

Notes on Contributors

Andrew Aghapour is from Charleston. He is presently a junior, majoring in religious studies and political science. “Identity and Religion of the Status Quo: The Rushdie Affair in the West” was originally written for Professor Zeff Bjerken’s senior seminar on religious violence.

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Amanda Grove graduated in December 2004, with a B.A. in Hispanic studies and minors in linguistics and Latin American and Carribean studies. Originally from Richmond, Virginia, she now lives in Philadelphia, where she teaches in the Teach for America program and is studying for an M.Ed. at the University of Pennsylvania. She later hopes to go into policy work. “Strangers in a Foreign Land: Hispanic Immigrants on Johns Island, South Carolina” was originally written as a Bachelor’s Essay with Professor Silvia Rodríguez-Sabater; they jointly presented the paper at the National Council of Hispanic and Latino Studies Conference in Houston, in February 2005.

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