

Letter from the Editors



Dear reader,

It is our pleasure to present Volume 8, Number 3 of *Intersect*, our final issue of the 2014-2015 academic year and our last issue as Editors-in-Chief. In this issue, we aim to expose our returning readers to original and intriguing aspects of science, technology, and society studies (STS), and to provide new readers with an enticing view of this rapidly expanding field. From our interview with a Nobel laureate in chemistry to a comment on the distinction between humans and non-humans, we hope our readers find the issue novel and thought-provoking.

This issue showcases the influence of technology on the trajectory of society. Our authors offer views of how technology has shaped history—from the fall of the Soviet Union to the Egyptian revolution—to complement analysis and predictions of how it will, and how it *should*, shape the future. One contributing author asks how we can best train the inventors of the future to consider the policy ramifications of their creations; another considers the connection between the digital revolution and sex trafficking; a group of researchers explores the role of energy technology in a developing region. Such explorations are essential in a world of rapidly shifting technology.

Publication of this issue of *Intersect* is bittersweet for us as graduating Editors-in-Chief. Since our initial involvement with the journal in the fall of 2012, the *Intersect* team has dwindled, and then expanded to include an extensive and exceptionally gifted editing staff. Buoyed by a phenomenal team, we have watched the journal flourish and attain an unprecedented quarterly publishing rate. *Intersect* has broadened our horizons and ignited our academic curiosity. We will bring these lessons to our future endeavors with great gratitude, and with confidence that *Intersect* will continue to thrive, steered to new heights by next year's capable editing team under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Joyce Kang.

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