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Introduction

When'er I wander, at the fall of night,

Where woven boughs shut out the moon's bright ray,

Should sad Despondency my musings fright,

And frown, to drive fair Cheerfulness away,

Peep with the moon-beams through the leafy roof,

And keep that fiend Despondence far aloof.

(from John Keats "To Hope" lines 7-12)

"A noble purpose inspires sacrifice, stimulates innovation, and encourages perseverance." – Gary Hamel

When reflecting on this past year, the one word that really comes to mind is “Wow.”

The second is “perseverance.” The third, “renewal.”

These three words together describe what felt like a roller coaster of a journey the *Anthós* editors shared this year.

We started the year a little late, with a new faculty advisor and no editorial board. It took half a term just to recruit and interview potential new editors to join myself and our managing editor, Sam, to rebuild *Anthós* and publish a journal at time when it seemed best for us to abandon it. We were lucky to find the editors we did, and at this time I would like to thank them all by name. Patrick, Dmitriy, Jovian, Julian, and Kahae, you each brought your determination, creativity, and sense of humor to create a team that would prove to be just what *Anthós* needed to overcome the challenges of a busy year. Perhaps most importantly, you demonstrated just what it meant to persevere at a time when it felt as if our busy schedules and heavy workloads would be too much for us to handle. But you were all brilliant, and we did it. Despite the many setbacks we endured, we never lost sight of our mission, to publish outstanding undergraduate work. I am so happy and honored to present to you volume VIII of *Anthós*, featuring seven of Portland State University’s finest academic scholarship of the year.

However, our success would not have been possible without the guidance we received from Cornelia Coleman, our new faculty

advisor. Thank you so much for your patience and assistance this year. Thank you for believing in us and never giving up on us.

Welcome readers, to the product of our perseverance. We hope you enjoy and learn as much from these papers as we did publishing them.

Best

Nina Lee

Editor in Chief 2015-16