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“Governments spend billions of dollars on social programs each year. To what extent are these programs successful at helping individuals, and how can our resources be put to more efficient use?” asks Dr. Scott Findley, associate professor of Economics and Finance.

The analytical rigor that Dr. Findley applies to his study of policy problems contributed to his recent appointment as editor of Public Finance Review (PFR), a journal with a strong reputation in the field of public economics. PFR focuses on the impact of government within the economy, and includes topics such as social security financing and reform, government budget deficits, the financing of public education, and design and reform of tax systems.

Dr. Findley was a recipient of the Young Economists Award of the International Institute of Public Finance in 2008 for research that stands out for its “scientific quality, creativity, and relevance.” In addition to his research, his visibility and experiences with the international academic community drew the attention of the publisher of PFR, who was seeking to expand the international exposure and scientific impact of the journal. Dr. Findley has presented his research more than 60 times worldwide and has held two international research fellowships, one at the Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement in the Netherlands, and the other at the Center for Economic Studies in Munich, Germany. His international connections and global vision for the journal will prove valuable in organizing and managing an editorial board and soliciting reviewers for papers.

