

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It has been a pleasure serving as this year's editor of *New Views on Gender*, and it is my hope that readers will find inspiration in the educational, celebratory, and subverting power of the pieces selected in the pages to follow. Thank you to Craig Finlay and other members of the Student Publications Committee for their guidance throughout the editorial process, and to Dr. Andrea Rusnock for her counsel and support. Thanks to assistant editors Katelyn Firestein, Kayla Isenbletter, and Emily Richardson for their help evaluating creative submissions, and special thanks to Jessica Akey for her diligent work on the journal's cover and layout design.

- Mark Streeter

NOTE FROM COVER AND LAYOUT DESIGNER:

My name is Jessica Akey and I am a Sophomore in the Fine Arts Program with a concentration in Graphic Design. It is such an honor to be selected as the layout and cover designer for the 2019 edition of *New Views on Gender*. Utilizing the skills I have obtained so far in my time here at IUSB, I was eager to take on this project to challenge myself. This is a huge opportunity for me to build my resume and allow myself to explore and apply all that I have learned.

This could not have been done without Professor Barbara Mociulski's guidance throughout the process and encouragement to take this project on. I thank you endlessly for your continuous help and support. I would also like to thank Dr. Andrea Rusnock for recommending me to be the layout and cover designer. You have helped me find my voice and confidence throughout this process.

When brainstorming ideas for the cover, I knew that I wanted to keep it simple and abstract, but also include bright and energetic colors to bring attention to the journal. I believe the cover is a reflection of the amazing voices brought to life in these pages and also a symbolization of the current views on gender in society today.

As I worked on the layout and brought in these captivating stories and poems, I felt moved by each individual's experiences and unique perspectives. It is my privilege to combine your words together and help you share your voices as they should be heard. Congratulations to those who have contributed their art, words, time, and effort into making this journal happen!