

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Reader,

I am honored to present the first issue of the ninth volume of the *Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics*! This is the first volume published since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and my first one since I assumed the position of Editor-in-Chief. My name is George Sicner and I am a second-year classics major at UC Berkeley. Last year, when I heard that our current Editor-in-Chief was graduating, my unchecked ambition drove me to seize the position thinking that it would be an easy task, but I was soon humbled by the challenge that lay before me. Due to the time gap between now and the most recently published volume, we had multiple semesters worth of submissions to consider, and every one of them was a delight to read. Although it was initially difficult for me to assemble a consistent group of editors who were able to fully contribute their time and effort to reviewing these papers, the task was eventually accomplished and my fellow editors and I were able to come to a consensus on which submissions to include in this semester's publication. We hope you enjoy our first issue of the ninth volume of the *Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics*, with many more volumes to come!

Sincerely,

George Sicner