

Letter from the Editors

The fourth volume of *The Measure* has provided us with many opportunities for growth as we worked to produce an issue under the uncertain situation that COVID-19 has given us. Working remotely with the authors and the faculty review board has proven to be less taxing than anticipated. We have missed our face-to-face editing sessions and the interesting conversations that stem from reviewing and discussing the articles together in the same space. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our faculty board for their continued support and dedication to our students, and to our faculty sponsors who worked independently with their students to help make this volume a reality.

With this issue, we say goodbye to our founding dean, Dr. Abbey Zink, whose vision for undergraduate research allowed us to launch what for many students has become not only a source of pride, but a tangible factor in moving toward their career goals. During Dr. Zink's six years at SHSU, she touched the lives of many undergraduates and, as this publication continues, her support will always be felt. We wish Dr. Zink all the best as she takes her talents to change the lives of students elsewhere. Interim Dean Glenn Sanford has continued to support and champion undergraduates and the opportunity for their academic growth and achievement that this journal provides.

This is a historic time we are living in, and as such, the articles we present represent ongoing legacies and address current events. Several students turned inward in their research and wrote about their home communities. Jesus Ayala-Candia returned to his native borderlands to provide a more personal narrative of people's lives among the Juárez-El Paso border during the immigration crisis. Tonia Cansler-Meredith traced her roots to Beloit, Wisconsin, as she researched individual lives during The Great Migration.

As seen in the following articles, presented in alphabetical order, students are drawn to researching various forms of justice, both legal and historic. Jackson Bittick's research examines the social injustice present in our prison system and proposes restorative justice measures as a solution. Lauren Huckaby's article focuses on the historical injustices the Sioux

tribe, particularly the Lakota and Oglala, faced in the nineteenth century, the repercussions of which are still felt today. Victoria Smith's discussion of the Texas Rangers and their historical significance shows us how historical injustices are addressed and have led to a more refined and respected group.

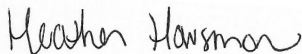
Once more, we find students focusing on the World Wars and their consequences. For Benjamin Howard, a look at World War II propaganda from two different viewpoints provides insight into a complicated subject. With regards to World War I, Colt Ricks offers a unique perspective on the ideology that followed the Americans in their support of earlier French initiatives.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *The Measure*. We will likely be awaiting a solution to our current pandemic for some time. However, given the insights our authors have provided, we can conclude that this moment will also present historical significance for future generations to study.

Sincerely,



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