

Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader.

Welcome to the second edition of Ex-Patt: The Patterson School's Magazine of Foreign Affairs. I hope you find as much enjoyment reading this magazine as the editorial board and I had creating it – although hopefully with fewer headaches and without shedding any tears.

Careful readers may notice some changes between the inaugural edition of our magazine (released Fall 2013) and this issue. These changes reflect both the desire of the new editorial board to feature longer, more in-depth research and to open the opportunity for publication to graduate students at other schools. We believe these changes greatly improve the scope and quality of the content we are able to deliver to you.

Additionally, these changes build upon the two main goals we believe the magazine ought to achieve; namely, to grant an opportunity for graduate students in the field of international affairs to publish their work and to provide a space within which a constructive debate on the pressing issues of today can take place. We believe we have accomplished both in this edition of the magazine.

This magazine would not have been possible without the hard work of the students published here. A special thanks goes out to the students of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, who answered our call for papers with vigor and enthusiasm.

My editors, Kate Miller, Ethan Rutledge, and Curtis Rogers spent so much time reading and editing and reading and editing that by publication time they could quote large sections of the magazine from memory. Without them and the hours spent fundraising by publishers Cassidy Henry Pearson and Dillon Nichols, this magazine would not exist. The beautiful layout and design of Ex-Patt is the work of our talented design editor Emily Cedargren her contributions to the magazine will be impossible to replace. This magazine started as the vision of William Stroupe; without his dedication and support none of this would have been possible.

Last and certainly not least, we owe a debt of gratitude to the professors, in particular our advisor Dr. Stacy Closson, and the students of the Patterson School who pushed us to work harder and aim higher than we thought possible. Ex-Patt is as much theirs as it is ours.

Thank you and enjoy!

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