

***“Be mindful that the disposition to seek the truth is safer than one that claims to know the unknown. Let us search in ways to make discoveries, and discover in ways to keep on searching.”***

St. Augustine, *De Trinitate*, IX, 1,1

It is hard to imagine that *Veritas: Villanova Research Journal* is now a half-decade young. Since its inception in 2019, the University’s first peer-reviewed undergraduate research publication has promulgated 44 research articles and reports across 26 fields, many of them spanning multiple disciplines.

Animating topics in this year’s issue include diaspora and community-building, restorative justice interventions, and rights discourse. They also address the (non)disclosure of patient diagnoses, ethics of Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT), and (under) representation in undergraduate syllabi. We stand in awe of our authors’ sophisticated scholarly interventions as well as their resolve to leave no stone unturned in the pursuit, assessment, and dissemination of knowledge.

The fifth issue of *VVRJ* honors the trailblazing work of Villanova’s undergraduate researchers and their unwavering commitment to building a just world. We express our deepest admiration for these fine scholars and their extraordinary faculty mentors.

Sincerely,

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