

Editor's Introduction

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Every year, *Juniata Voices* publishes a selection of the speeches, lectures, and presentations given at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The eighteen pieces that follow provide a small sample of the many “voices” from the 2018-2019 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 alumni and other visiting speakers addressing a wide array of topics. This volume contains work focused on serious challenges, including, among others, climate change, nuclear weapons, sexism, discrimination, poverty, conflict, and water shortages. Nonetheless, the volume is also laced with hope for and examples of collaboration, conservation, creativity, curiosity, understanding, and transformation. Compelling images bring some texts, especially Tom McCarthy’s description of protecting snow leopards, to life.

I want to thank all the speakers for their fine contributions and their patience in seeing their work published as the editorial process slowed considerably under the pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic. I also want to thank everyone whose diligent and high-quality work contributed to this volume. Mara Revitsky, class of 2019, served as our able and valuable Juniata Associate. In that role, she recorded and transcribed many of the talks, drafted abstracts, and completed a wide range of vital editorial tasks. Peter Goldstein again enriched our lives by sponsoring a reading by a regional poet. Polly Walker and the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies hosted speakers. Belle Tuten contributed her editorial skills. Tracy White provided additional administrative help. As always, *Juniata Voices* relies on the support of the Provost’s Office: Lauren Bowen and Joanne Krugh. The members of the editorial board, with their usual high standards, flexibility, and dedication, pulled everything together and made the volume a reality. Finally, without the expert assistance and support of Dave Hsiung, Jim Tuten, and Jacob Gordon, this volume would not even have gotten off the ground. I thank everyone for their valuable contributions.

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