

Letter from the Editors



Dear reader,

It is our pleasure to present to you Volume 8, Number 2 of *Intersect*. We are excited to provide both our returning readers and those new to the field of Science, Technology, and Society (STS) with a window into cutting-edge research in this diverse and expanding field. This issue of *Intersect* truly showcases the interdisciplinary nature of STS: our authors explore how physical space impacts innovation and the promise and pitfalls of decentralized computer networks, among many other topics.

This winter's issue highlights, in particular, the extensive possibilities for empirical research in STS. It presents a portfolio of original studies that make substantive advances in disciplines encompassing political science, economics, and conservation biology. Within the pages of this issue, our contributing authors present novel applications of Google Correlate and new methods of evaluating the success of conservation which bring people into conservation policy. They consider the question of whether eco-labels actually incentivize sustainability by shaping consumer selection of products. Formerly elusive answers are sought successfully in these pieces, in a number of innovative and novel ways.

This quarter has also brought a number of other aspects of *Intersect's* vision to fruition, including the publication of the first issue of ICSJ (the Intercollegiate Science Journal). *Intersect* is proud to be a founding member of this journal—the first intercollegiate collaboration of its kind—and to have contributed two interviews to its inaugural issue. Additionally, this issue inaugurates *Intersect's* comment section, in which contributing authors present a brief opinion article on a topic of current relevance to STS. The first *Intersect* comment is the contribution of Omar Rizwan, who argues for further exploration of the potential of computers as a medium to enhance the expression of ideas. We hope that this section

stimulates conversation around diverse topics in STS, and provides a new perspective on current topics in this field.

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