

## Letter from the Editor



Dear reader,

It is my pleasure to present to you Volume 7, Number 2 of *Intersect*, which closes out a year of regeneration and growth for our *Intersect* team. To our new readers: I urge you to step outside your comfort zones to explore and tease out these interdisciplinary themes alongside our authors. And to our dedicated returning readers, I hope that you will continue to draw connections between each edition and each sentence as we advance our study of Science, Technology, and Society. This issue is, as always, diverse and eclectic, bringing together subjects as disparate as Chaucer's astrolabe and Oculus Rift's virtual reality headsets.

Each publication of *Intersect* captures cutting-edge thought and research. At the same time, our articles tend to explore similar snapshots throughout history, and hope to divine in them some significance for the future. Our authors ask what the failures of malaria treatments can teach us about the fight for immunity. They examine the layered stereotypes of the Silicon Valley as they impact the Bay Area's modern culture. As each individual article is meticulously printed into the final drafts of our journal, we start to see the alignment in, and connections between, these individual concepts that stack up over time. Stained into the (virtual) fibers of each *Intersect* page are lessons in which we see the potential for relevance into

the ever-unfolding future.

Each issue of *Intersect* is another layer added to the foundational text of *Intersect's* own institutional history. Without the incredible work of our editing team, we would be incapable of publishing high-quality work consistently. As always, a hearty thank you is due to Professor John Willinsky for remaining ever-present as our journal's advisor even while away on sabbatical. Additionally, this publication of *Intersect* would never have been possible without the dedication of the following key team members:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jordan D. Shapiro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jordan" being the most prominent.

*Jordan D. Shapiro*

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