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Fall - the start of the new school year, the start of a new edition of the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics, and, inevitably, the start of a new Editor-in-Chief's term! My name is Katrina Uy and although I am working towards a degree in the STEM field, I also am enamored with the nuances of philosophy, history, architecture, and rhetoric in the ancient (Western) world.

As an angsty teen, I spent my time reading Rick Riordan's diluted versions of Greek and Roman myth. Later on, inspired by a quirky Physics instructor's Latin phrase of the day, I enrolled in the first semester of university-inspired Latin. I thought it would be easy, given my background in Spanish. How ill-conceived that belief was. But I certainly enjoyed learning the thousand uses of the ablative case, as well as the political biases of the poet Ovid during the Augustan period.

Last year, I decided to not only join the Classics department but also head the journal to further research and academic writing in a field that is grossly underrepresented. This edition of the BUJC features a fascinating, although admittedly eclectic selection of articles. We hope you enjoy reading this semester's submissions.

Sincerely,

Katrina Uy
Editor-in-Chief
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