

# THANK YOU

Thank you for reading the 2018 edition of the University of Colorado Honors Journal. It has been a pleasure presenting you with the works included therein, as we, the Editorial Board, believe them to be some of the finest undergraduate work at the University of Colorado Boulder. Additional copies of the Journal can be found in the Honors Program office in Norlin Library (Room M400M). For more information and the complete text of works that did not fit into the print edition, please visit our website at [www.honorsjournal.com](http://www.honorsjournal.com) or contact us at [cuhonorsjournal@gmail.com](mailto:cuhonorsjournal@gmail.com). We accept exemplary work year-round, though our submission deadline for the next journal is typically in mid-November. If you are a student at the university who is interested in become a member of the Editorial Board, please contact us. Once again, thank you, reader, for without your commitment the Honors Journal could not exist.

# THE BO

## **HOPE RUSKAUP**

Editor in Chief

Hope is a senior and an English literature major, though following graduation in May, she plans to pursue an MFA in poetry at the University of Montana. Because Glacier National Park houses the densest population of grizzly bears south of Canada, she fears all of her writing will be about bears now. The majority of her fourth year was spent writing her honors thesis which considers the drug trade's vehement intervention into globalized capitalism and the ways in which the War on Drugs maps the tensions of globalization and the perpetuation of inequalities through representation. That being said, she is really looking forward to taking a break from cultural studies and just being a poet for awhile.

## **DR. ABBY HICKCOX**

Faculty Advisor

Dr. Hickcox is the Associate Director of the Arts and Sciences Honors Program at the University of Colorado Boulder. She holds a PhD in geography and an MS in environmental studies. Her expertise is in human geography and focuses on the relationship between people and the environment. Her areas of research and publication include environmentalism, environmental justice, racism, and the politics of belonging. It is a privilege for her to support the students on the journal's editorial board in the selection and publication of the Honors Journal each year.

## **KAI KRESEK**

Managing Editor

Kai Kresek is a graduating senior who is double majoring in Geography and Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. This is her third year on the Honors Journal Editorial Board. Kai enjoys spending time outside hiking, camping and running. After graduation, she is planning on starting her career in geospatial analysis, but hopes that she can spend the summer National Park hopping.

## **REBECCA LITTON**

Associate Managing  
Editor

Rebecca Litton is a sophomore pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership and Information Analytics from the Leeds School of Business, along with a minor in Leadership Studies and a Global Business Certificate. In addition to her position on the Honors Journal, Rebecca is also the Vice President of Development of the Leeds Consulting Group and an Honors Scholar Candidate. As for corporate experience, Rebecca has held internships with both Mercer Digital and Equity Armor Investments. In her free time she enjoys snowboarding, backpacking, learning Italian, and one day hopes to visit all 195 world countries.

# ARD

## **ERIKA GULIJA**

Publicity Director

Erika is a senior, graduating this May, with double degrees in International Affairs and Journalism and double minors in Arabic Language and Religious Studies. This is her second year on the Honors Journal board, serving first as a creative nonfiction editor and now as the publicity director. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, cooking, and playing with her dogs. She is an engaged citizen and active in local and state politics in Colorado. After graduation, she plans to begin her career as a political journalist and one day hope to report internationally as well.

## **ANNA RUSSO**

Graphic Designer

Annie (Long for Anna) Russo is a senior studying Creative Advertising and Humanities, with an additional minor in Technology, Arts and Media (TAM). Although neither famous nor prolific, she has a commitment to her brand, which she describes as "self aware but does not care" and includes having her 40 ounce hydroflask on her person at all times. When she isn't yelling about the latest This American Life episode or a specific font, she is yelling about astrology, which she thinks is valid and demands respect. Similarly, she loves to categorize herself based on arbitrary personality tests, like a true ENTP. She is heavily online and aware that she overshares (like right now!). While she enjoyed designing the journal, she hopes to pursue a career in writing after college.

