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Contributor Biographies

Authors

Claire Andrews is a third-year Cellular and Molecular Biology major from Mount Vernon, Washington, and a University Honors student. She plans on earning a doctorate in biology and building a career in biomedical research. She is passionate about her goals of using science to improve healthcare and is excited to spend her life contributing to the collective knowledge of the scientific community. She is currently working on genetic research with viruses that infect algae, through the Seattle University Biology Department. Her research paper, “Women in the Mexican Revolution,” is reflective of her commitment to social justice. In her free time, Claire enjoys chess, volleyball, and dancing.

Alex Chapman graduated from Seattle University in 2021 from the Environmental Studies program. He is now finishing up his graduate degree in Environmental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. His career interests lie at the intersection of climate change, food systems, communication, and health. When Alex is not studying or working, he is playing music, traveling, and stuffing his face with good food.

Jordyn Correll is a third-year student at Seattle University majoring in Psychology and minoring in Ethics. Her paper, “Descartes’s Dualism and Its Influence on Our Medical System,” was inspired by her interest in bioethics and her own experience of the medical system as a person with a chronic illness.

Katherine (Katie) Howard graduated from Seattle University in 2021 with a BA in English with Departmental Honors and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She is currently working towards an MA in English Literature at Loyola Marymount University, where she also has a Teaching Fellowship. She developed her paper, “Female Saints and the Performance of Virginity in the Medieval Period” during the academic year of 2020-2021, after continually finding intense fascination with the Medieval period and its complicated presentation of women. She cites *SUURJ* as the location for her deepened appreciation for words, academic scholarship, and research.

Ruby Polani Ranoa is a fourth-year Environmental Science student with a minor in Biology, who is graduating in June 2022. Growing up in Kailua, Hawaii, and surrounded by beautiful landscapes and delicate ecosystems their entire life, they knew from a young age they must work to protect the land and the people. Currently, they are a program assistant at the Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability, working to further sustainability initiatives at an institutional level. Their major research experience includes the research in this journal volume

under Dr. Se-Yeun Lee, and two current projects: one focused on hydrology through beaver dams with implications for mitigating beaver dam-related flooding issues and fish passage, and another designing and testing capacitance sensors for obtaining remotely sensed water depth measurements. With all the research opportunities they have had at SU, Ruby aims to pursue a future career in environmental conservation and restoration in relation to hydrology.

Afrikaan Sahra is a Somali refugee who immigrated to the US five years ago. He currently lives in Seattle, WA, and is a senior student at Seattle University pursuing a Computer Science major and a Business minor. He is passionate about migration and immigrant/refugee affairs and has been actively advocating for the immigrant/refugee community in the Greater Seattle Area for the past five years.

Kelemua Tesfaye graduated from Seattle University with a BS in Applied Mathematics. They are deeply invested in mathematics education and research, as they believe it is a transformative tool for the liberation of oppressed peoples. As a tutor, TA, and teacher, they enjoy engaging students that are rarely included as contributors to the mathematics community and investigating problems they are curious about with them.

Adina Van Etten graduated from Seattle University in 2021 with a BA in History and Humanities for Teaching. Throughout college, they worked as an academic mentor with the Center for Community Engagement and were a member of the Seattle University Ethics Bowl Team. Adina's focus on Jewish history stems from a personal interest in their culture and family history. Their piece in this journal combines that interest with a lifelong fascination in the power of stories and a new love of historical theory. Since graduation, Adina has returned to their hometown of Thousand Oaks, CA where they work at their local library. They hope to apply for a PhD program in history and/or Jewish studies later this year. Eventually, they would like to become a professor themselves so that they can continue both their own research and their passion for teaching.

Brooke I. Wynalda (she/they) graduated from Seattle University in 2021 with a BS in Biology and minors in English and Philosophy. Studying parasitic helminths in an Invertebrate Zoology course inspired Brooke to investigate the unique relationship between parasitic worms and the human gut microbiome in their Senior Synthesis research, "Parasite Hospitality: How Parasitic Helminth Worms Help Researchers Prevent Type 1 Diabetes." While pursuing their undergraduate degree, Brooke participated in the Intellectual Traditions Honors Program and was a Bannan Scholar. In addition to their academic work, Brooke served as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ambassador for the College of Science and Engineering—

for which they were awarded the Building Bridges Award for Community Building and LGBTQ+ Activism. They also served as a Resident Assistant in the Kolvenbach Community, as a Competitive Sports Manager at University Recreation, and as an Ignatian Leader. Since graduating from Seattle University, Brooke has remained in the Biology Department as a National Science Foundation Research Fellow. Under the mentorship of Dr. Michael Zanis, they worked to understand the evolutionary and ecological impacts of inteins, selfish genetic elements found in viruses that infect algae. Brooke is passionate about synthesizing scientific research with advocacy and social change. This is Brooke's second publication in *SUURJ* after working on "Trees Take the Streets: Urban Tree Growth and Hazard Potential" with Amelia Serafin in Volume 5.

