

Authors' Biographies

Tabitha Andrews '24

"RESILIENCE AND RESISTANCE"

Tabitha is a Senior from St. Louis, Missouri. She is currently studying History and Sociology-Anthropology. Tabitha's senior project was done in the hopes to bring light to a story not often told in our education system: The experiences of Jews in Italy. She submitted to Inter-Text to better share that story. Tabitha has a deep love for History and is currently employed as a Field Archaeologist in Collinsville, Illinois. In her free time, she enjoys painting, playing pool, hanging out with friends, reading, writing, and hiking. Tabitha also volunteers regularly at Cahokia Mounds as a tour guide.

Anna Blazkova '25

"URBAN MEGAPROJECTS"

Anna is a Junior from Jablonec nad Nisou, Czech Republic. They are currently studying Communication and Area Studies. Anna wanted to showcase their work on a topic that consumed five months of their life. They are a programming director for WMXM. In their free time, Anna enjoys film photography, hiking, discovering new music, long walks in the middle of the night, and knitting.

Astrid Castro '26

"KOREAN EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEMES"

Astrid is a Sophomore from El Salvador. She is currently studying Economics. Astrid submitted her article to Inter-Text because she believes in fostering dialogue and exploration at the intersection of environmental economics and social sciences. Astrid is eager to contribute to scholarly discourse while sharing insights gained from her dedicated research efforts. She enjoys cultural nights, learning languages, and spending time with friends. Her involvement in *Collage Magazine* and UNICEF at Lake Forest College reflects these passions, providing opportunities to celebrate diversity, engage in language learning, and contribute to meaningful global initiatives.

Riley Groark '24

"RENAISSANCE WOMEN"

Riley is a Senior from Hickory Hills, Illinois. She is currently studying History. Riley thought that it was a really wonderful opportunity to have her work published, especially for a paper that she was proud of and enjoyed writing. She is a part of the executive board of the Gaming Club on campus and is involved with the archaeology projects and classes on campus.

Kathia Perez-Enriquez '24

"PLYLER V. DOE"

Kathia is a Senior from Waukegan, Illinois. She is currently studying Sociology-Anthropology and History. She was encouraged by Dr. Cristina Groeger to submit some of her works from previous courses. As an undocumented student herself, she also wanted to submit her work to shed light on the experiences many undocumented students in higher education face today. Kathia is currently completing an internship with the History Center of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff where she has been completing archival research for their upcoming Modern in the Midcentury exhibit. She is interested in archival studies and cultural heritage collections. Kathia plans on pursuing a masters in Library and Information Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign this upcoming fall.

Davis Rowe '25

"IT'S NOT SELFISH TO BE HAPPY"

Davis is a Junior. He is majoring in History and Philosophy. Davis submitted a piece because he had the power to submit to *Inter-Text*. He has thrown himself headfirst into his two majors, spending much of his time trying to get as much out of his classes as they can. But outside of that, Davis helps run the philosophy club, and he is on the exec board of the WMXM radio station. He plays in two separate bands on campus.

Muhammad Sheikh '25

"ISRAELI DISPLACEMENT POLICIES"

Muhammad is a Junior from Skokie, Illinois. He is currently studying Neuroscience. Muhammad believes it's crucial to understand the suffering occurring globally and the context in which it unfolds, yet these aspects are unfortunately ignored by mainstream media. His ultimate goal was to raise awareness of the issues Western media tends to ignore so that he can encourage informed action and support for those in need. As a Muslim, the Middle East has a massive place in his heart. It is the birthplace of Islam that he has come to love after visiting many times. It is heartbreaking that so many

of their Muslim brothers and sisters are dying there. Having said that, the multilayered politics in that region certainly bears relevance to the humanitarian catastrophes happening, and so exploring those is something Muhammad has a passion for. He also volunteers with non-profit organizations.

Andrés Fuentes Teba '24

"BLUE JUSTICE"

Andrés is a Senior from Madrid, Spain. He is currently studying Environmental Studies and International Relations. Andrés wanted to prove to himself that he doesn't write that badly in his second language. He enjoys anything outdoors, music (he plays violin in the Orchestra), soccer, and he loves to get involved in any event that takes place on campus.

Tobi Tontic '25

"A G.U.N. TO THEIR HEADS"

Tobi is a Junior from Grayslake, Illinois. He is currently studying Communications. Tobi hopes to expand readers' perspectives on which aspects of their lives are worthy of academic attention. He is a gamer, digital art collector, and occasional Tumblrino. Tobi hosts an interview show on WMXM that's all about your interests, your projects, and your ideas (so shoot him an email if you've got something you're dying to talk about).

Georgia Tsakos '24

"HISTORIOGRAPHY ANALYSIS"

Georgia is a Senior from Gurnee, Illinois. She is currently studying Politics and History. Georgia wanted to submit a piece of work she felt proud of during her undergraduate experience. She has seen many students' work within the Journal and was fond of the wide variety of topics that it has. Being a history major, students in the department produce a lot of writing samples that are nonetheless rewarding. There is no better way to expand upon that to get a sample published in the Inter-text Journal. Georgia is president of the Clio Historical Society and Founder of the Hellenic Student Association. Outside of campus, she works for a non-profit organization that awards \$250,000 annually in scholarship to students of Hellenic descent and she also serves as a Scholarship Chair. Georgia also enjoys learning history about the Ottoman and Byzantine Empire, as well as studying Modern Greek History.

Nicholas Charles Urich '24

"THE KING OF TARAS"

Nicholas is a Senior from Shawnee, Kansas. He is currently studying Religion and Philosophy. Nicholas submitted a piece to *Inter-Text* because he figured he had some publishable papers and little reason not to. He also gets to snootily say to people, "Ah, yes? Me? Oh I'm a published historian. Now, shoo, peasant! Leave me to my studies." Nicholas reads lots of philosophy; talks about it; thinks about it. Currently, he's thinking alot about the nature of faith and the relation of subjectivity to Authority and Community, and also what it means for something to be ineffable. He also has a persistent interest in virtue ethics, skepticism, and the relation of religion, philosophy, and history. He runs the Philosophy Club. He writes poetry, plays piano, but mainly loves his girlfriend, Audrey, and his pals.