

Editor's Introduction

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Each year, *Juniata Voices* publishes a selection of the speeches, lectures, and presentations given on the campus of Juniata College, in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The twenty-one pieces that follow provide but a small sample of the dozens of “voices” that spoke during the 2015-2016 academic year. The talks include Juniata faculty members speaking at convocations and in the regular series of Bookend Seminars, a current student’s prize-winning speech at the Bailey Oratorical Contest, and visiting speakers addressing topics ranging from the socio-economic transformation of post-apartheid South Africa to the ways in which the “new” coyote is preying upon deer in the eastern United States. Two presentations in particular—a panel of civil rights activists from Ferguson, Missouri, and the partnership of a retired police chief and a pastor that developed nonviolent community policing practices in Rockford, Illinois—provided especially timely and thought-provoking perspectives on issues of vital importance to the society and culture of the United States today.

I want to thank the speakers for their contributions, and I especially want to thank the people who worked behind the scenes to make this volume possible. Two students, Claire DeLaval and Maddie Caso, recorded and transcribed many of the talks, drafted abstracts, and completed many vital editorial tasks. Peter Goldstein continued to bring poets to our doorstep. Polly Walker and the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies played key roles in bringing several speakers to campus. Megan Neville provided additional administration help. As always, *Juniata Voices* relies on the support of the Provost’s Office and Beeghly Library, namely Lauren Bowen, Joanne Krugh, and John Mumford. Finally, the members of the editorial board, with good cheer and high standards, put in countless hours of work—especially Jim Tuten, whose enthusiasm and commitment keeps this publication going.

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