Student Editors

Nicole Beauvais is a third-year studying English and Communications, and was one member of the team editing "Esther, the Christian Queen of Persia: *Godly Queene Hester* (1529) and the Appropriation of Jewish Narratives on the Tudor Stage." Working on this paper has been instrumental in providing practical experience in the English field, encouraging Nicole to pursue editing in the future. Outside of *SUURJ*, Nicole spends time working on creative projects and writing research essays, and hopes that readers enjoy Volume 6 of the journal.

Brigid Conroy is a third-year student at Seattle University. She is majoring in Political Science with a specialization in Legal Studies and a minor in History. She had the pleasure of editing Kelemua Tesfaye's article, "Black Maternal Mortality in the US." During her work with the *SUURJ* Vol. 6 team, Brigid has gained crucial skills she will continue to utilize throughout her future education and career.

Joanna Labot Corpuz is a fourth-year Psychology student graduating in June 2022. She had the privilege of serving as a copy editor for Ruby Ranoa's article, "Future Peak Streamflow Analytics for the Skagit River." Joanna's love of research brought her to *SUURJ*, and she hopes that followers of the journal enjoy this year's selection! She would like to extend her thanks to the *SUURJ* team and Ruby for their collaboration and guidance. She is humbled to be included among such talented and hardworking individuals, and hopes to use the skills she's gained from this experience in future endeavors. Currently, Joanna also serves as a Research Assistant for Dr. Bollich-Ziegler's Seattle University Personality Psychology (SUPP) Lab and Dr. Mauseth's Behavioral Strike Support Group (BSSG) within the Washington state Department of Health, working on social psychology and public behavioral health research. Inspired by the research opportunities she has had at SU, Joanna aspires to further apply this knowledge in

K-12 schools. After graduation, she hopes to pursue work in the classroom to gain experience for future grad school applications.

Melat Ermyas is a third-year English Literature major and Writing Studies minor. She edited Adina's Van Etten's manuscript, "Esther, the Christian Queen of Persia: *Godly Queene Hester* (1529) and the Appropriation of Jewish Narratives on the Tudor Stage" along with fellow student editor Nicole Beauvais. She is looking forward to an editorial internship with Sasquatch Books this summer. She is planning on graduating in 2023 and pursuing a career in the publishing industry.

Lily Kamālamalama is a fourth-year English Creative Writing student with a French minor at Seattle University. She hails from Ko'olaupoko on the island of O'ahu, Hawai'i. This year, Lily served as a student copyeditor for Afrikaan Sahra's paper "Climate Refugees Are Refugees and Deserve UN Recognition." She has enjoyed working in this position and the invaluable experience of learning from the *SUURJ* team, her student author, Afrikaan, and her professors, Hannah Tracy and Tara Roth. Outside of *SUURJ*, Lily spends her time working at her various jobs including at Lemieux Library as a peer research consult. Moving forward it is Lily's plan to return home with the knowledge she has collected at Seattle University to pursue a master's degree in Hawaiian Literature.

Jack Kuyper is a fourth-year Strategic Communication major with a minor in English who worked with Sareena Toothaker to edit Katie Howard's paper, "Female Saints and the Performance of Virginity in the Medieval Period." Jack has plenty of experience writing and editing between his various SEO and writing jobs, managing www.fattystrap.com, and his extensive English studies. Looking forward, Jack wants to enter the music business either in management, marketing, A&R, or a PR position.

Stephen Leach is a senior English Literature major from Seattle, Washington. This year, he served as the copy editor for Alex Chapman's piece, "The Influence of Social Capital on Drought-Caused Climate Change: Low-Income Farmer Adaptation." When he is not meticulously copyediting texts, Stephen enjoys creative writing, music, and spending time in the mountains. He hopes to take his experience with *SUURJ* into a future career in education.

