

LEARNING *from* EXPERIENCE

We feel extremely fortunate to be the managing editors of Stance this year. From the professor's point of view, it is incredible to watch students work as individuals, in small groups under the direction of associate editors, and as a whole under the direction of their Editor-in-Chief. Reading and research are intense. Then discussions about the submitted articles are just as intense. The students learn how to produce a successful journal as they go along, and all the way through students develop as philosophers and as individuals. In addition to learning a lot of philosophy, students who produce Stance learn to manage multiple deadlines; step up when a job needs to be completed; work collaboratively; read complex philosophic texts; manage their own time; write constructive, forward-looking comments for student-authors who have submitted manuscripts; and to voice their well-developed opinions, listen carefully to others, compromise, and make final decisions. What we learn as managing editors is to get out of the way and let our amazing students produce an award-winning journal year after year.

The first issue of Stance published work by our own students. The end product was a pamphlet that we stapled together ourselves. At the time, it felt like a major undertaking, and it was. We started from scratch with no pattern to follow. When compared with Stance now, it seems such a simple thing and its reach was limited. Now our reach is worldwide. We receive articles from

students around the world. We teach students in many schools how to be reviewers, which means we are helping students learn how to read and write philosophy. We also have an extensive collection of "How To" documents so that new students can learn how to be Stance editors. These "How To" documents help keep Stance consistently at the high level of quality it has achieved.

We are very proud of Editor-in-Chief Cameron McNeely, who will graduate this spring. He has served as Editor-in-Chief for two years and has grown as a leader and a philosopher. We will be sad to see him go, but the world outside Ball State is lucky to have him. We wish a fond farewell to all of our graduating seniors and thank them for their dedication to the journal.

It has been a very rewarding experience. As managing editors, we have had the privilege to mentor students in ways often unavailable to faculty. David Concepción will return as the managing editor for Volume 11, but both of us feel very fortunate to have had the incredible experience of working with our students to produce Stance X.

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