

Dear reader,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your sincere interest in our journal. Our authors worked diligently to edit and improve their manuscripts for publication: from their inception during their tenures in undergraduate research, all the way to what is now being presented for your appreciation. Secondly, I would like to thank the authors themselves for their cooperation, patience, and eagerness while working with me during the editing and review process. I hope they take as much pride in the quality of their labors as we do in having the privilege to publish them for the public eye.

As the Editor-in-Chief of SOAR History, this publication has been a responsibility and privilege I have taken with the utmost respect for its purpose. Managing the journal alone I hope serves as a precedent for any other student who wishes to bear the torch that, even on their own, they can succeed – but of course, it is always better with those to carry it together. Though, I cannot take all the credit: Dr. Unangst's efforts cannot be understated in moving this forward, and hopefully an aspiring young student will come forward to work with him in carrying on the journal, and that they join sooner in their academic career than later, so they can relish in the honor and pleasure it has been to serve on the board.

I can only hope that my efforts with SOAR are but one chapter in a long and storied history that will find the day that our journal reaches not only those inquisitive minds of Oneonta, but those that dot all the greater SUNY network. We should strive now to tirelessly, and against any odds, impart the importance of our authors, our readers, and ourselves as a microcosm of that which is the mitosis of the greater academic organ. I can only hope that our mission here will resonate in the turnings of the university gears, and that our journal can and will continue to provide those brilliant minds the opportunity to be seen for their contributions to furthering our intellectual zeitgeist.

- Gabriel Smith  
Editor-in-Chief  
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