

Letter from the Editor

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Dear Reader,

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, joy, and timeliness. It has been an honor to serve as the Graduate Assistant for the Black Studies Program during its 25th anniversary. Our continued theme for this year encapsulates the ongoing Black Lives Matter protests and continued fight for liberation against police brutality, anti-Blackness, and systemic racism. Thank you for joining us on this journey of Remembrance, Resistance, and Revolution.

In August, I began the M.Ed. Urban Teaching and combined Teacher Certification Program at Providence College. I quickly and unsurprisingly immediately witnessed, experienced, and heard of the issues on campus. The Anti-Blackness, classism, islamophobia, and racism is so deeply embedded in this

“beloved” community; it seeps into the textbooks, it’s in the articles I must read for class, and it comes out of the mouths of some of my professors and classmates on a weekly basis.

As we enter this new season that is symbolic of new life, as we begin to reunite with our vaccinated loved ones, and as you interact with the submissions in this edition, I urge you to confront the systems around you that attempt to rationalize colonization, manipulation, and racism. Thank you to those who came before me, and for those who are continuing the fight for justice and equity.

Yours in the struggle,
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