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Editor in Chief

Nicholas Vasquez Rodriguez is the editor in chief for the Fall 2018 Issue of The Vernal Pool. Nicholas is a fourth year English major with a creative writing minor. As the editor in chief Nicholas watched over and worked with all other editors to make sure the editorial board functioned. Nicholas contacted and worked with faculty to outreach and garner submissions for the Fall 2018 Issue. Nicholas also enjoys reading, writing, and spending time with his dog, Angel, in his free time.



Managing Editors

William Fernandez is the managing editor and second copy editor of The Vernal Pool editorial board. He is a fourth year English major with a professional writing minor. As managing editor, William works as a second-in-command to assist the editor in chief with managerial duties, as well as filling in any editorial role or task as they come. As a returning copyeditor, he likewise ensures that the final copies of the authors' work are polished from minor errors line-by-line. William enjoys writing creative pieces and technical videogame guides.



Marcelina Mariano is the managing editor of The Vernal Pool editorial board. She is a third year Philosophy major with an emphasis in Creative Writing and Global Arts. As managing editor, Marcelina assists and reports to the editor in chief. In addition, she takes part in any editorial roles or tasks in collaboration with Nick and Will. She hopes to pursue a job in journalism when she graduates and eventually obtain her master's/phd in philosophy in order to teach it. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, friends, and her dogs.



Web Managers

James Kress is a web manager for The Vernal Pool editorial board. He is a third year Management Business Economics Major with a minor in writing. James worked along with Kevin Qiu to make sure the layout of the literary journal looks professional and manages the digital pages and various accounts. As one of the web manager, James has determined the specific layout and designs, such as which pieces will be placed where in the journal. He also likes to spend his free time outdoors, enjoying nature, and quality time with his cats.



Kevin Qiu is the web manager for the Vernal Pool editorial board. He is a third year Psychology Major. As a web manager, his duties include web layout of the journal as well as any digital work needed for the editorial. He worked alongside James Kress throughout the entire publication process. Together they created the final finishing touches to the Vernal Pool journal. Kevin enjoys graphic design and photography. He enjoys traveling, cooking, and spending time with friends in his free time.



Copy Editors

Julia Niemeyer is a copy editor for The Vernal Pool editorial board. She is a third year Public Health major. Julia worked with William Fernandez and the two copy edited every piece published on the Fall 2018 edition of The Vernal Pool. Another part of her job was to ensure every piece of information being sent to authors or staff was formal and free of grammar/context errors. In her free time she enjoys listening to music and spending time with her friends.



Fiction Editor

Bradley Dexter Christian is a Fiction Editor for The Vernal Pool editorial board. He is a Senior English major and UC Merced's 2018 Kierkegaard Scholar. As the sole fiction editor, Bradley had to read several pieces and meet with student authors to revise point-of-view, discuss word choice, & consult creative developments. He is interested in using hip hop music for criminal justice and educational reform after volunteering at his father's work in Compton, CA to bring the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet-laureate, Kendrick Lamar, to rap with juvenile youth. Bradley also likes to play with his dogs: DaVinci, Firenze, & Ziggy Stardust.



CNF Editor

Henali Joshi is the Creative Non-Fiction Editor for the Fall 2018 issue of the Vernal Pool Undergraduate Literary Journal. She is also the second Public Relations & Events Managers on the editorial board. Henali is a Senior working towards a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Professional Writing. Her responsibilities for the Vernal Pool consisted of supporting authors whose Creative Non-Fiction pieces had been accepted by providing suggestions for their revisions process. Her other tasks included sending out acceptance/rejection letters to these authors and relaying deadlines and other crucial information. Furthermore, working alongside Stephanie, she posted flyers around campus and communicated with the writing department's social media points person to publicize the journal. Henali enjoys being involved with the process of producing journals and one day hopes to enter the publishing industry in New York City.



Poetry Editor

Xotchitl Marisol Garibay served as one of the Poetry Editors for The Vernal Pool Literary Journal Fall 2018 Issue. Xotchitl is a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Creative Writing. Working in collaboration with Ramon Campos Corrales, Xotchitl's duties were to communicate directly with authors by sending letters of acceptance or rejection, working with individual authors to provide edit suggestions before publication, and relaying important information to authors. Xotchitl has been published in a previous edition of the Vernal Pool with a creative writing piece and poetry. Originally from the San Fernando Valley she found her passion in spreading awareness for the natural world through her writing. Her interests in the environment, Native American folklore and Aztec & Greek mythology are the driving inspirations for her future endeavors.



Ramon Campos Corrales is one of the two Poetry Editors for the Fall 2018 Issue of the Vernal Pool. Ramon is on his last semester and he is graduating with Political Science as his major, and a minor in Writing. Ramon's duties were to communicate directly with authors by sending letters of acceptance or rejection, working with individual authors to provide edit suggestions before publication, and relaying important information to authors. Ramon has a passion for music, he listens to music 24/7. He also enjoys reading, writing poetry/songs, playing video games, and creating memories with his friends.



Public Relations & Events Manager

Stephanie Colon is the public relations and event manager for the Fall 2018 Vernal Pool. Stephanie is a third-year Psychology major with a minor in Sociology. Stephanie worked alongside with Hena to publicize events and submissions deadlines. They created flyers to be posted around campus to remind and ensure everyone to submit any writing and/or art pieces. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and going out on adventures. She loves music, writing, and working at the lantern.



Faculty Advisor

Paula Treick DeBoard is a lecturer in the Merritt Writing Program at UC Merced. In her other life she is a fiction writer, pet lover, trivia enthusiast and obsessive reader.