

Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are delighted to present Volume 11, Number 2 of *Intersect*, the final issue of the 2017–2018 academic year. This issue covers a wide spectrum of topics in the field of Science, Technology, and Society, including health care, scientific knowledge systems, and science and the law. It includes five research articles. One article analyzes corporate patent introduction as a proxy for environmental innovation, exploring companies' financial motivation for eco-friendly R&D. Two articles cover topics related to digital technology: one article on Bitcoin examines the digital currency's development and disruption of the global market, and one looks at the potential of AI to alter the healthcare system and explores how regulations can accommodate these changes. Another article probes the mesh of science and the law, questioning the ethics of using brain scans to defend people in criminal courtrooms. A more philosophical article adopts a comparative lens to examine the distribution of knowledge in Western science and in Amazonian mythology. Also included is an editorial exploring the unjust global unavailability of insulin within a context of human rights regulations. Congratulations to the authors on their innovative and well-researched projects, as well as their willingness to challenge norms and tackle difficult questions; we greatly enjoyed reading their research and collaborating with them.

Intersect is the product of many people's diligent work and creative thinking. A million thanks to Professor John Willinsky, our journal's advisor and the Director of Stanford's Science, Technology, and Society department, for lending his endless enthusiasm, for supporting our operations, for troubleshooting and providing recommendations, and for making *Intersect* a fun experience for our team. Thank you also to our peer reviewers for upholding *Intersect*'s intellectual rigor; we are always thrilled by the thoughtfulness, specificity, and length of their insights and suggestions on our journal's content. Finally, we recognize all members of our editorial team, from those who have been with *Intersect* for the last two years to those who just joined during spring quarter. Their commitment, organization, critical thinking, and passion for *Intersect*'s material make our journal great. We extend our congratulations to next year's leaders, including Christina Pan as co-Editor-in-Chief, Adam O'Regan as Senior Editor, and Angela Lee as Senior Editor; we are so excited to see how they will expand and improve the journal. For now, please enjoy Volume 11, Number 2 of *Intersect*.

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