## **ELLIOTT HARNAGEL**

Finance Manager

Elliott Harnagel is a Junior majoring in Finance and minoring in computer science. When Elliott isn't working on the Honors Journal, staring pointedly at graphs, or buried in Excel, you can find him racing mountain bikes for the CU Cycling team. He also represents Colorado in competitive trivia as the vice-president of the CU Quiz Bowl team. Away from campus, he enjoys exploring the trails of the Front Range by bike and on foot. In the winter you may see him backcountry skiing in Rocky Mountain National Park, or obsessively cleaning his bike waiting for the trails to dry.

## **ALEX NGUYEN**

Fiction Editor

Alex Nguyen is a sophomore majoring in International Affairs, with East Asia as a regional concentration and a language concentration in Japanese (and any other language they can manage.) They work as a Resident Advisor in Smith Hall, where they enjoy spending time with their incredible staff and watching their residents sing along to Disney songs. Alex is a Norlin Scholar and holds a deep interest in politics, social justice, cartoons, and community building. In the future, Alex hopes to work abroad to combat neocolonialism and help foster development and acceptance tailored to fit the needs of different communities and cultures.

## **LINA OSMUNDSON**

Fiction Editor

Lina Osmundson is a sophomore and Fiction Editor studying Anthropology, English Literature, and Music, with minors in Leadership Studies and Space. When she's not wallowing in the indecisiveness of her academic interests, she enjoys hiking, backpacking, reading, writing, watching *The Office*, and quoting *The Office* - a method to cope with "running away from [her] responsibilities, and it feels good." She enjoys traveling and preserving her memories in a shoebox collection of international stamps. Additionally, she likes to maintain the façade of practicing her violin, but elects to take naps in the practice rooms of the College of Music instead.

## **SOWMYA DHANWADA**

Poetry Editor

Sowmya is a junior studying Integrative Physiology and earning a certificate in Global Public Health. In addition to being poetry editor on the Honors Journal board she is also a member of South Asian Music Association and the Cultural Events Board. One thing many people don't know about her is that she is multilingual, and enjoys reading poetry and prose in Sanskrit, Hindi, Telugu and English. When she isn't in class, you can find her researching new ways to detect voltage changes in bacteria, learning new languages to extend her literary repertoire (right now, it's Urdu), and arranging and composing music for small ensembles. She hopes to use her love and knowledge of language and science, to change policy and improve healthcare in South East Asia.

## **KELMEN DINDINGER**

Poetry Editor

Kelmen J Dindinger is a Junior majoring in English Creative Writing and minoring in Anthropology and Humanities. He has written six novels, a few additional novellas, and countless poems, all of which remain intentionally unpublished. In his free time, he mostly enjoys to do absolutely nothing, which usually ends up being when he does a bulk of his reading/writing. An avid watcher of films, you can likely find *Thor: Ragnarok* (his favorite) on in the background of any room you find him in. In an ideal world, he would do nothing except read poetry and Don DeLillo novels and play with Leia a.k.a. Slaya, his monstrous three-year-old black lab. You can often find him in some obscure corner of the library, donning Ralph dress shirts, bumping *The Weeknd* and complaining about life. Following graduation, he plans to attend grad school (lord knows where) to receive an M.F.A. in Creative Writing and to pursue a career in writing and/or publishing.

## **ALEXIS REICH**

Creative Nonfiction Editor

Lexi is a sophomore studying English Creative Writing and Journalism, and is happy to be the Creative Nonfiction Editor on the board this year. With a passion for all things writing and outdoors, Lexi loves the lifestyle she found in Colorado. She is currently interning at the CO Yoga + Life Magazine, and is a part of the honors advisory board, honors writing club, and the yoga club. Outside of her reporting and fiction writing classes, you can find Lexi reading, practicing yoga, hiking with her best friends, or listening to *The Lumineers*.

