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## Author Bios

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**Mara Bahmer** is a nineteen-year-old girl with a passion for storytelling. When I'm not writing, I am usually laughing too hard with my friends or spending too much time on the Internet.

**Ashley Burnett** is a Junior Communications and Theatre Arts Major with a Creative Writing Minor. When she is not busy doing schoolwork, she is an RA for Campion Hall, the president of LGBTQA+ Allies, and works in the equipment room. Ashley also enjoys traveling, playing with her dogs, and watching YouTube.

**Jamison DeWeerd** received her undergraduate degree in Secondary English Education from Notre Dame College and is currently pursuing her Master's in English from John Carroll University. She is also a full-time English Teacher at Shaker Heights High School. What she loves most about teaching is that she gets to witness her students grow and find that they can be empowered by language.

**Roserita DiMillo** is a reluctant senior. HBIC. Just happy to be here! (Actually extremely grateful for everything I have been given through my time at JCU, go streaks!)

**Jessica DiSalvatore** is a sophomore English major on the creative writing track and has a love for both writing and photography. She loves to travel and next on her list of places to go is Greece. Her favorite book is *The Great Gatsby* and if she could live in a coffee shop, she would.

**Adriana Farian** will be graduating in the Fall with a degree in biology for pre-dentistry. Traveling is an important aspect of her life, and she enjoys capturing those breathtaking moments. She would like to thank the John Carroll Review for providing her with an opportunity to express her passion for photography.

**Autumn Franz** loves mint tea and collects liberal pins. She is a sophomore studying Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies as well as Sociology. Autumn is the Vice President of LGBTQIA+ Allies and cares very much about issues of homophobia, sexism, and racism. She writes about love and loss every chance she gets as seen in the works published in this review.

**Mallory Fitzpatrick** is a junior English and Classics major at John Carroll. She hates being asked what her favorite book is and loves traveling. This is her third time being published in the *Review*, which is just as exciting as the first two!

**Alondra** is from Palm Springs, California. I'm not a photographer, I'm just lucky enough to take pictures of the beautiful world that surrounds me. "Mi Gente" and "Mi desierto; Zacatecas, Mexico" were taken during the celebration of *el dia de los Reyes Magos* in the colorful village my mom was raised in. "Sweet Creatures Reaching the Sun" was taken in Bishop, California during a rock climbing trip with friends.

**Hayley Geronimo** is a graduate student getting my M.Ed. in middle childhood social studies and English language arts. I have a BS in psychology from Baldwin Wallace University where I played collegiate tennis. I love poetry and writing, and wrote this poem about a condition I had called SVT that is now cured thanks to an ablation.

**Andrew Gilkey** is a sophomore English & Communications major from Cincinnati, Ohio. My poem is dedicated to Mr. Martian, who gave me a C on my poetry project my sophomore year of high school.

**Brad Jasko** is a junior Philosophy and English major discerning the priesthood in the Borromeo Seminary program. He finds reading and writing poetry to be great contemplative leisure in the midst of his busy life and loves a great cup of coffee when doing so.

**Tyler Jew** is a graduating senior Marketing major at John Carroll. This photograph was taken at a restaurant by the name of La Gruta near Mexico City. I had a three-course meal here starting with fried avocado and grasshopper corn cakes, a sesame-crust beef filet with a purslane green salad, and finishing up with an insane Pina Colada. Great meal.

**Allison Kwan** is a sophomore accounting major from Cleveland, Ohio. She works as an Intramural Supervisor and loves every second of it. Freshman year she had a pet squirrel named Bear.

**Declan Leary** is a freshman from Plymouth, Massachusetts. He is a Classics major, intending to double major in English, and an ROTC cadet.

**Lilian Lebednick** is a converse collector, plant mom, dog lover, tea drinker, cheeseburger enthusiast, Disney expert, amateur baker. Oh, and a photographer.

**Sophia Maltese** is a double major in English, with a concentration in creative writing, and Communications, with a concentration in digital media. This is my first year at John Carroll. I hope to pursue writing in the future and spread a love of art everywhere I go.

**Jessica Merolla** is a Freshman at John Carroll University. What started as creating fancomics about *Sonic the Hedgehog* as a child developed into a passion for art and writing. While she currently has a novel in the works, her love for sleep and watching gaming videos on YouTube have prevented her from reworking her plot for the fifth time. In the meantime, she enjoys writing in her journal while pursuing her Computer Science Major.

**Christopher O'Hara** is a junior English major at John Carroll. He spends his days dreaming of leaving.

**Wesley Olin** age 20, is a junior English Literature major from Springfield Massachusetts. He is the current captain of the Men's Volleyball team and plans on joining the Peace Corps after graduating from John Carroll.

**Zeljana Opacak** is an International Business major with a minor in Spanish. I got into reading poetry last summer but this semester, thanks to Dr. Metres' Intro to Poetry class, I first started writing my own poems. If I would give advice to anyone, it's to keep looking for what helps you work through your struggles and deal with your feelings in a way that makes you feel alive, which is what writing has given me."

**Marissa Ortosky** is a first-year graduate student in English. She enjoys vanilla lattes, petting small dogs, and still has no idea what she wants to be when she grows up.

**Shannon Peartree** is a graduating senior from Rochester, New York. She is studying Environmental Science and Spanish, but she is also a fan of creative writing.

**Gabrielle Rey** is a graduating senior and will be attending graduate school at The University of Akron to study polymer science. She would like to thank the John Carroll Review for giving her the opportunity to share her photos with a wider audience outside of her Instagram account.

**Michael Rodriguez** is a sophomore majoring in Sociology and Criminology with concentrations in Criminology and Forensic Behavioral Studies. Being from Los Angeles, he plans on returning home after graduation and attending the Police Academy to become an officer. During his free time, he enjoys binge watching Netflix while drinking a bottle of Coke.

**Seth Shamatta** is a senior studying Mathematics and Computer Science. I got into reading and writing poetry last semester thanks to a writing intensive Creative Writing course taught by Dr. Metres. This course was a breath of fresh air compared to my normal schedule and had such an impact on me that I have been consistently writing poetry ever since. You truly do not have to be an English Major to start writing!

**Anthony Shoplik** is a senior, and he almost cannot believe how fast four years went. He studies language, and language studies everything. He is from Pittsburgh, and in the fall he will go to Chicago.

**Zachary Thomas** is a hopeful growing 6ft Afro-Mocha 21-year-old male with a distinct laugh and crooked smile, and a heart pumping “Be Positive!” blood throughout a body that likes, in this exact order, dairy, carbs, and produce.

**Kelly Yurick** is a junior Integrated Marketing Communications major and Entrepreneurship minor from Kirtland, OH. She loves music, photography, travel and wellness. Kelly hopes to keep exploring the world and live somewhere warm someday.