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Rogan Kersh joins us from the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where he was an Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration. He spent the 2006 spring term as a Visiting Professor in health policy and politics at Yale University. Professor Kersh is an expert in American Political Development, and his current research interests range from American political history to current issues in health and public policy, particularly those related to the politics of obesity. He has been a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy and is currently an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, a leading multidisciplinary periodical. He is a prolific writer whose publications include *Dreams of a More Perfect Union* (Cornell University Press, 2001), a provoking study of American political thought, and *Medical Malpractice and the U.S. Health Care System: New Century, Different Issues* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), described as a riveting overview of the intersection of the nation's legal and health care systems, co-edited with Columbia Law School Professor William Sage.

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Dall Forsythe is a leading expert on state and local budgeting processes, as well as nonprofit financial management. His management experience crosses the public, private and nonprofit sectors. He served as Budget Director for the State of New York under Governor Mario M. Cuomo, and before that as Budget Director for the New York City Board of Education; Managing Director in Lehman Brother's Public Finance Department; and Chief Administrative Officer of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Professor Forsythe has written extensively on public budgeting and finance. He authored two books, including *Memos to the Governor: An Introduction to State Budgeting* (Georgetown University Press, 2004), which creatively uses a series of memos from a budget director to a new governor to provide a comprehensive overview of the state budget process, and edited *Quicker, Better, Cheaper? Performance Management in American Government* (Rockefeller Institute Press, 2001). Professor Forsythe has been on the faculty of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and has taught political science and finance at Columbia University. He was most recently a Distinguished Lecturer in Baruch College's School of Public Affairs.

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Rema Hanna combines applied microeconomic techniques with an emphasis on field work to study the impact of public policy on economic development. Much of her work focuses on development issues in South and Southeast Asia. She works closely with non-governmental organizations to plan impact evaluations to better understand what types of programs can work in reducing poverty and creating sustainable growth. Her recent projects include a study of affirmative action in India, another to quantify the foreign direct investment effects of U.S. environmental regulation, and various randomized experiments in India designed to study the impacts of education policy, corruption, and indoor air pollution. Professor Hanna was a National Science Foundation Fellowship Recipient and a Research Associate at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She joined the Wagner School in September 2005, and is currently a referee for *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *International Economic Journal* and others.

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Natasha Iskander spent the last year in a post-doctoral position at NYU's International Center for Advanced Studies. Her research interests include labor migration related to economic development, labor mobilization and workforce development, and the processes of institutional innovation and organizational learning. Her applied experience includes local development work in the Middle East and consulting work for international organizations including the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Inter-American Dialogue. She won a Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship and a Fulbright Fellowship for study in Morocco in 2003-2004. She has written extensively on migration and international labor issues, including "The Transnational Kingdom: Migration, Development and Social Change in Morocco," published in the *Revue Critique Économique* (2004), and her recent research activities have focused on international migration policies in Europe, North Africa, Latin America and the United States. Professor Iskander is currently working on a book that uses Mexico and Morocco as case countries in her study of how and under what conditions governments innovate.

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Shanna Rose studies the political economy of governmental budgeting in the American states. She comes to the Wagner School from the political science department at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where she taught masters- and doctoral-level courses in public budgeting and finance. She has been a Research Assistant at The Brookings Institution and the Institute for International Economics, and an award-winning Teaching Fellow at Harvard University and the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Her published works include "Do Fiscal Rules Dampen the Political Business Cycle?" forthcoming in the journal *Public Choice*, and "The Causes of Fiscal Transparency: Evidence from the American States," published as an *IMF Staff Paper*. Some of Professor Rose's other recent projects investigate the political manipulation of rainy day funds and the effects of term limits on spending and taxes. She also recently started writing a book on the growing impact of Medicaid on state finances.

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