## **TYLER SCHAD**

Art & Open Media Editor

Tyler is a graduating senior from Woodland Park, Colorado. He's majoring in Technology, Arts & Media and minoring in Business and Computer Science, and is also an officer of the Boulder Photography Club. He's currently completing an internship in television broadcast operations, and plans on continuing to work in the industry after graduation. Off campus, he enjoys travelling, photography, and rock climbing. He's thankful for getting to work with the fantastic editorial board this year!

## **GRACE VALLECILLO-DREWS**

Art Editor

Grace is a transplanted Austinite double majoring in Art History & Studio Arts with an emphasis in Photography. When she isn't happily drowning in art in the Visual Arts Complex you can find her drinking obscene amounts of espresso, getting lost in one of Colorado's many art museums, perched in the corner of a coffee shop with her sketchbook, losing sleep over a new book, or hiking obscure trails with her trusty camera Ophelia. She loves traveling and is spending this summer backpacking across Europe with the distinct possibility of never returning.

## **KELLY DINNEEN**

Humanities Editor

Kelly Dinneen is a sophomore studying Philosophy, Math, and Cognitive Science. She is the founder of CU's Women of Philosophy Club, a member on CU Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Board, and a Research Fellow with the Sumner Lab in the Institute of Cognitive Science. Although she is still exploring, Kelly is especially interested in issues related to epistemic justice and education. She thinks of herself as an early riser and enjoys walking long distances. Someday soon she hopes to learn to play the mandolin, which seems like a hip alternative to the ukulele.

## **TALIA WATROUS**

Humanities Editor

Talia is a Sophomore majoring in English and minoring in Humanities. She is currently trying to figure out what to double major in to also look what adults call, practical. She, while a bit uncomfortable writing in the third person, loves getting a pen in her hand or a book in her lap. When she is not hunched over a text, you can find her Blues dancing a little too ecstatically, playing in the mountains, or listening to all female bands that make life feel epic.

## **AMARA DAME**

Social Science Editor

Amara Dame is a graduating senior double majoring in Anthropology and Geography, with a focus in Environment-Society Relations. This is her second year on the Honors Journal. She is particularly interested in political ecology, resource management, and environmental policy. Amara currently works as an undergraduate research assistant for the Boulder Affordable Housing Research Initiative and hopes to pursue a career in the environmental field on the East Coast, while continuing to consider attending graduate school. In her free time, she loves to read and ski.

## **YVONNE KRUMREY**

Social Science Editor

Yvonne is double majoring in Geography and English, and plans on graduating in May of 2018. She is currently spending most of her time panicking about her thesis, looking at cats on instagram, and thinking about Cher. In the future, she plans on doing something with maps, maybe. Or maybe writing. There are a lot of maybes involved in Yvonne's future. She enjoys backpacking, art projects that don't involve a lot of skill, reading Stephen King, and reading more pretentious things that she thinks will balance out the fact that she reads Stephen King. Yvonne is originally from St. Louis and would love to talk to you about it. She has worked at a Boy Scout backpacking ranch for many summers, and would love even more to talk to you about that.

## **VICTORIA DADET**

Gender & Ethnic Studies Editor

Victoria is currently double majoring in Psychology and Ethnic Studies, with plans to graduate in May 2018. While her current hometown is in the northwest suburbs outside of Chicago, she spent most of her childhood in Southern California. She likes to spend her free time catching up on her favorite TV shows, scrolling through #BlackTwitter, and critically analyzing American pop culture (but don't ask her about the Kardashians unless you're ready for a 2 hour lecture on cultural appropriation). Something that many don't know about her is that her parents are Deaf and she is fluent in American Sign Language.

## **DHIPHIKA SRINIVASAN**

Natural Science Editor

Dhiphika is a graduating senior majoring in Integrative Physiology with a minor in Business. This is her first year on the board for the Honors Journal and she's sad that she found out about it so late as it has been one of the best parts of her last year at CU. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her roommate's dog, going on runs, and traveling (when she has the money of course). After graduation she plans on working in the health care policy field before returning to graduate school in hopes of becoming a doctor involved in policy work.

## **ROHAN MYLAVARAPU**

Natural Science Editor