

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 seventeen pieces that follow provide but a small sample of the dozens of “voices” that spoke during the 2014-2015 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 spectroscopy in chemistry to the state of American democracy. Alumni returned to tell students about how they fell in love with epidemiology, learned the importance of emotional intelligence, and launched prosperous businesses in Germany. Dylan Miller, Class of 2015, recounts how he built a wooden shelter, lived in a forest for the academic year, and wrestled with being content with having very little when society insists that “more is better.” Check out the striking photographs he included with his talk.

I want to thank the speakers and all of the people who worked behind the scenes to make this volume possible. Haley Schneider, our Juniata Associate for this volume, recorded and transcribed many of the talks. Claire DeLaval, the Juniata Associate for the next volume, drafted abstracts. Sadie Luetmer recorded several presentations. Peter Goldstein continued to bring poets to our doorstep. Megan Neville provided additional administration help. As always, *Juniata Voices* relies on the support of the Provost’s Office and Beeghly Library; we thank Lauren Bowen, Joanne Krugh, and John Mumford. Finally, thanks to the editorial board and their hard work (and for not asking for more than pizza and grapes at our meetings), and special thanks to Jim Tuten, whose enthusiasm and commitment keeps this publication going.

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