

Preface:

The editors of the *Arizona Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* are pleased to present the journal's fourth annual issue. We were privileged to select from a range of interesting submissions that reflect the creative interdisciplinary research today's students in higher education are pursuing. The articles in this issue explore important questions about the experience and identity of immigrants, the intersections between sport and race and gender, and the literary contestation of ideas about mental health.

Many members of the University of Arizona community contributed once again to the production and publication of the journal's annual issue, and the editors appreciate all the assistance and advice we have received. Many thanks to our contributors for sharing their excellent scholarly work with us. We are also grateful for the continued sponsorship of the Confluentcenter for Creative Inquiry and the Office of Student Affairs whose support makes the journal possible. Special recognition goes to Dr. Javier Duran, Lesa Langan-DuBerry, and Jamie Manser at the Confluentcenter and to Dr. Melissa Vito at the Office of Student Affairs for ensuring we had the administrative and financial resources needed to turn out another outstanding issue of this forum for showcasing outstanding interdisciplinary scholarship by students.

Sincerely,

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