

Notes on Contributors

Tyler Burgese is a Sociology major. He graduated with a B.A. in January 2020. He currently is a part-time research assistant at Penn School of Nursing's Program on Sexuality, Technology, & Action Research (PSTAR) researching the next generation of HIV prevention technologies. He will be beginning a Ph.D. program in Sociology at Temple University this fall. He hopes his paper will contribute to new media and sexuality studies by shining light on the new ways that self-presentation, approval-seeking, and bias can materialize in the context of social networking sites.

Beyoncé Carty is currently a junior undergraduate student. She is the newly-elected president of the Black Students' Union and a new member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Theta Omicron chapter. Her goal for graduate school is to attend Rutgers' advanced standing Master's program in Social Work and eventually become a Probation Officer. By submitting this work, she hopes to shed light and awareness on the issue of utilizing solitary confinement and the detrimental effects it has on inmates' physical, emotional, and mental health. Despite being incarcerated, they're still human beings.

Julia DeFeo is a third-year Biology major at Rutgers University-Camden. She works part-time as a research assistant at the Rutgers Pinelands Field Station, and she hopes to pursue a graduate degree in ecology after receiving her bachelor's degree. Julia hopes that this work will further the understanding of the effects of prescribed fire on soil communities.

Natalie DiSandro is currently a senior majoring in Social Work and minoring in English. She works as a Community

Support Counselor at JEVS Human Services, a writing tutor at the Rutgers Writing and Design Lab, and a Corps Member at Jumpstart. Natalie hopes to complete her B.A. in Social Work at Rutgers-Camden, and continue with the Masters of Social Work program at Rutgers as well and pursue a career in Public Policy. Natalie's submission is about the various techniques director Darren Aronofsky uses to scare audiences in smart and subtle ways.

Dr. Michael R. Gallagher is a Rutgers alum with a B.S. in Ecology and Natural Resource Management and a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolution from the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. He is a research ecologist at the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station's Silas Little Experimental Forest in the New Jersey Pinelands where he conducts research focused on wildland fire and forest disturbance topics. His current projects are heavily field-based on topics physics-based fire behavior models for prescribed burning, remote sensing of forest fuels and fire effects, effects of prescribe burning on tick abundance and their disease burden, and firebrand hazard.

William Huang is completing his second year achieving senior class standing in the pursuit of a triple major in Finance, Marketing, Management, and a minor in Political Science in the Honors College at Rutgers University-Camden. With work experiences in East Asia, Europe, and North America, William aims to forge a global career path that reflects a combination of interests in finance and international affairs. At his university, William served as the President of the Political Science Society, the Secretary of the Economics Society, the General Assemblies Officer of the Student Finance Association, and the Rutgers Ambassador of the Office of International Students and Global Programs. At the University of Pennsylvania, William is a research intern doing

policy research for the coordination and report organizations for scholarly summits on international and domestic affairs. In this opinion piece on the Belt and Road Initiative, William hopes to promote awareness and encourage discourse on international issues of significant impact.

Angela Jonasz graduated with honors from Rutgers with a degree in Psychology. She plans on pursuing her career as a school counselor, working with elementary and middle school aged children. Her passion is to make a difference in the lives of all children and to be part of the support system they need. Eventually she wants to continue her schooling by getting her Master's degree in child psychology. Currently, she is a stay-at-home mother to her two daughters and she recently married her best friend.

Caitlyn Kliniewski is a May 2020 graduate from the Camden College of Arts & Sciences where she was a double major in Psychology and Health Sciences. During her 4 years at Rutgers Camden, she was a member of the softball team as well as the track team, and she was a representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Besides athletics, Caitlyn was also a 4-year member of the Honors College, a 2-year member of the Arts and Sciences Athenaeum, and was a research assistant for Dr. Jamie Dunaev for 2 years. Currently she is a graduate student at Barry University pursuing a Masters in Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology where she hopes to become a certified Mental Performance Consultant for college & professional athletes. In the meantime, she is an assistant softball coach at Barry University and holds an internship at Bommarito Performance Systems where she trains professional athletes.

Jennifer Le is a Biology major, with a minor in Chemistry. She is a 3rd year undergraduate student, who serves as a part-

time math and science tutor for the KIPP Charter School, and also as a part-time Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Xingyun Qi. Jen looks to pursue a Masters and Ph.D. in Biology. She hopes that this work makes the reader feel something.

Brianna Magana is a graduate of Rutgers-Camden. She majored in Psychology and Health Sciences and she was a member of the women's soccer team at Rider University before transferring to Rutgers-Camden.

Dr. Katie Malcolm is a high school teacher at the Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, PA, where she teaches Biology and advises an after-school science research club (part of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences). Prior to this role, Katie (CCAS '11) served as the Manager of the Rutgers Pinelands Field Station and was involved in a number of ecology-based research projects.

Marcel Martinez is a Criminal Justice Senior. He hopes to enter the field of Criminology as a goal for graduate school. He hopes that the submission will be read and, hopefully, enjoyed.

Shannon E. Moran is entering her senior year at Rutgers University-Camden, majoring in Social Work with a minor in Psychology. She serves as the Vice President of the Undergraduate Social Work Organization. After she graduates with her Bachelor's degree, she plans to continue her education by entering the Master's program for Social Work offered at Rutgers University. She hopes that her poem will help readers to understand that we can all be forced to do things in life and feel pressure from society or even lovers but there comes a time to stand up, find inner strength and say enough is enough.

Molly Rollins is an English major and Journalism/Communications minor. Following the winter Santa Anita race meet of 2018-2019, Rollins' heart broke as the media, and even some of her own family members, began calling for the destruction of an industry that is so special to her. Rollins has been working with racehorses the last nine years and has been fortunate enough to travel the country in the company of some of the best trainers the sport has to offer. When she realized the state of turmoil suddenly facing horse-racing, she felt compelled more than ever to educate people on the horse-racing industry as well as to criticize the sport in a way that can propel horse-racing into a long and secure future. Rollins hopes that after reading her essay, people can see horse-racing through a fresh pair of eyes and understand that this is not a sport where everyone is constantly abusing and harming their horses, as not every breakdown that occurs is entirely the fault of those behind the horses, but that horse-racing is an industry that, like all things in the 21st century, is one that needs to adapt to modern times. Graduating in June 2020, Rollins hopes to pursue a career as a journalist, and for now she's continuing to exercise racehorses every morning, each day at dawn.

Nitan Shanas is a Junior and majors in Psychology, Urban Studies and Economics. He serves as a Service Navigator at Joseph's House of Camden where he provides support to homeless clients in obtaining identification, finding employment, securing housing, and connecting them with other social service agencies. He plans to pursue either a Master's of Economics or Public Administration. Before graduate school, he hopes to spend a year of service through a fellowship. He hopes that this piece will serve a dual purpose of entertainment and enabling the reader to rethink or think differently about past and present political affairs.

Emily Winters is a History major, currently in her third year of undergraduate study. She works part-time at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. She hopes to continue her schooling into graduate studies, hopefully one day earning a doctorate in history. She hopes that this poem will provide a brief escape, a “mental sky” which the reader can visit now and again to clear their headspace in such turbulent times.

Victoria Wroblewski is an English major with Writing and Film minors, and is a graduating senior. She is a part-time Guest Services worker at Adventure Aquarium, and a part-time copy editor to author CW Browning. She is waiting to hear back from the Rutgers-Camden English M.A. program. Any graduate study she does will be centered on literature and writing. She also plans to take a copy-editing certification course. Victoria hopes that this paper will highlight the importance of character agency to literary analysis, and demonstrate the interesting things that come to light when that agency is examined.