

From the President and Dean

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is proud to publish the best research and writing of the talented undergraduates of the College of Charleston. The encouragement and nurturing of undergraduate research has been a part of the liberal arts experience at the College for some time. However, new emphasis is being given to undergraduate research under the auspices of the College's Fourth Century Initiative launched by President Lee Higdon. This publication will serve as a permanent record of the serious scholarly work being produced by our undergraduate students.

These articles represent the best kind of learning outcome at a liberal arts and sciences institution. These student authors, actively engaged in the research process with their professors, have distinguished themselves in their ability to pursue research and present results that meet our highest standards for undergraduate work.

It is with real pride that we offer these scholarly works in print. We wish to thank all of those involved in the preparation of *Chrestomathy*. In particular, we want to thank Dr. Larry Krasnoff who has served as editor. Larry and his editorial board have done a wonderful job of producing an outstanding first issue of our journal of undergraduate research.

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