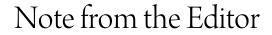


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Note from the Editor

I am proud to present you with this year's volume of the Denison Journal of Religion. As one of the few departments here with its own academic journal, the Religion department is lucky to have this platform to lift up and publish undergraduate student work. This year, I have selected a handful of essays that we feel stood out in their creativity, rhetorical persuasiveness and academic excellence in the subject of religion here at Denison. These essays represent a wide range of content, from the popularization and economics of the modern guru in Hinduism, to identity politics in American military recruitment, to liberation and feminist theology in the world at large. This year's edition features a particularly strong pool of essays, and I am disappointed not to have been able to include more submissions. Needless to say, this year's issue features a compilation of engaging, thoughtful and well-written essays. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

Many thanks to our faculty advisor, Dr. K. Christine Pae, and to our academic administrative assistant, Jodi Weibel, without whose support and encouragement the journal would not be possible.

With Regards, Eva Rosenthal '19, Senior Editor