

Letter From The Editors

Dear Readers,

This past year has been characterized by great uncertainty, turmoil, and profound loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No matter where in the world you are, there is no doubt in our minds that some aspect of your life has been altered. However, in some ways the pandemic has also provided opportunities to showcase our human adaptability, resilience, and scientific innovation. The pandemic has also renewed focus on the vital roles that public health research and advocacy play in ensuring our collective wellbeing in society. Therefore, it has never been more important for our journal to continue our mission of relaying innovative solutions to interdisciplinary global health issues from a variety of academic, cultural, and geographic perspectives.

As a publication and student organization, we ourselves have had to adapt our operations during these times to ensure not only our continued promotion of global health research and

awareness but also the health of our members and the surrounding community. To this end, we have been operating entirely virtually this fall semester in our events and weekly meeting and our publications, podcasts, and blog posts have continued to be freely accessible online as well. This is something that would not have been possible without our transition to a digital publishing partnership with Columbia University Libraries in the spring and the extraordinary efforts on behalf of our staff members and other contributors.

While this virtual environment may not have been ideal, we have worked collectively as an organization to draw upon the circumstances and still engage our community. For example, we hosted a virtual event titled “Pandemics and Disaster Preparedness” featuring Professor of Epidemiology Dr. Robyn Gershon who discussed her experiences in disaster planning and recovery as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this Fall 2020 issue, you will find articles covering a broad range of topics, on pediatric resuscitation due to severe COVID-19 disease to mental health stigma in Tunisia. This issue is particularly important to us as it represents our first efforts to carry out a double-blind peer review process with our network of peer reviewers in the United States.

We would like to express our immense gratitude to our Columbia University digital publishing librarian, Michelle Wilson, and our faculty adviser, Professor James Colgrove, for their support. We would also like to thank our peer reviewers who have kindly volunteered their time to provide thoughtful and strategic feedback on our manuscripts. And lastly, we would like to thank our incredible team that has worked so hard to make all of our efforts possible.

Sincerely,
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