

Letter from the Editor

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Dear Reader,

It has been an honor to serve the Black Studies Program during its 25th anniversary, in the historic midst of a global pandemic and Black Lives Matter protests. I am inspired by Dr. Zophia Edwards' unremitting commitment to centering the voices of Black people, whose narratives are often silenced and disregarded.

Our theme for this year encapsulates the ongoing Black Lives Matter protests and the 2015 Student Demands, which, to this day, have not been wholly met. Thank you for joining us on this journey of Remembrance, Resistance, and Revolution. I thank the authors who submitted pieces to this edition for their power, eloquence, and prevalence.

Finally, I commend the Black, brown, and other marginalized students and faculty at Providence College for their tireless anti-racism work to make this campus safe for us all. One day, PC will pay us for speaking at their community conversations about inclusivity and equity, and security alerts will be carefully considered before being distributed. Inshallah one day PC will stop exploiting our emotional labor and be the beloved community it claims to be. Thank you to those who came before me, and for those who are continuing the fight for justice and equity.

Yours in the struggle,
Hanna Awwad