all scholarly disciplines and all parts of the world. Articles should be written in English for a general audience, not a particular discipline. Content should address policy issues affecting nonprofit organizations in general or in particular subfields, the involvement of nonprofits in the policy process, the historical development of nonprofit-related policy issues, or analysis of policy proposals and alternatives affecting nonprofit organizations and the fields in which they are active.

Subject areas include but are not limited to analysis and evaluation of tax policies, regulatory policies, national security policy and civil liberties, policy advocacy and lobbying, government funding of nonprofit organizations, the role of faith-based institutions in service delivery, church and state relations, disaster relief, the role of nonprofits in economic and community development, alternative organizational arrangements for nonprofit and social enterprise activity, and public policy issues in specific sub-fields such as health care, social justice, the environment, education and the arts, especially where they have general implications for the nonprofit sector as a whole.

Overall, *NPF* seeks analyses of current public policy issues, the historical development of public policies affecting nonprofits in various countries, and the practical implications of existing policies for the operations, performance, and social impacts of nonprofit organizations

Review Process

Articles will be reviewed on the basis of substance, methodology, originality, acknowledgment of the literature, and relevance to *NPF*'s readership. Submissions will be peer-reviewed in a double-blind process by at least two scholars and one nonprofit leader or policy-maker with expertise in the topic and relevant disciplines. Comments of reviewers will be compiled and reviewed by one of the chief editors, who will communicate decisions and recommendations for revision to the authors. The review process will be structured to provide authors with a rapid response. Accepted articles will be edited for conciseness, clarity of presentation, and general readability prior to publication.

Contents

In addition to regular articles, *NPF* welcomes special features including interviews, book reviews, case studies, and policy briefings.

Research-based Articles

Articles of 5000 words or less reporting original research and analysis on a policy-relevant topic of interest to nonprofit policymakers, practitioners and scholars

Special Features: articles of 2500 words or less as follows:

Interviews with policy leaders

Book Reviews of the current nonprofit public policy related literature.

Case Studies of policy developments

Policy Briefings of recent legislation and judicial proceedings, research reports, and other official documents.

How to Submit a Manuscript

For questions and to submit your paper, please email Linda Serra at padlls@langate.gsu.edu, or call 404 413 0123.

Style

A fundamental purpose of *NPF* is to promote effective communication among researchers, policy-makers, and nonprofit leaders, appealing to a broad audience. Jargon is avoided and technical terms should be explained in non-technical language.

Preparation

Only original, previously unpublished articles will be accepted.

We accept electronic submissions in MS Word, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font and double-spaced, type.

Each submission should include a separate cover page with title, author(s)' name(s), mailing address, email address, and day and evening phone number for each author.

Manuscripts in which authors are identified within the text will not be accepted. The title page at the beginning of the article should not identify the authors.

Use the following structured (keep in mind that there is not title page):

1. Introduction (titling this section is optional)
2. Subsequent sections include all tables, figures, and footnotes referenced in the text
3. Appendices (if any)
4. References (include a proper bibliography following the guidelines in the reference section below)

All references cited in the text should be listed on a separate page, in a double-spaced alphabetized list. Use hanging indents for citations. (i.e., the first line should be flush with the left margin and all other lines should be indented from the left margin by a set amount.) Citations should be single-spaced with a space between references.

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Titles should be brief and focused on the specific theme of the paper; subtitles should be avoided.

Stacked headings should be avoided; each should be separated by at least one or two lines of text.

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