

Letter from the Editor



Dear reader,

It is with tremendous pleasure that I, along with my fellow editors, present Volume 9, Number 1 of *Intersect*, the first issue of the 2015–2016 academic year. To our new readers, we challenge you to get your feet wet in the ever-expanding field of STS. To our returning readers, welcome back. We hope that this issue provides you with a wealth of fascinating and thought-provoking questions to discover and explore. This issue truly showcases the diverse and deeply interconnected nature of STS, exploring questions ranging from how socio-cultural factors impact telemedicine in Sub-Saharan Africa, to how start-ups like Uber and Airbnb are sparking a tumultuous discussion on policy regulations, to how the U.S. military and healthcare system are intricately and perhaps unexpectedly intertwined.

A large part of this issue focuses on how the activities of humans impact our planet, and how we might strive to be more cognizant of our effects on other species and the environment. In an insightful comment piece, one author embarks on an adventure to understand how diseases introduced by humans are contributing to the plight of the Galápagos penguins. Another author's research seeks to strategically identify which coal power plants in the U.S. show the greatest promise for carbon capture and storage retrofits, a powerful technology that reduces carbon emissions in the atmosphere. As the technology in our society advances, it becomes increasingly important to step back and investigate the ramifications of such advancement, and we applaud our authors in their endeavor to do so.

Intersect relies on the hard work and dedication of many key team members. The work that we do would not be possible without the continual mentorship, generosity, and wisdom of our journal's advisor,

Professor John Willinsky. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our peer reviewers. Finally, publication of this issue of *Intersect* brings with it brand new additions to the editor team. The Senior Editors and I could not be more excited to welcome five bright and talented underclassmen editors to the team. Their enthusiasm, positivity, and dedication were instrumental to the execution of this issue.

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