

## **PREFACE**

We are pleased to present the first edition of *Arizona Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*.

As undergraduate students at the University of Arizona, we have become increasingly aware of Arizona's unique place in the political landscape of the nation. Creating this journal has been an opportunity to explore the history of Arizona and the borderlands in an interdisciplinary fashion. We chose these themes to explore in our inaugural issue due to their importance in our Centennial year.

In keeping with the University of Arizona's mission as a public research university this journal will continue to serve as a forum for innovative scholarship and research on the region. As the University of Arizona's only undergraduate interdisciplinary journal, we hope to provide a lasting medium for scholars who research beyond the boundaries of their field of study.

We would like to thank the many people who helped make the journal a reality. First, thank you to all of our wonderful contributors. Your outstanding scholarship has made working on the publication a fascinating and enlightening endeavor. Second, thank you to Confluentcenter for Creative Inquiry and University of Arizona Office of Student Affairs for your continued support and guidance.

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