This issue of COMMONWEALTH marks a milestone for the publication. It was launched as a general interest journal of Political Science in 1987 under the editorship of Donald Tannenbaum of Gettysburg College. COMMONWEALTH had always encouraged scholarship about the Keystone State. However, as the journal evolved under the editorships of Thomas Baldino (Wilkes University) and Gerard Fitzpatrick (Ursinus College) the content began to focus more heavily on Pennsylvania politics. In 2014, the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association (PPSA) decided the journal should focus exclusively on scholarship involving Pennsylvania. PPSA, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Policy Forum and Temple University’s Institute for Public Affairs, approached Temple University Press about publishing the newly reconstituted journal. They agreed and will begin publishing COMMONWEALTH: A JOURNAL OF PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS AND POLICY in 2016. Consequently, this issue marks the final iteration of COMMONWEALTH: A JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE.

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