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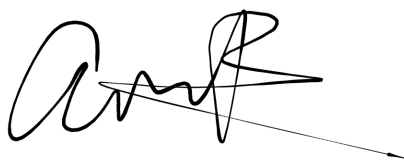
In the naming of our first-ever themed issue, we had a few titles in the running, most ranging from cheeky to flippant. Throughout the editorial process, we referred to the issue as *Sex on the Brain*, which we felt was descriptive but didn't quite match the tone we were going for. Ultimately, we decided on *The Sex and Sexuality Issue*: precise, informative, and unsexy. But maybe that's the point: to some, this project might seem like an excuse for a group of college students to talk about a taboo subject, but the topics that we tackle in this issue are palpable. We want meaningful, science-based answers and solutions. Sex and sexuality don't take up the entirety of our lives, but they do take up a part and they have the capacity to affect us emotionally, mentally, physically, and socially. This issue honors that part: the good, the bad, the ugly, the complex, and the surprising, all through the lens of social science.

If you've been alive in the 21st century, then you've probably heard about how sex and technology intersect. Read Katharine Davidson's "Love on the Telephone: Sexting and Intimacy in Committed Couple Relationships," where she explores the potential benefits and harms of sexting. For a good read on the many components and layers of female sexuality, read Matysen Evensen's "Sociocultural Factors of Female Sexual Desire and Sexual Satisfaction." Sex is not always a joyful topic, as is the case in Rebekah Leavitt-Hatch's "Unintentional Cost of a Free Public Sex-Offender Registry," where she analyzes whether making sex-offender data available to the public does more harm than good. And for the future therapists out there, read Keith Burns' "The Etiology of MDD is Sexual Minority Youth and Its Implications for Treatment," where he calls on mental health

practitioners to use a more relationship-focused approach when working with LGBTQ+ individuals with depression.

I cannot say enough to thank all of those who poured their time into this issue. I am grateful to student authors and editors for their steadfastness; the journal's faculty advisors for their support and expertise; and for the countless faculty reviewers who help us publish high-quality manuscripts every year. This issue required not only the expertise of a select group of psychology faculty, but also that of faculty from sociology, social work, and nursing. I thank the latter group for stretching beyond their own colleges and departments to aid our extracurricular endeavor. Finally, I'd like to thank current editor-in-chief Bryn Gale, whose leadership has been fierce and unwavering, and former editor-in-chief Bradley Talbot, who helped the idea for a sex-themed issue blossom.

Keep learning and always cite your sources,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anessa Pennington', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Anessa Pennington**

Senior Editor

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