





For over twenty years, students in the Syracuse University Writing Program have come together each spring to produce *Intertext*. This magazine is the culmination of a semester of hard work and commitment to showcase the Program's best writing.

Fifteen people made this publication come together, spending countless hours reading, editing, designing, and organizing the content you now hold in your hand. Each of our fourteen student editors brought a unique set of skills and talents. Fifteen weeks of hard work later, we are proud to present the twenty-second annual edition of *Intertext*.

Choosing from nearly one hundred submissions was no easy task, and the pieces presented in this issue are those that the editors feel showcase the very best of the Writing Program. The texts featured in the following pages came from both upper- and lower-division courses, and each proved to be as diverse in voice as it was in message. The high caliber of these pieces is a testament to the quality of our contributors, their coursework, and their instructors.

Many excellent submissions simply couldn't fit in this issue, and we invite you to take a look at exclusive web-based content at <http://wrt-intertext.syr.edu/>. You'll find pieces that complement and continue where the printed issue leaves off. We feel that the online content highlights the magazine, the Writing

Program, as well as the Syracuse community as a whole.

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—David Swenton and Katie Tull