

Meet the Editorial Board

Kyla Schmitt, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus



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Kyla Schmitt graduated magna cum laude from the Clark Honors College in June 2025, earning dual degrees in Environmental Science (Bachelor of Science) and Humanities (Bachelor of Arts) with minors in Biology, English, and Economics. Kyla's academic interests include wildlife ecology, contemporary history and politics, and scientific and rhetorical writing. Her latest publication sought to characterize the native signal crayfish population in Tryon Creek, Oregon, and her recent honors thesis examined fungal diversity on Oregon white oak savannas. Beyond research, Kyla coaches speech and debate, serves as a technical editor for Fall Creek, and spends plenty of time hiking and exploring the outdoors. She continued her career in research this summer as a field technician studying the demographics of the scarlet monkeyflower throughout its range.

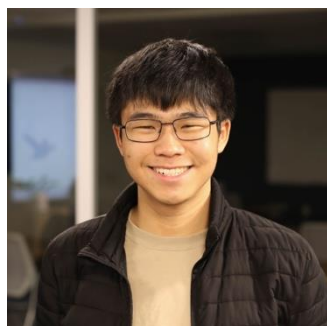
Ava Sechrist, Editor-in-Chief



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Ava Sechrist is a fourth-year Clark Honors College student majoring in Psychology and English. She has previously been involved in child development research at UO. Her independent research has explored the impacts of social media on weight-based bias and the effect of trauma on emotional granularity. Ava's current research project is on Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. In her free time, Ava enjoys reading, listening to podcasts, and going on adventures with friends.

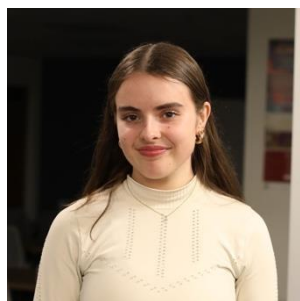
Ethan Nguyen, Editor



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Ethan is a fourth-year student in the Clark Honors College, majoring in Biochemistry. He is interested in performing research with a lot of potential in applied usage, especially for biomedical applications. Ethan is currently working in an organic synthesis research lab aiming to create novel molecules with potential applications in materials science and bioimaging. Outside academics, Ethan is involved in a lot of volunteering at places such as Food for Lane County and Hospice. His hobbies include jiu-jitsu and chess.

Charlotte Olds, Editor



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Charlotte is currently a fourth-year Clark Honors College student majoring in neuroscience and psychology. She conducts research in a cognitive neuroscience lab, focusing on how experiences are organized into memories and the mechanisms that underlie the tendency to forget. Outside of the UO, Charlotte volunteers with the HIV Alliance to help expand access to health services. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, running, playing the piano, and snowboarding.

Francesca “Frankie” Silverstein, Editor



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Frankie is a first-year physics major in the Clark Honors College. She is passionate about the intersection of science and policy, as well as how research can be used as a tool to advance representation for women in STEM. In her free time, she enjoys reading, listening to music, and spending time outdoors.

Hain Kim, Editor



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Hain is a first-year Clark Honors College Student majoring in Biochemistry. As a scientist-artist, Hain illustrates educational STEM animations to make science accessible and engaging. She works as a lab technician in an evolution and ecology lab, and her research interests include novel applications of genomics and protein modifications through the lens of science communication. In her spare time, Hain enjoys reading, playing the flute, and spending time with her cat, Lulu.

Karenn Johnson, Editor



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Karenn is a second-year student majoring in Economics and Chinese. She is also interested in international relations and hopes to pursue a career in public service. Previously, Karenn was a research assistant in a cognitive psychology lab conducting research at the intersection of working memory and false memory. Outside of school, she loves reading, swimming, and sitting at a coffee shop with a friend.

Annika Segesta, Outreach Coordinator



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Annika is a senior double majoring in Media Studies and Psychology, with an interest in pursuing future careers in both media analysis/journalism and mental health counseling. She is the president of the student-led film club UO Presents and enjoys connecting with others over various kinds of media. She is particularly interested in research on social media and its impact on modern political bias. During days off, she enjoys creating digital and physical art, getting outside, and connecting with friends and strangers.