Lainey Ragsdale is a fourth-year student at Seattle University from Seattle, Washington. She is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Writing Studies and plans to graduate in June 2022. Lainey is the editor of Claire Andrew's essay "Feminism and the Mexican Revolution." After

graduation she plans to explore working in different fields of psychology before pursuing her higher education and getting her master's. Her involvement with *SUURJ* the past academic year has provided Lainey with skills and experiences that created a unique and fruitful learning experience that she will carry throughout her future.

Lee Sasaki is a fourth-year Biology major with minors in Chemistry and Writing Studies. He served as the editor for Brooke I. Wynalda's paper, "Parasite Hospitality: How Parasitic Helminth Worms Help Researchers Prevent Type 1 Diabetes." After graduating in June 2022, he plans to apply for medical schools to pursue a career in medicine. Aside from his work with *SUURJ*, Lee conducts microbiology research with Dr. Smith and COVID-19 data analysis research with Dr. Luckey in Seattle University's Biology Department.

Sareena Toothaker will be graduating in the 2022 Spring Quarter with a BA in English and Creative Writing. She's a post-bac student who previously graduated from the University of Maine before moving out to Seattle to work with Habitat for Humanity as an AmeriCorps member. She served as one of two student editors for *SUURJ*'s article "Female Virgin Saints and the Performance of Chastity in the Medieval Period." Sareena is passionate about the written word and hopes to use the skills she gained in *SUURJ* to become a professional editor.

Edward Voloshin is a third-year student at Seattle University majoring in Philosophy and English. He served as the student editor for Jordyn Correll's paper "Descartes' Dualism and Its Influence on Our Medical System." He recently presented at the Northwest Undergraduate Conference on Literature (NUCL) at the University of Portland, and plans to pursue an undergraduate thesis in both majors next year.

Faculty Content Editors

Nathan Colaner, MBA, PhD, is a Senior Instructor in the Department of Management and the Program Director of Business Analytics. His research is on the ethical issues created by analytics and artificial intelligence, with a focus on how those technologies are impacting business and society. He is also the Director of the Initiative for Ethics and Transformative Technologies.

Lyn Gualtieri, PhD, is the Director of the Environmental Science Program. She teaches courses in geology, arctic environments, natural hazards, and field methods. She has published research papers on the glacial and sea level history of the Bering Strait region as well as the extent of glaciation in arctic and alpine areas. She served as faculty content editor for Ruby Ranoa's research paper.

Brett Kaiser, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Biology and has been at Seattle University since 2012. He earned a BS in Biochemistry from UC Davis, his PhD in Cancer Biology from Stanford University, and trained as a post-doc at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle. He uses biochemical and biophysical approaches to address protein function. His current research aims to understand the molecular mechanisms by which bacteria fend off viruses (phages).

Kate Koppelman, PhD, is an Associate Professor and currently Acting Chair in the English Department. She has taught at Seattle University for the last 16 years. Her areas of specialty are medieval and early English literature and culture and she teaches courses in Chaucer, medieval marvels, medieval gender and masculinity, as well as regularly teaching Encountering British Literature and classes in the University Core. Her scholarly writing has included essays on medieval miracles of the Virgin Mary, the Old English Judith, and various of Chaucer's texts. She enjoys reading all manner of detective fiction and tracking down cat gifs.

Marc McLeod, PhD, is an associate professor of History. He teaches courses on a range of topics, including Human Rights in Latin America, Workshop in World History, History of the Caribbean, History of Cuba, History of Mexico, and Revolution in Latin America. His research explores the social and cultural history of the modern Caribbean with a particular emphasis on the experiences of Haitian and British West Indian immigrants in pre-revolutionary Cuba. He has published articles in the *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Caribbean History*, *Caribbean Studies*, *Agricultural History*, and *The Americas*, and served as contributing editor for Cuba for the three-volume Caribbean series of *The Marcus Garvey and Universal Negro Improvement Association Papers* (Duke University Press). He served as faculty content editor for Claire Andrews' paper in this volume.

Allison Machlis Meyer, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the English department, where she specializes in early modern literature. She teaches courses on early modern drama, including Shakespeare, as well as Honors seminars on early modern, medieval, and classical literature. Her research areas include gender, politics, and queenship in historical narratives and history plays, contemporary all-female and nonbinary performances of Shakespeare, and the construction of religious difference in early modern textual compilations. She is the author of *Telltale Women: Chronicling Gender in Early Modern Historiography* (University of Nebraska Press, 2021). She served as the faculty content editor for Adina Van Etten's paper.

