

Letter from the Editors



Dear reader,

It is our pleasure to present to you Volume 8, Number 1 of *Intersect*, bringing with it a brand new *Intersect* editing team and a prolific quarterly publishing schedule. We welcome our returning readers back to the field of Science, Technology, and Society, and look forward to introducing new readers to our academic community. This issue of *Intersect* offers diverse genres and perspectives, ranging from a book review of Casper Bruun Jensen's *Ontologies for Developing Things* to an interview with Mark Granovetter, the director of Stanford's sociology department. Our articles span sociological analysis, legal issues, and innovative technology trends.

Appropriately for the fall of 2014, this issue of *Intersect* focuses largely on how technology and science can be applied to solve social problems. A focus on human health, both psychological and physical, permeates many of the articles in this issue. Our authors apply psychology to question the legality of solitary confinement, evaluate the effectiveness of health interventions in sub-Saharan Africa, and consider the promise and problems associated with mobile health technologies. Contributing authors also contend with issues of justice and legal ownership, considering the connection between patent law and innovation during the Industrial Revolution as well as current issues of land access in Tanzania. Join us and our authors in pushing the boundaries of interdisciplinary research in each of these areas, which remain relevant in a world still plagued by social problems and injustices.

We are proud to announce that our editing team was revitalized this year, with the addition of five bright new underclassmen to our editing staff. *Intersect* is also making significant advances in our national presence by co-founding the International Collegiate Science Journal (ICSJ) with other university journals across the world. On the home front, we are expanding our repertoire and hope to bring you more interviews and a new editorials section next quarter. This quarter also inaugurated our *Intersect* twitter feed, bringing you updates about our team and the field of STS.

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