

## Editor's Introduction

It has been an honor to be a part of the Undergraduate Research Journal, particularly in its early years of life. I first want to thank Tabatha Farney for creating a space for students to immerse themselves in a student-run peer-review process. To engage in the research process at an undergraduate level has been an incredible learning experience as an editor and student.

As this is my first year as editor, I was astonished by the academic research being done by students at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. I want to thank every student who submitted articles for this issue. I strongly encourage submissions from every discourse for the future—the work students are doing as undergraduates is important. That being said, we are always looking for new reviewers, copy editors, and layout editors; for those of you who are interested in being part of this peer-review process, please contact us through the URJ website and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity as an undergraduate.

I want to thank my reviewers Katie Harrington, Kim Hoang, Sarah Hook, and Ethan Johannes for their hard work for this publication. I would also like to thank my copy editor Journey Roberts for her dedication and sharp eyes in cleaning up the articles in their final stages. Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to Sarah Costantino for her layout editing and jumping in as a reviewer in order to get this issue up and running. This journal could not have been published without all of your participation. I'm grateful I had the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group of people.

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Welcome to the seventh volume of the *Undergraduate Research Journal*. This issue's focus is on a variety of topics through different areas of research at UCCS, specifically sociology, geography, and rhetoric. The aim was to reveal undergraduate research across multiple disciplines.

The first article, "Incorporating Intersectionality into Intimate Partner Violence Research," is based on sociological research and explores existing myths surrounding intimate partner violence in forms of media. It emphasizes that myths need to be examined with an intersectional lens because it is crucial to relate intersections of privilege and oppression across multiple categories such as race, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship, and disability rather than from one, narrow category.

The following article, "Detection of Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus* fawning areas by fusing multiphenomenological data," is a study about using remote sensing to analyze mule deer fawning sites in order to eliminate potential harm caused by traditional field methods of

ecologically sensitive areas. The experiment utilized Landsat5 Thematic Mapper imagery, vegetation indices, and digital elevation models to explore the advantages and challenges of using remote sensing to assess habitats and fawning sites of mule deer.

The last article, “Dialectic of Consumerism: How *A Series of Unfortunate Events* Defies Itself,” is a rhetorical analysis of the first three books of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Daniel Handler that exposes how this seemingly subversive text indorses hegemonic ideology by upholding the myth that the upper-class lifestyle is normative and desirable, that happiness is found in materialism, and that poverty is evil and disgusting.

These three articles are from very different disciplines and represent quality research at UCCS; we want to encourage submissions from all kinds of research in the future. Contact us if you are interested in becoming a part of an upcoming *Undergraduate Research Journal*.

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