

Greetings from the Publisher, Summer 2018

The Portland Metropolitan region is home to a great variety of communities. Over the 23 years of publishing *Metroscape*, the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies has featured dozens of local communities, providing our readers an appreciation for our region's rich diversity—rural and urban, agricultural and industrial, small and large, featuring forests and rivers.

This issue is no different. The stories in the pages that follow provide insights about places as different as Stevenson, Washington and Happy Valley, Oregon, and issues as complex as affordable housing and resident health outcomes. The best part for us is the wide variety of people we talk with to bring you this content, including this issue's featured interview with the recently-elected Mayor of Vancouver, Anne, McEnerney-Ogle.

We also strive to provide diversity in the magazine's formats. This issue of *Metroscape*, like others before it, features stories and maps, statistics and photos (most are taken by our staff and students), and is simultaneously published in print and on our web site. The web site, metroscape.imspx.org, offers readers the opportunity to dig deeper into the people, places and issues highlighted in the current issue, and to explore how we've discussed them in the past.

Metroscape has been a labor of love for IMS and its faculty and staff for these many years, and we couldn't publish it without the dedication of the magazine's executive editor, Liza Morehead, and this year's student assistant editor, Eavan Moore. You'll find contributions from other staff and students throughout this and other issues. The interesting content is perfected by our editor, Cat McGinnis. We also benefit from the input of our editorial board, Carl Abbott, Jennifer Allen,

and Lynn Valenter, who also serves as the chair of the IMS Board of Directors. And of course, nothing at IMS happens successfully without help from Emily Renfrow, our office coordinator.

Metroscape helps us to fulfill the mission of IMS: convene regional partners, curate credible information, and conduct credible policy research to stimulate dialogue and action that address critical regional issues. We hold events that give people an opportunity to learn about our research and participate in the resulting dialogue. Read more about our recent work, sign up for events and our newsletter at www.pdx.edu/ims/.

We hope you enjoy the summer 2018 issue. As you read through the articles, share your thoughts with us. Feel free to comment at ims@pdx.edu, or discuss your observations about the articles on our [Facebook page](#).

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