

Foreword

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Dear Reader:

You hold in your hands (or have on your screen) only the third issue that our journal has produced, but I trust one that you will find both fascinating and expertly assembled, full of interesting papers by a range of undergraduate students at diverse institutions in the United States and across the world, from Yale University to Trinity College, Dublin to the University of Toronto. Truly this is an unusual, even unprecedented, gathering of undergraduate talent that represents the best and the brightest—and the future of our profession.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Professor Diane Johnson and the Classics department at Western Washington University, who provide the sponsorship that makes this journal possible. Their continuing support, even as this journal blossoms from its humble beginnings in one university, is something we are truly fortunate to have.

This issue represents my first as Editor-in-Chief, and I am very proud to present it to you now. The scope of this issue is smaller than in previous years, and intentionally so, to allow us to focus more intensively on the papers we do select. With this increased selectivity came the sad obligation to reject many excellent papers; yet I can now present this issue to you as representing the very finest of international undergraduate research and writing.

In the coming year, the journal intend to expand its outreach and call for papers, to strengthen its connection to undergraduate presentations at conferences and to win sponsorships from other institutions as well, hopefully with the goal of presenting a print edition alongside the digital by 2015. Similarly, we intend to strengthen our virtually defunct body of peer reviewers, and are actively seeking new readers both undergraduate and not to complement our editorial team. Furthermore, several new editors joined us in 2013, bringing years of editing experience and specific subject knowledge, and we come to the end of this academic year with the sure knowledge that we have left this journal better than we found it.

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue as much as I enjoyed publishing it.

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