
A letter from the editors

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the inaugural issue of the student journal of the Philosophy, Politics and Economics Program at Penn.

What differentiates our journal, and the Philosophy, Politics & Economics major from other courses of study, is our dedication to interdisciplinary academics. We believe the name *SPICE: Student Perspectives on Institutions, Choices & Ethics* reflects this desire to approach traditional questions of the social sciences in an integrated way that combines institutional and analytical approaches. For this reason, we feel it is important that we welcome submissions from *all* undergraduates: bringing together ideas from not only philosophy, political science, and economics, but also sociology, biology, psychology, game theory and other disciplines that can add valuable perspectives and insights to the age old question of how society should be structured and why.

This has been a labor of love, and we are grateful to the faculty, staff and especially students who have helped us finally produce this issue, after several years of anticipation and false starts. We are particularly grateful to Professor Sumantra Sen for his encouragement, support and suggestion of the name for this journal. At the very heart of the process, however, are the students. Sophomores, juniors and seniors have volunteered to create this journal for their peers and this publication is a product of their hard work from the initial stages of the editing process to the final stages of layout. We want to thank everyone involved for the hours of work and dedication. We have enjoyed working with and getting to know all of the staff members and are excited about this year's issue as well as the many issues to come.

Sincerely,

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