

Contributors

Laurel Beal is a sophomore English major with a Creative Writing concentration and a minor in Entrepreneurship who has been writing stories since she first learned how to hold a crayon. When she's not writing or at least commanding Siri to remind her of a story idea she got while driving, you can find her running on the trails, hanging out with her dearest friends, or doing her best not to spill her coffee as she scurries to class. She is passionate about the pursuit of artistic creation as a reflection of the ultimate Creator. Romans 12:2.

Maddie Benton graduated from Samford University in December and plans on pursuing a master's in creative writing in the fall. As a former *Wide Angle* creative writing editor, she is thrilled to have an opportunity to contribute to the journal as a writer.

Alaina Boyer is a senior English and Philosophy double major from Madison, AL. When she's not absorbed in her class readings or chasing answers to another philosophical quandary, she's likely lifting weights or making her third cup of pour-over. Her literary interests include modernist poetry and prose (especially T.S. Eliot), mystical and contemplative writing, as well as cultural and environmental writing in the spirit of Wendell Berry. After graduation, she will be getting married and hopes to teach great books in some capacity.

Jackson Clark is a sophomore double majoring in English with a concentration in Creative Writing and Classics, with a philosophy minor. He spends most of his time thinking way too much about Dostoevsky, Kierkegaard, and Anglicanism. He hopes to attend seminary with the goal of ordination, God willing.

Abi Doremus is a junior English major from Fairhope, AL. She loves the work of William Wordsworth, Dame Maggie Smith, and Julia Child, in no particular order. Abi can usually be found on the quad, on her fourth or fifth coffee, planning a dinner party and dreaming about writing the next great children's book. After graduation she hopes to travel abroad, discovering new poets and recipes to bring home to her friends and family.

Jalyn Douglas is a sophomore English major from New Orleans, LA. Her main purpose through storytelling is to glorify God and reflect His enduring love and goodness through creative writing. Aside from writing, she enjoys going on scenic nature runs and experimenting with new baking recipes.

Sarah Ford is a writer from Birmingham, AL, studying English, Marketing, Classical Civilization, and Studio Art. Her writing is centered on the truth of human experience, no matter how beautiful, ugly, or complicated.

Ellie Garrett is a junior English student from Springfield, MO. She loves reading as a way of understanding others better and is consistently surprised and grateful that this is something she can take classes about. She can often be found listening to her questionably obtained mp3 library alongside a cup of tea and dreaming of her future apartment.

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Ethan Howard is a junior English major from Crestview, FL. He primarily writes fiction with notes of fantasy, horror, and strong coffee; currently, his literary interest is in the fiction works of Aldous Huxley. Aside from publishing his first novel, Ethan's life goal is to own a cat named Gunther.

Madison Morrison is a senior English major born in California, residing in Georgia. She cultivates 'joie de vivre' (the joy of living) through attending daily Mass, enjoying a cup of coffee, having a laugh with a friend, and experiencing the beauty of creation. Ultimately, her belief that beauty is found in the mundane compels her to write.

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Mark Olin is a junior English major with a Classics minor at Samford University. He has a passion for writing, particularly in the genre of fiction, and hopes to one day publish a series of fantasy novels.

Cooper Pitts is a junior English major with a Global Studies minor from Hoover, AL. His filmic and literary interests include John Waters, Wendell Berry, and the intersection of theology and film. He enjoys attempting to write poetry, sitting in a cinema, laughing with friends, and mulling over theology.

Avery Risner is an English major from Oklahoma who plans to graduate in December and pursue a career in something, probably. When not daydreaming about one of her half-finished novels, she can often be found knitting a low-quality scarf.

Emma Rogers is a sophomore English and Spanish double major from Flower Mound, TX, with a passion for the multitudinous and deeply human art of storytelling. Among other things she enjoys are a hike with a view and a cup of English breakfast.

Anna Saporito is a freshman English and JMC major from Baton Rouge, LA. When not doing schoolwork or being mad that she's not doing the schoolwork that she should be doing, she loves reading, writing, and hanging out with her friends and dogs (ironically enough). Hopefully, being published in *Wide Angle* will be the start of a long writing career.

Georgia Wessels is a Junior English major with a Creative Writing Concentration from Williamson, GA. When she is not reading and writing for classes, she enjoys watching objectively bad movies or going hiking with friends and family. Post-graduation she hopes to go to graduate school for a Master's in Creative Writing.

Dr. Jennifer Ellis West serves as faculty sponsor for *Wide Angle*. She specializes in Rhetoric and Writing Studies and directs the Core Writing program at Samford, where she is also Associate Professor of English. Her first writing job was for *The Clinton News* when she was in 7th grade, and she became the editor of *Mississippi Magazine* right after college. Despite 20 years of teaching first-year writing, she has yet to tire of giving feedback to aspiring writers.

Ana Wright is a senior English major with minors in Music and Biblical Studies. She is afflicted with insatiable wanderlust, but in the tragic reality of human finitude, she finds that literature and music allow her to connect with cultures and places she may never experience in person. In the fall, she will move to Uzbekistan to teach English as a Second Language.