Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Editor's Introduction

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Here it is! The 2023 publication of the *Morningside Review*. The edits, the research, the opinions, are all ready to be shared. In this year's publication, the *Morningside Review* team wanted to put our efforts into creating a collection to represent the disciplines of Morningside University. We were able to successfully bring 4 of these 6 disciplines to publication and want to thank those authors for their submissions and sharing their pieces with us. I am beyond thrilled to share the wonderful work of all of our authors, editors, communications and tech team, and advisors.

This edition of the *Morningside Review* was published by a skilled team gathered in a class called Editing and Publishing led by Dr. David Elder. We were told that we would be creating the 2023 volume of the *Morningside Review* and we all burst out with ideas. After settling into our teams, we got started on the process of creating this publication that we can all safely say we are extremely proud of. Morningside's #ExperienceMatters attitude was a constant reminder to my role as Editor in Chief, learning how to succeed through simply doing.

There are many thanks to give out, but I would like to start by thanking our faculty advisor, Dr. David Elder, for his calm guidance and reassuring attitude throughout the process that "you're doing great!" The wisdom from his experience in the publishing world and as a mentor has become a staple in all of our work ethic.

Next I would like to give a special thanks to all of the editors: Sami Giesen, Destinee Martin, Danielle Thompson, Matti Evenson, and Josh Bern. You all have been such great minds to both critique and support these pieces. Your hours of reading (and rereading) are greatly appreciated and crucial to our group's sanity and the success of this publication. Thank you all for your efforts and dedication.

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Lastly, I want to thank our communications and tech team: Saline Osborn, Maren Ewertz, Rowen Richards, and Sarah Brown. Your seamless integration of technology and effective communication strategies were a huge contribution to the success of

our publication. Thank you for the posters, the planning, the styling, and so much more, that allowed our 2023 publication of the *Morningside Review* to be successful.

As we hand off the editorial reins, the *Morningside Review* is always able to improve and grow. Take this opportunity to share your academic insights and intellect while you can. I encourage you to keep contributing, challenging, and above all, stay academic.