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As this is the third edition of *Women & Public Policy: A Revolution in Progress*, we have benefited greatly from the comments of reviewers, students, and faculty colleagues who have used previous editions in their courses. Since the publication of the first volume in 1995, cultural change has continued to affect American women and public policy. As such, the book's unifying theme is the impact of cultural change on women's roles in American society and on patterns of public policy as they affect women and their families. Mindful that gender is not the only social characteristic of importance in public policy—class, race, and age, for example, are also influential—we believe that gender warrants specific inquiry. We have, however, also taken great care in this edition to demonstrate how gender interacts with other factors.

We continue to hope that this book will interest a variety of audiences, including students of public policy and of women's studies. Although each chapter discusses court cases, laws, executive orders, and regulations, no prior knowledge of the policy process as it pertains to women's issues is necessary to learn from this book.

Chapter 1 presents working definitions of culture and public policy. The relationship between public policy and cultural change, particularly in regard to the increasing participation of women in the workforce, receives special attention. The discussion centers on the policy-making process and the impact of policy silences on that process. We also consider three models of the policy process that are useful in stimulating systematic and critical analysis of the issues raised in later chapters. The discussion of feminism has been expanded and now includes material on third wave feminism.

Chapter 2 examines the effect of educational policy on women. Discussions of the status of women as students and as educators, the patterns of discrimination against women, and the impact of Title IX and its implementation follow an overview of the cultural and historical context of educational policy. We pay special attention to Title IX thirty years after its implementation, including the so-called gender war over its application to sports and the George W. Bush administration's stance on Title IX enforcement. There is also new material on women and graduate