



We are pleased to offer the third and final issue of the first volume of UF JUR that is housed on the Florida Open Journal System. This year the new system has enhanced the student publication experience in several ways. First, including a team of graduate students who agreed to serve as reviewers in their area of expertise ensured each submission was peer reviewed by multiple reviewers. Also, the on-line system allowed for a double blind review, removing potential biases. Finally, the system provided students and faculty with valuable feedback on each submission.

To date, the papers in the first two issues of this first on-line volume were accessed by over 1800 individuals. There was a 62% acceptance rate for submissions, including those who were asked to make revisions.

To provide students from all disciplines with the opportunity to share their work, each issue includes papers from the Arts and Humanities, the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business, Education, and STEM and Medicine. This issue includes 15 articles, six from the Arts and Humanities, three from the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business and Education, and six in STEM/Medicine.

We encourage you to take a look at what our students have accomplished. We recognize that this scholarship would not be possible without a dedicated faculty mentoring these early researchers. We thank them for their efforts with these students.

UF JUR will continue to publish three issues per year. Any UF undergraduate who is interested in submitting to UF JUR, can look for the annual April 1st submission date.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne E. Donnelly". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

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