Janice Moskalik, PhD, is a senior instructor in the Philosophy Department and also teaches for Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies. She teaches courses on issues in education, ethics (including ethics in health care), and courses that explore philosophical questions about

personhood and recognition. Dr. Moskalik's research interests include responsibility practices and moral emotions, philosophy of law, and philosophy in education. She is currently the faculty advisor for SU's Undergraduate Philosophy Club, and served as a faculty content editor for *SUURJ*.

Elise Murowhick, PhD, is a Lecturer of Psychology. She is trained in Human Development and Family Studies and teaches Statistics and Research Methods and Growth and Development. Her research interests include examining child and adolescent development as well as measuring learning. She served as faculty content editor for Kelemua Tesfaye's work.

Jason M. Wirth, PhD, is a professor of philosophy at Seattle University and works and teaches in the areas of Continental Philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy, Aesthetics, and Environmental Philosophy. His recent books include *Nietzsche and Other Buddhas: Philosophy after Comparative Philosophy* (Indiana 2019), *Mountains, Rivers, and the Great Earth: Reading Gary Snyder and Dōgen in an Age of Ecological Crisis* (SUNY 2017), a monograph on Milan Kundera (*Commiserating with Devastated Things*, Fordham 2016), and *Schelling's Practice of the Wild* (SUNY 2015).

Faculty Advisory Board

Marc A. Cohen, PhD, is a professor with a shared appointment in the Department of Management and the Department of Philosophy. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania and, prior to joining Seattle University, worked in the banking and management consulting industries. His research concerns trust, moral psychology, management theory, and questions in social and political philosophy about what makes society more than an accidental crowd.

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Felipe Murtinho, PhD, is an Associate Professor and Director of the International Studies program. He has an associate appointment with the Institute of Public Service and the Environmental Studies Program at Seattle University. He completed his PhD in Geography (human-environment relations) from University of California Santa Barbara. He holds an MA in Environmental Economics and a BA in Economics, both from Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia. His research seeks to better understand how rural communities in Latin America impact their environment and how they respond to changes in the natural resource systems that they depend on for their livelihoods. His current research examines the extent to which payments for ecosystem services prompts conservation behavior and communal resource management arrangements that endure, even when payments stop. He also served as Alex Chapman's faculty content editor.

Andrea M. Verdan, PhD, is a senior instructor in the Department of Chemistry. After receiving her BA in Chemistry and BAH in Humanities from Seattle University, she traveled to Barcelona, Spain and worked as an English language instructor, where she discovered her passion for teaching. Returning stateside to unite her love of teaching and fascination with chemistry, Andrea completed her doctorate at Clemson University, with a research focus in chemistry education. Her scholarly interests include the philosophy of science and understanding professional identity development for those within and on the trajectory of science and engineering careers.

Chief Faculty Editors

Tara Roth, MA, is a Senior Instructor in English. Her background is in rhetoric and composition, and she teaches a number of academic writing and creative writing courses in the Core. Outside of academia, she has written and published a variety of musical projects, is a former Jack Straw writer, and recently co-authored the memoir *Throw it in the Sea* about the life of U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan. She served as a chief faculty editor for *SUURJ* Volume 4 and is excited to return for Volume 6 with this amazing team of student authors and editors.

Hannah Tracy, PhD, is a Senior Instructor in English. She teaches literature and composition courses, specializing in nineteenth- and twentieth-century British and American literatures, as well as political rhetoric and news media analysis. She feels grateful to be working on *SUURJ* again this year with her friend and co-editor Tara Roth, outstanding faculty colleagues from across the university, and a brilliant and hardworking team of student editors to produce an exciting and inspiring new volume of *SUURJ*.

Journal Design

Caleb Hou graduated from Seattle University in 2014 with a BA in Digital Design and has been designing for *SUURJ* since 2018. He currently works as a Senior Designer for Disney. His work focuses on the digital app experiences for Disney Cruise Lines, Disneyland, Disney World, and the Aulani resort in Oahu, Hawaii. In his spare time Caleb enjoys freelancing for local businesses, designing and making costumes, and collaborating on art projects with his wife and former *SUURJ* editor, Jane Kidder.

Administrative Support

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