

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, everyone!

Welcome to the first issue of Spectrum, McMaster's new English and Cultural Studies Magazine! As an inaugural issue, there is no precedent yet as to what this magazine will be, and what it will offer to the students of this school. That being said, this issue will not be a good example of the traditional going forward, given the current climate it is being released into.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone worldwide, and McMaster has certainly felt these ripples. The number of friends of mine who's last two academic years have been affected by this situation is significantly higher than those who's years have not. Many of us are struggling to find rent, let alone job opportunities, and all of us are struggling through the lack of social interaction created by this quarantine. Everyone is a little more nervous, a little more health conscious, and a whole lot more lonely.

To that end, we offer this issue as a stopgap to keep you connected to your community until you can see them in person again. Perhaps you will find a submission in here from an old friend that you have missed greatly, or perhaps this magazine will introduce you to a new voice and a new friend who you can seek out once all of this blows over. Perhaps it will just offer you a little peace of mind in these trying times.

Regardless of what it is, I hope you find something here. We could all use a little something or other right now.

So read on, Intrepid Scholar, and find what we have in store for you. Here's hoping it's what you need.

Sincerely yours,
Sean Dayes
Editor-in-Chief