From the Editors

Message of Appreciation to Our Book Review Editor and Editorial Board

The *Urban Affairs Review* (*UAR*) editorial team would like to acknowledge the contributions to the journal by outgoing Book Review Editor, Deborah Martin. She has been a valued member of our editorial team for the last three years and we are grateful for her willingness to serve the journal in this role.

We would also like to acknowledge the following 11 individuals who have supported *UAR* through service on our editorial board for the past three years:

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Finally, we are pleased to welcome the following 32 people to our editorial board. We are excited to have the benefit of their wisdom and experiences to help us lead *UAR* over the next few years.

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*UAR’s* status as a leading outlet for urban research is due in large measure to the commitment of our distinguished editorial board and our associate editors. We are grateful for their many contributions to the journal.

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