

Editors' Introduction

In the fifth volume of *Royal Road*, professors, student editors, and authors came together to develop a riveting issue featuring manuscripts from the 2019-2020 academic year. Following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, faculty and students adjusted to the new regulations in place at The University of Tampa to share this research and scholarly material. This issue focuses on multiple themes, including global business practices, social issues, and national and local identity. Our authors dwelled in their subject matter to present their extensive research and showcase the complexities of the world around us. Each of the authors worked hard and in close communication with the student editors to refine their manuscripts and share their findings with you. Every author and editor remained dedicated to the publication process in hopes to present the best possible volume of *Royal Road*, which we believe we have done.

In addition to adjusting with changing COVID-19 restrictions, *Royal Road* faculty brought in new student editors to have a more prominent role in the publication process. While the process for constructing *Royal Road* remains largely the same, our experiences as student editors have made it new. We, as student editors, corresponded closely with authors to provide a polished version of their outstanding work. We met regularly with one another as well as with Dr. Reamer, copyedited all accepted essays, and worked together to organize the digital layout of this issue. We also balanced our academic responsibilities with our important work on this issue of *Royal Road*. After this enriching process, we have gained first-hand experience working through the publication process, which has resulted in this impressive volume of *Royal Road*. We are confident that this volume of *Royal Road* will deepen your understanding of the subject material and contribute useful information to each respective research field.

This volume of *Royal Road* presents a variety of themes that speak to the ever-changing world around us. All the work

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showcased in this volume is the result of an abundance of hard work done by faculty, student editors, and authors at The University of Tampa. We, as student editors, are thankful for this experience as it allowed us to become better editors. We want to thank Dr. Reamer for working so closely with us and guiding us through this entire process. We also want to thank the editorial board for selecting the manuscripts and giving us the opportunity to work on this volume of *Royal Road*. We are excited to present this issue to you and hope it enlightens you.

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