

Contributors

Isaac Boehman is a fourth-year combined computer and information science major from Carmel, Indiana. He has been a member of Northeastern's Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition team since freshman year and is currently finishing up his second co-op as an Operations Engineer at BitSight Technologies. When not working or studying, he enjoys riding his bike, good coffee, the Oxford comma, and occasionally dabbling with a yo-yo.

Julia Hannigan is a fourth-year student at Northeastern majoring in Health Sciences. She one day plans to go to medical school and work as a pediatrician. She was decided to write this literature review based on her own curiosity, after hearing so many opinions in the media about vaccines and autism, and hopes it answered some of your questions about the matter.

Neiha Lasharie is a second year Political Science and International Affairs combined major, minoring in Writing, Middle East Studies and probably the entire College of Social Sciences and Humanities at some point or the other. She was born and raised in Pakistan before moving with her family to Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2007. She immediately started plotting her escape from Dubai and ended up in Boston. She is supremely content in her self-imposed exile. She is active in the International Relations Council and is on the e-board of the NU Political Review, and wants to pave a future for herself in political communication and post/neocolonial studies. She hopes that by the time this is published, she will have escaped the co-op search limbo and have some kind of income.

Benjamin Mello-Klein was born in 1995. he died in 2004 and was reborn as holeminer. in 2005 he began his communication with God. in 2014, shortly after punching his PIN number into the microwave by accident, he received email correspondence from Charles "Charlie" Lesh (Assistant Director of NU Writing) saying his last year's english homework was going to be in the New Issue of NU WRITING. he became excited. it was a work dedicated to his father and to God.

David Nicholson is a fourth year Business major, concentrating in Supply Chain Management and Management Information Systems, and is currently pursuing a minor in Environmental Science. His hometown is Mahwah, New Jersey, where David has spent the past three years managing the social media for Mahwah based non-profit called MEVO. In his piece, he explores the various social and ecological costs of the current global food supply chain and the necessity of creating shorter food supply chain in response to these costs.

Emily O'Connor is a third year International Affairs major with a minor in saving the world (no just kidding, sadly that's not a real minor but she is minoring Global Social Entrepreneurship). Hailing from Los Angeles, California she thoroughly enjoys experiencing four distinct seasons now that she lives in Boston. Emily is passionate about addressing the global injustice of human trafficking and gender inequality. When she is not busy learning about global affairs or social entrepreneurship, Emily can usually be found planning her next travel adventure, reading a good book with a cup of tea, or studying Chinese.

Marielle Samayoa is a 5th year Architecture major with a completed minor in Art + Design. She was born in Guatemala but has lived in Lyon, Berlin, New York City and Boston. She is currently finishing her second Co-op at world renown firm Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects in New York City where she has participated in three high-rise competitions (residential, office, commercial), one world-headquarter building commission, and in building marketing graphic design. Before working at PCPA, Marielle had already demonstrated a great interest in achieving successful and aesthetical sustainable architecture and how it can be implemented in urban models, especially those that can start emerging in her hometown of Guatemala City. She will graduate in May 2015 and hopes to continue working at other architectural firms before she can continue traveling the world to learn more about urban development and landscape design in the architectural field (with aspirations to live in Capetown, Melbourne and Tokyo) before returning to Guatemala. She speaks fluently Spanish, English and French but within the next years she hopes she can add two more languages to this list.

Ian Schaeffer is a fourth year Industrial Engineering student with a drive and a passion to make things more efficient. Growing up in Las Vegas, he found that there is more to systems and success than flashy lights, and fancy buildings. At the core of any organization there is an inherent need to continuously improve. Through collaboration, ingenuity, and persistence as a student and a professional he hopes to find these needs and provide lasting, positive impacts on the people and organizations that he encounters.

Trenton White is a second year Communication Studies and Philosophy combined major with a minor in Social Activism. He is interested in broad-scale social change in issues such as education, poverty, and healthcare. He enjoys writing as well as painting and playing music, and his essay explores the borders of what it means to write. Trenton lives in Bridgewater, NJ, with his parents, brother, and cat.