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The Eastern American Studies Association and the American Studies Program at Penn State Harrisburg are pleased to present the fifth issue of New Errands, an online journal that publishes exemplary American Studies work by undergraduate students.

Seeking to develop the next generation of Americanists, New Errands' mission is both to provide a venue for the publication of important original scholarship by emerging young scholars and to provide a teaching resource for instructors of American Studies looking for exemplary work to use in the classroom.

New Errands will be published semi-annually, after the end of each academic semester. The goal of this timetable will be to collect and publish essays produced during the previous term, so that they can be made available as quickly as possible for use in the following term. We encourage both self-submission by undergraduate students and nominated submissions by instructional faculty. They must have an American focus, but can employ a variety of disciplinary methods across transnational fields. Submissions can be emailed as Word documents to: newerrandsjournal@gmail.com.

Essays can be of any length, but they must have a research focus. Any visual images should be placed at the end of the manuscript, and tags should be placed in the text to indicate the intended placement of each image. Manuscripts should conform to Chicago 17th edition author-date guidelines. Endnotes should be utilized for substantive content.

This volume includes essays in both Chicago style citation formats (notes and bibliography and author-date) as a pedagogical tool and a mark of change in the journal's format.

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A Message from the Editors—

New Errands is proud to present papers that demonstrate exciting new directions in American Studies, including a mixture of the outstanding papers submitted by undergraduates from around the United States. The papers in this edition have been selected because they represent exemplary undergraduate research into American Culture, History, and Folkloristics; each demonstrates an appreciation for and critical understanding of the field of American Studies.

New Errand's goal is to encourage undergraduates to passionately pursue research into American culture. By publishing the exceptional work of undergraduate students, it is our hope here at New Errands to support and encourage future scholars in their research related endeavors. It is an honor for us to continue to publish truly remarkable undergraduate research.

In putting together this issue, we were fortunate to collaborate with Dr. Anthony Bak Bucitelli and students from his courses in folklore studies. We encourage faculty to communicate with the New Errand's graduate staff as we work together to create quality opportunities for undergraduate students to feature their writing.

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