

## *Editor's Note*

Our nation and the world as we know it are changing. We live in a time when jobs are diminishing while the pursuit of wealth remains out of control. Our days are darkened by the perils of global warming and the threat of terrorism, alive and lingering in the minds of every citizen.

But despite these challenges and hardships, the world pushes on. There is still a light that shines through in the importance of creativity and the imagination. We see this in the thousands of submissions we receive each year to the *Bryant Literary Review*.

On behalf of the entire *BLR* staff, I would like to thank Bryant University for its continued support, and for the emphasis it places on the importance of the arts in our lives. We are especially grateful to the College of Arts and Sciences this year for coming to our rescue and securing our funding. I'd also like to personally thank Professors Tom Chandler, Tom Roach, and Thom Bassett, as well as our Managing Editor, Stasia Walmsley, and our Associate Editor, Lucie Koretsky. It has been a pleasure working with you to create this wonderful collection of literature.

Despite natural disasters and economic recession, a passion for the arts remains. We must look inside ourselves to keep creativity and the human imagination illuminated in our lives. For if we spend a few minutes each day enjoying the creative work of others or embracing our own creativity through writing, we will make light in these dark times.

May these poems and stories spark a passion in you.

Best wishes,

Kristen Aucoin

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