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Editor's Introduction

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Thank you for reading the Undergraduate Research Journal of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs! The URJ-UCCS provides a virtual community for students to publish their original work in a freely accessible medium. All content is produced, reviewed, and edited by undergraduate students.

We at the URJ-UCCS highly encourage students to submit written works of **all** sorts. **Any** discipline is welcomed to submit. We create a theme around the works that are sent to us, not the other way around. We would love to see pieces flooding in that offer new perspectives, a variety of different topics, and a distinguishing tone/voice. Give us something only you can offer! Because we are presenting research with a twist, we are publishing an array of different articles this semester.

We begin with a unique perspective by Taryn Miller in her article "How Shame Affects Writing". This article presents in the style of a research paper the discovery of the role shame plays in writing and offers solutions to moving through this shame.

Next, we present a section of historical considerations with three fascinating articles on different memorable moments and people of history. Emilee Shindel touches on Mennonites in between the years of Reconstruction and the early Civil Rights Movement in her piece, "Ministers of Reconciliation: The Mennonite Church in American Race Relations, 1890-1963." Caleb Noel in "William Blake's Newton and the Iconography of

Innovation” explores how William Blake’s *Newton* was framed in its innovative role. Our section then concludes with Zachary Roger’s article, “Richard III and the Woodville Faction: The Events Surrounding 1483,” focusing on the Usurpation of Richard III in 1483 and the events leading up to his displacement.

“If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree. ” — [Michael Crichton](#)

Our final section covers geography. We present not just any geography section because these two articles dig into specifics about exotic locations: The Caribbean and Mars. “A Review of Remote Sensing Utilization for Identifying and Monitoring Change of Land Cover within Coastal Ecosystems of the Caribbean” by Marena Ann Gilbert and “Understanding Mars’ Past Fluvial Geomorphology through Comparative Planetology” by Mary Studebaker-Reed.

A special thank you to all of the students involved in this process—to each writer who had the courage to submit, to the peer reviewers who spent time helping other students work on their writing, to the copy/layout editors who used their skills to make this publication possible. We could never publish the URJ-UCCS journal without you! A special thanks to Nicole Winter, Emily Hollenbeck, Corie Prophet, Nicole Olsen, Jennifer Flemming, Angela Martell, Victoria Roybal, Erin Halverson and Lauryn Dultz.

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We hope you enjoy Volume 9.1 of the URJ-UCCS. As we move forward with future issues of this journal, we wish to promote undergraduate research and writing from freshman to seniors from **all** disciplines.

Although the URJ-UCCS has been around since 2008, we have undergone some wonderful new changes with more to come each semester. Recently, we have achieved student organization status. We’ve had more submissions than the journal has ever seen

and we are only growing bigger. We would love to have more students involved in the behind-the-scenes of publishing.

Since we are always looking for new members of the team, if you are interested, please contact us at urj@uccs.edu.

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