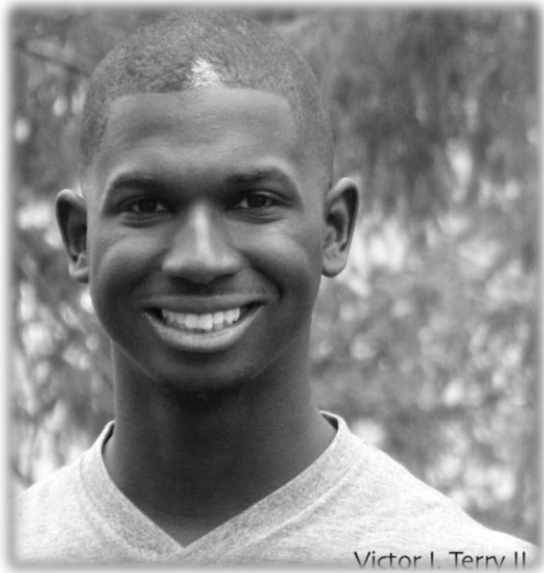


# Letter from the Editor

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Dear Readers:

Since coming on board as the Black Studies Graduate Assistant I have worked to ensure that the various voices within the African Diaspora are heard. Watching Dr. Julia Jordan-Zachery's commitment to the liberation of Black and Brown people inspired me to not only work on publishing a Black Studies Newsletter but to push myself to center the voices of people whose histories are too commonly disregarded and overlooked. Thus, the Heritage Journal was created. Through this publication the various authors explore the untold stories and inconvenient histories of Black and Brown people.

The brave authors have truly bled their hearts into their beautiful essays. I thank them for their bravery. Dr. Jordan-Zachery, who has dedicated more hours than Providence College could ever compensate her for, I thank her for her unrelenting commitment to her students, community and laboratory education. Lastly, I thank you for venturing onto this journey of discovery, reliance, and empowerment.

Best regards,

Victor Terry