

Dear Readers,

We are honored to present the second issue of the fifth volume of the *Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics*. Each new semester brings excitement as we send out our Call for Submissions and eagerly await responses. This semester brought a wonderful assortment of essays, and those which were accepted span a wide variety of historical, art-historical and literary themes.

We wish to dedicate this issue to our returning editors Zachary Handler, Amanda Dobrov, and Katie Berlin, and to our two new editors Kira Coyne and Robert Higgs. As a leadership team we returned to Berkeley last semester with plenty of quality submissions for our Fall 2016 issue but with no returning members of the editorial staff, so we are entirely indebted to the initiative of our current editors who volunteered to invest their time into this journal despite all of their other commitments as full-time Berkeley students. The production of these issues from the 2016-2017 year would not have been possible without their determination and work ethic.

Although we are both graduating this May, we are confident that the BUJC will continue to grow and flourish under new leadership next year. We have been humbled by this opportunity to publish the work of undergraduate students who desire to study the Classical world, and we hope that the BUJC will continue to be a forum where individuals can celebrate its timeless wonder and appeal.

Fiat Lux,

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