

## *Greetings from the President*

Welcome to the tenth anniversary issue of the *Bryant Literary Review*. This truly is a rare achievement. Literary journals provide essential venues for creative writing, yet often lack the readership or funding of general interest magazines. Indeed, many if not most journals devoted exclusively to publishing poetry and short fiction last only a few issues before fading away. The fact that the *BLR* not only continues to thrive after a full decade of publication but also has established a strong national following is testament to its dedicated staff and the support and encouragement offered by the Bryant University community.

In these pages you will find some of the most talented professional writers on the scene today, as well as a sampling of the vital spirit of creativity of our students and staff, a spirit that infuses our community and that has helped make Bryant what it is today.

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