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I am proud to present this advance copy of senior fellow Daniel DiSalvo's latest book, *Government against Itself: Public Union Power and Its Consequences*. Oxford University Press is presenting this work as one of its lead titles for 2015, and plans to publish it on January 2.

"This is political science at its best," writes Harvard professor of government Harvey Mansfield, about DiSalvo's careful consideration of the best arguments for and against unionized government employees. As a City University of New York professor, DiSalvo himself holds a public sector union job.

His question is whether to spend limited public funds on services for the poor and middle class, or on ever-escalating benefits for government employees who often earn more than their private sector counterparts.

Chuck Reed, the Democratic mayor of San Jose, agrees, "This book explains how and why the narrow interests of unions in improving pay and benefits frequently overwhelm the broader interests of the people in improving services."

I hope you find Daniel DiSalvo's book as timely and important as I do.

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