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***Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* special issue examines single-payer health care systems**

“Exploring the Concept of Single Payer,” a special issue of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, offers an in-depth look at single-payer health care systems to give insight into one of the most contentious issues in U.S. health care reform.

“With national health care reform being actively debated in the Senate, we wanted to continue the conversation on single payer,” said Michael S. Sparer, who edited the issue with Lawrence D. Brown and Lawrence R. Jacobs. “We believe that this special issue gives an honest and realistic account of single-payer health systems worldwide.”

Contributors to this special issue—scholars and professionals in health policy, health economics, and political science—address a range of issues facing single-payer systems, including the quality of health care, cost and financing, and the role of private insurers.

Carolyn Tuohy examines the Canadian single-payer system, considered an important prototype by U.S. policy makers, and finds that complex political relationships between providers and payers limit variation on a provincial level. Deborah Stone addresses the political viability of the term single payer and offers provocative reflections on why the Left’s single-minded focus on this model may be detrimental to the quest for a comprehensive and fair system of social insurance.

To continue the discussion on the concept of single payer, the journal is offering free access to Stone’s article at jhpl.dukejournals.org/cgi/reprint/34/4/531. The issue’s introduction is also freely available at jhpl.dukejournals.org/cgi/reprint/34/4/447.

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