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Note from the Editors

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present Issue XXIII of *Consilience: The Journal of Sustainable Development*. As the COVID-19 pandemic rages on, our attention has been focused primarily on the present; leaders and scientists around the world have sought to distribute a vaccine and stem the tide of the virus, employers have sought to redefine the workplace, and individuals have sought to protect themselves and their families from the disastrous effects of the virus. At the same time, political divisions in the United States have deepened, and racial inequality has been thrust to the forefront of American consciousness as a deeply rooted problem that remains characterized by violence and hatred and must be addressed.

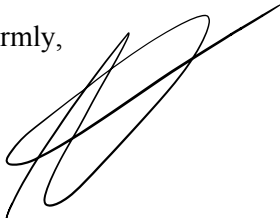
While it may seem as if these worries are more than sufficient to take up our time, it is more important than ever that we not lose sight of the future of our world. The climate crisis goes hand-in-hand with inequality and should be treated with the same sense of urgency. As such, the field of sustainable development, though not without its controversies, has emerged as a beacon of hope for the future, and can perhaps serve as a way for us to look beyond the fear and uncertainty of this time. We must all take responsibility for making the forthcoming year a year of change.

Consilience seeks to further contribute to the global effort toward sustainability by providing engaging academic works from scholars around the world. The focus of the articles in Issue XXIII varies widely, from a global consideration of eco-nationalism to a local analysis of naturalization in an urban park in Rock Island, Illinois. The articles also draw from a variety of disciplines, including a scientific study of marine renewable energy, a social examination of ecoracism, and political evaluations of UK climate policy and U.S. national enteric emissions standards.

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Warmly,



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