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Welcome to *SUURJ*

Welcome to Volume 8 of the *Seattle University Undergraduate Research Journal (SUURJ)*. As the largest student editorial team in *SUURJ*'s history, we are thrilled to continue *SUURJ*'s legacy of highlighting exemplary undergraduate research. We are honored to have worked alongside student authors, faculty content editors, and faculty mentors to create a publication exploring a wide variety of disciplines. We are grateful to our campus partners who support our work on this journal.

This year's volume covers a plethora of topics, including unique barriers to care faced by Latino men with HIV or AIDS in Seattle, menstrual stigma found in horror films, and a policy proposal and analysis that addresses juvenile isolation. Some papers in this volume highlight the conservation, restoration, and vitality of the environment. Others push the boundaries of their disciplines to consider new and diverging ideas, such as the duty of conventional medicine to better serve marginalized communities by collaborating with Latine and Indigenous medicinal practices, or how queer theory helps us prepare for the grim effects of climate change on people from the Global South.

In the spirit of greater student involvement, we ran a photo contest for the cover image of this year's volume. All students were welcome to submit pictures they had taken around campus, from which our editorial team then selected the final photo. We as editors really wanted each part of the journal to showcase student work.

With Gratitude,

The *SUURJ* Volume 8 Student Editorial Team