

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-four pieces that follow provide but a small sample of the dozens of “voices” that spoke during the 2016-2017 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 surviving the Rwandan genocide to the practice of medicine in ancient Egypt. Presentations that addressed state and local efforts to regulate the fracking industry, and media coverage of the 2016 elections 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. Maddie Caso recorded and transcribed many of the talks, drafted abstracts, and completed a wide range of 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. John Bukowski, Alison Fletcher, and Emil Nagengast lent their scholarly expertise. Megan Neville provided additional administrative help. As always, *Juniata Voices* relies on the support of the Provost’s Office, namely Lauren Bowen and Joanne Krugh. 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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