

## Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

It is with great pleasure that we present Volume 12, Number 1 of *Intersect*, the first issue of the 2018–2019 academic year. In this issue, we continue to explore the diversity of work and research within STS, bringing up questions that we hope pique your curiosity and expand your understanding of the benefits and concerns of new technologies and the importance of health policy around the world. Two of our research pieces delve into epidemiology and the effects of policy upon disease spread, with one focusing on AIDS and the other looking at influenza. The third research paper explores the gradual rise in online dating among the young Muslim community and its connections to identity and tradition. Our interview with Professor Jeff Hancock, founding director of the Stanford Social Media Lab and professor in the Department of Communication, explores his research on the use of technology and social media and the impact upon society.

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