

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Volume 6 of the *James Madison Undergraduate Research Journal*! This publication represents the concerted effort of authors, reviewers, editors, and supporters from disciplines and offices across campus. We would like to thank them and our readers for continuing to support undergraduate research and scholarship here at JMU with such passion and dedication.

For this volume, our multidisciplinary team of 16 Editorial Board members worked with eight authors and 42 faculty reviewers to produce a publication that we can proudly say displays the breadth of JMU's undergraduate research efforts to our readers in more than 160 countries.

Throughout this volume, we wanted to work with more students from majors we had never represented before. In addition to pieces from Biology, Psychology, Media Arts & Design, and Political Science, we for the first time offer articles from Art History, Geographic Science, and Theatre. The volume also features a first article from Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Author Jemma Stratton composed her piece in Spanish and then translated it into English for *JMURJ* (we've published her article in both languages).

Our Volume 6 outreach initiative started with a website redesign and grew to include a *Breeze* article, class presentations, and a presence at the year-end JMU Honors Symposium. We also collaborated in piloting a new version of Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication's Publication Management course. The joint effort bore immediate fruit, as two Fall 2018 Publication Management students equipped with a semester of publication theory and practice joined the *JMURJ* Editorial Board in Spring 2019.

Thanks for reading and we hope you enjoy this and future volumes.

All the best,

The *JMURJ* Editorial Board

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