

Assistant Editor's Note

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As the new assistant editor for *PURE Insights* at Western Oregon University, I have had the unique opportunity to engage closely with it, not just as a reader, but as someone helping shape how these ideas are communicated to a broader audience, which has kindled a deeper appreciation for the research process in me.

I'm especially appreciative of the many people who dedicate their time and effort to making each article possible. Their collaboration and commitment are what allow these ideas to be shared successfully.

Despite ongoing challenges, students continue to produce thoughtful and diverse research. These works show that research is not only about finding answers, but also about learning how to think critically, question assumptions, and engage with different perspectives.

This collection reflects the dedication and potential of student researchers. Ensuring the accessibility of opportunities like this is critical, not just for students, but for the broader communities that benefit from their insights and discoveries.