

Letter from the Editor



Dear reader,

Greetings! The *Intersect* editorial team is extremely excited to showcase the wealth of undergraduate and graduate research comprising Volume 9, Number 2 of *Intersect*, the second issue of the 2015–2016 academic year. We hope that this issue serves as a vessel in which our new and returning readers may journey with our authors to explore uncharted and thought-provoking territories within the expanding field of science, technology, and society studies (STS). From fascinating research articles, to interviews with leaders in the fields of aging and innovation studies, to a book review with a fresh take on the trial of Galileo, we hope that this issue piques your intellectual curiosity and leaves you with a hunger for further exploration.

Much of this issue focuses on the connections between health, history, and society. Our contributing authors probe deep into topics that include lucid dreaming in academia and popular culture through the past and present, the ideological history behind the drug Addyi (“female Viagra”), and how events of the Industrial Revolution spurred the advancement of modern surgical techniques. One author, inspired by her own personal experiences, presents a powerful and well-supported case for universal hearing aid insurance. Such explorations are vital as advances in science and technology increasingly continue to impact healthcare in our society.

The continued growth and success of *Intersect* relies on the countless hours of hard work by our dedicated editor team, the contributions of our peer reviewers, and the invaluable guidance and support of Professor John Willinsky, our journal's advisor and Director of the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at Stanford University. We are also thrilled to welcome a new talented graphic designer to the team. The publication of this issue would not be possible without the following key team members:

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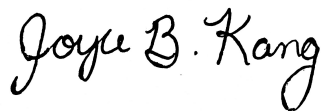
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