With this issue, we bid farewell to Book Review Co-Editors Sonia Ospina and Rogan Kersh. I introduced Sonia and Rogan as the new co-editors in my first issue as Editor in Chief in January 2012. Thus, they served as book review co-editors for 23 regular issues, one issue short of 4 years. In those 23 issues, we published 118 reviews, a significant body of information, thought, and reflection about the literature of public administration.

Sonia and Rogan were innovative in their approach to Public Administration Review’s (PAR’s) book reviews. The reviews they commissioned and brought to publication were diverse, rich, and timely. If you look at the reviews they edited, you will find incomparable diversity. We carried reviews on books covering topics ranging from social media, to health policy, to the great recession and public jobs programs, to diversity and policing, to Islamist terrorism, and democracy. The book reviews they commissioned sometimes followed external developments, but just as frequently anticipated emerging issues. Their stewardship of our book review feature helped broaden the horizons of members of the public administration community looking to PAR for professional leadership.

A small, but consequential process change they introduced was to solicit some reviews based on preprints of forthcoming books, which we intend to continue in the future. Of course, their most basic innovation was to come forward with the idea for book review co-editors. I have not looked back at the 71 volumes published prior to their co-editorship, but I believe their sharing of the book review editor role was a first for PAR and is rare among major journals.

It is easy to understate the difficulty of editing a good book review feature. I am thankful to Sonia and Rogan for stepping forward with the idea for book review co-editors. Both PAR’s readers and I are grateful for the splendid job Sonia and Rogan have done during their service as book review co-editors. I would also like to thank New York University’s Wagner School of Public Service and Wake Forest University for their support for Sonia and Rogan.

I am pleased to welcome Danny Balfour and Stephanie Newbold to their inaugural issue as book review co-editors, continuing the co-editor innovation initiated by Sonia and Rogan. Danny Balfour is professor in the School of Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI. His interests encompass organizational theory, public management, and administrative ethics. He is co-author (with Guy Adams) of the award-winning book Unmasking Administrative Evil, now in its fourth edition, and recipient of the 2007 Marshall E. Dimock Award for best lead article in PAR.

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Danny and Stephanie carry on in the tradition most recently honored by Rogan and Sonia and held high by so many book review editors before them during PAR’s 75-year history. I take this opportunity to invite authors and prospective reviewers to contact Danny (balfourd@gvsu.edu) and Stephanie (stephanie.newbold@rutgers.edu) with offers to review or suggestions for books or themes you would like to see featured.

— James L. Perry, Editor in Chief