

## Contributors

**Kira Bornemann** is a 22-year-old vegan music-lover who adores everything about the 90's including feminist punk rock, denim on denim, and Angela Chase. She is in her fourth year at Northeastern and is studying music industry. Kira loves to write in her free time; she has expressed her plans to meet Stephen King, visit the black lodge, and how she makes too many obscure references to old TV shows. Kira is delighted to be in this issue of NU Writing and is looking forward to reading the other entries.

**Jasmine Fu** is a 3rd year Pharmacy major and Psychology minor from Southern California. She is an active member of NU Symphony Orchestra, Student National Pharmaceutical Association, and Undergraduate Health Sciences Research Coalition. In her free time, she enjoys drawing digital art, playing indie games, and making garments out of condoms.

### Jennifer Herrmann

**Justine Jaffe** is a fourth year Cultural Anthropology and International Affairs student at Northeastern University from Traverse City, Michigan. She hopes to work in international politics after graduating, but would be happy as an international cheese-monger. Justine is currently revving up for her second and final co-op with Pathfinder International in the fall.

**John Jamieson** is a fifth-year Chemical Engineering major and Biochemical Engineering minor interested in performing research and engineering solutions for health and disease prevention. He has completed co-ops at GVD Corporation, Waters Corporation, and Moderna Therapeutics. He also served as a content editor for the *NU Science* magazine, writing and editing articles about scientific news relevant to the Northeastern community. He plans to attend graduate school next fall to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering.

**Taja Kysilovsky** is a fifth year Digital Art major with a focus in photography. She has lived in the Boston area her entire life and grew up with a large and loud Italian family. Some may say she's adventurous and always looking to go new places and try new things: the usual case of wanderlust. She's very into music and is at a concert any chance she gets- on campus or off. She currently works in the campus' Facilities Customer Service Center and in her hometown, she takes photos for her city's Recreation Department. She hopes to one day enter the career field as an event photographer or even a travel photographer, but until then she'll just continue taking photos and going to concerts while traveling in the process.

### Catherine Li

**Emily Manny** is a third-year student in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program. She plans to pursue a career in speech-language pathology as a voice specialist, and is particularly interested in working with the transgender population in voice transition. Her love of voice extends to her own passion for singing. She is the soprano section leader for the NU Choral Society and a member of the Northeastern University Madrigals Choir. Emily would like to thank Kelly Garneau for her help and encouragement through the process of writing this piece, as well as for her nomination.

**Sarah Miller** transferred to Northeastern this year and couldn't be happier with her decision to become a husky. Originally from Needham MA, Sarah is a sophomore psychology major currently pursuing a minor in business administration. She hopes to study abroad in East Asia at some point. Outside of class, Sarah spends her time singing a cappella with Northeastern's premiere a cappella group The Nor'easters and, during the summer, with Cape Cod's all-female a cappella group Cape Harmony.

**Rena Nyman** is a first-year criminal justice student with minors in international affairs and international security studies. She enjoys travelling and is learning several languages at various levels. She also makes lots of bad puns. Rena came to Northeastern from Oregon and she enjoyed the Boston winter a lot, but not so much the subsequent *windter*.

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**Lauren Takakjian** is a fifth year Psychology major and History minor from Port Jefferson, New York. Upon graduation this May, Lauren plans to continue her education in becoming a psychologist...hopefully in a city where snow doesn't exist. In the interim, Lauren is content being a HR assistant, cheeseburger connoisseur, and fellow Bostonian. Her op-ed was inspired by her own frustrations with the educational system and the good ol' SAT.

**Shuwen (Suzy) Wu** is a third-year pharmacy student with a completed minor in psychology. She is currently finishing her second co-op at Boston Medical Center, and considering a future in emergency medicine. Her interest in substance abuse and recovery stems from academic courses at NU as well as personal experiences in the streets of Boston. Aside from school and work, she is a member of the Northeastern University Symphony Orchestra, and runs a personal photography blog.

**Beatrice Zhang** is a middler Business major with a concentration in Management Information Systems, and minor in East Asian Studies. She was born in Canada, grew up in Massachusetts, and earned her US Citizenship in September 2014. Her research on women in computer science was inspired by stories of female computer science pioneers such as Lieutenant Commander Grace Hopper, Dame Stephanie Shirley, and her mother.