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Welcome to this second edition of the 2017 volume of the journal. Publishing a journal is often a roller coaster – sometimes the machine runs at 100 miles per hour, others it is a struggle to get up the first hill. We had a number of good submissions for this edition, yet by publishing time only one emerged ready to publish.

The philosophy of NYJSA is to publish solid work, but also to provide teaching and encouragement for those who submit their work to revise it until it is ready for publication. This process supports both the authors and those that we include in the review process behind the scenes (doctoral students, first time reviewers, new professionals, and faculty). We have a wonderful and dedicated core of volunteer reviewers and we are working to expand the group, but sometime the nature of our volatile professional lives in student affairs (and the important demands of our personal lives) gets in the way of using our “red pens” rapidly to support our authors to get their work ready for the presses.

The featured article in this edition explored the impact of religious identification and levels of consumption of alcohol by undergraduate students. Student affairs professionals are well aware of alcohol consumption by college students – and may have stereotypes of how religious identity might impact alcohol use behaviors. **Alicia Bradley and Daniel P. Nadler of Eastern Illinois University** and **Michael T. Miller from the University of Arkansas** set out to test these stereotypes in their piece. Their results showed how students who self-identified as unsure, spiritual, or religious were similar and differed in their consumption of alcohol, and what impact this might have on current practice and future research to explore deeper into the topic.

We appreciate that you are visiting this edition of the *New York Journal of Student Affairs*. We invite you to check out our next edition in April 2018 which already has some interesting new pieces in the works. As always, we encourage you to consider doing research on student affairs topics important to you, and of course submitting them to NYJSA!

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