

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This has been a year of immense hardship and tragedy. Police brutality, systemic racism, and the COVID-19 pandemic have upended the lives of citizens across the globe. During times like these where togetherness is so badly needed, it is all the more painful that we have spent so much of our time in isolation. Now more than ever, a platform for sharing ideas and diverse perspectives with students and faculty across the country is incredibly valuable. Although we have missed out on so much of the human connection on which we thrive, the staff of DUJPEW is grateful for the opportunity to listen, read, and collaborate with our peers in the national undergraduate community.

Despite the trials of these polarizing and contentious times, we cannot shy away from discourse and conversation. Ideas must be shared with others, interrogated by listeners, and adapted when new information becomes available. Common ground cannot be reached if we do not look outside ourselves, and publications that amplify the voices of a wide body of undergraduate scholars are an invaluable tool for civil discussion. Dartmouth founder Eleazer Wheelock assigned our motto of “Vox Clamantis in Deserto,” or “a voice crying out in the wilderness.” He envisioned Dartmouth as an intellectual beacon in the woods, whose students would critically engage with and question difficult subjects and curiosities. DUJPEW’s aims are just that. Technology has enabled us to interface with students at a plethora of institutions, and our publication can serve as a vehicle for those voices to cry out from the wilderness.

We would like to thank the entire DUJPEW editorial staff for their dedication to, and enthusiasm for, launching this year’s issue. We are elated that you were all so willing to adapt to the remote format and keep DUJPEW alive. On behalf of the graduating seniors, Noah and Jonathan would also like to thank Addison for his critical work this year and we wish him the best of luck transitioning it back to an on-campus publication.

Additionally, we want to thank the entire staff of associate editors — your work was indispensable. We must also thank the many supportive professors, friends, and readers who continue to engage with and connect to the scholarship that we at DUJPEW bring to print. Finally, we must express my profound appreciation and admiration for the authors that provided the eight fantastic pieces of writing that comprise this year’s publication. We are so happy to provide a platform for your work, and we cannot wait to see what great things you will certainly accomplish in the future.

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