

Dear Readers,

Thank you for taking the time to read and engage with this issue of *The Journal for a Changing World*. I welcome you to Adelphi University's only undergraduate research journal. As curator of this work of academia, the Levermore Global Scholars Program is excited to share select, high-quality works of original research from students and faculty of all disciplines. Over the course of a year, we have been devotedly connecting with various departments and individuals on campus to scour the university for its best selection of academic research. I am proud to have reviewed each submission and carefully chosen the most thought-provoking, challenging, poignant, and stimulating pieces of original research for the spring 2017 issue of *The Journal for a Changing World*.

Under the direction of Dr. Devin Thornburg, the Levermore Global Scholars Program is tasked with the responsibility of seeking out research, reviewing, and delivering the finished product. Despite the tedious sound of it all, we are delighted to present the academic community with a prestigious, advanced end product. Yes, the responsibility is great. But as stewards of the world, we, as members of the Levermore Global Scholars Program, believe in the enrichment of education for as many as possible; *The Journal for a Changing World* unashamedly and assuredly follows through on that central mission. Please consider this work a labor of love, commitment, and a dutiful vow to pedagogy at large.

As this is our gift to Adelphi University, the University, similarly, gave us the support and resources to find success. Firstly, Dr. Thornburg's will and devotion to the *Journal* provided an emblem of encouragement to all of those involved. His passion to present the utmost quality and limber, effective problem-solving skills were integral to garnering success. Dr. Thornburg is incomparable in his work for the *Journal* and is an asset as faculty of the Levermore Global Scholars Program and esteemed member of the collegiate community. A special vote of gratitude for Drs. Laura Brumariu and Matthew Wright who served as the directors of Adelphi University's annual Research Conference; your involvement with the *Journal* allowed for greater student and faculty engagement and in turn, permitted us to garner a multitude of submissions. Lastly, to Associate Dean of Libraries Ken Herold, we appreciated your enthusiasm and devotedness in connecting the *Journal* and the newly-engaged *Digital Commons*.

It was my pleasure to serve as this issue's Editor-In-Chief. Again, I welcome you to *The Journal for a Changing World* and I hope you are moved to appreciate and further understand our dynamic, metamorphic world.

Sincerely,

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