

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

I am proud to present the 12th issue of the student journal of the Philosophy, Politics and Economics Program at Penn. As in past years, SPICE features some of the best undergraduate work that the PPE Program has to offer. PPE students are encouraged to build upon the core foundations of the major and choose one of five themes to focus on including: choice and behavior, ethics and the professions, distributive justice, public policy and governance, and globalization. Each student has the opportunity to construct his or her own narrative, that is a reflection of his or her specific interests. No two students will follow exactly the same path, which is what makes PPE majors so unique. This year's version of SPICE sheds light on this diversity of interests.

Each of the articles takes an interdisciplinary approach that looks at topics that range from altruistic behavior to the cultural implications of advertising to reproductive issues to the legalization of marijuana. Beyond the authors' scholarly discussions, it is interesting to consider the broader implications that these articles have in our current political climate. As a whole, this edition of SPICE sets the stage for what could be incredibly interesting debates. I encourage readers to take the ideas that these articles present and delve deeper into each of these fascinating topics.

I would like to thank the writers of each of the articles for submitting such high quality work. It is passionate students like these that allow the PPE department to be so successful. I would like to thank my fellow editors for their hard work in selecting and editing each of the articles. It has truly been a pleasure to work with each and every one of them. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Dr. Doug Paletta for his dedication to SPICE and to the PPE major. In the short time that he has served as the advisor of PPE, he has truly transformed the major. His advice and encouragement help students navigate the major and realize their passions, which makes for an extremely rewarding college experience.

To the students, parents, faculty, alumni and friends of the PPE Program at Penn, thank you for taking the time to read our journal. The Editorial Board and I hope that you enjoy this year's issue.

Sincerely,

Casey Lipton  
Editor-In-Chief