

Meet the Editorial Board



Kyla Schmitt, Editor-in-Chief – Publications

Kyla Schmitt is a rising junior majoring in Environmental Science and Humanities and minoring in English and Economics while pursuing a degree from the Clark Honors College. Kyla's academic interests include wildlife ecology, contemporary history, rhetorical writing, and behavioral economics. Her latest publication sought to characterize the health, behavior, and habitat preferences of Tryon Creek's native signal crayfish population. Beyond the classroom, Kyla coaches high-school forensics and competes in collegiate forensics, conducts field research with the Tryon Creek Watershed Council and the Sutherland Lab, and spends plenty of time outdoors.



Jay Taylor, Editor-in-Chief – Outreach

Jay Taylor is a senior at the UO majoring in Linguistics. They have served as the Financial Coordinator for the University of Oregon LGBTQA3 office and co-president of the UO Model United Nations club and now help lead the Board and Card Gamer's Association for Maximum Nerdy (BACGAMN). Jay discovered a strong interest in research when they presented on the topic of mental health in South Korea at the 2020 Oregon Undergraduate Research Symposium. Currently, their research examines autism in a new, non-clinical context. They are passionate about learning new languages and teaching, and they hope to make the world a better place through education for all ages and individuals, regardless of background. In their downtime, they enjoy video games, hiking, and playing board games with friends.



Sarah Beaudoin, Senior Editor

Sarah Beaudoin graduated from the Clark Honors College in Spring 2023 with a major in Chemistry and interests in biology and science communication. Beyond academics, she lives in a sustainability-based and multigenerational co-op, volunteers for campus organizations such as the Climate Justice League and in the larger community of Eugene, and does research in the Boettcher Lab. In the lab, Sarah conducts electrochemical and physical chemistry experiments to better understand water electrolysis with the hopes of producing hydrogen fuel to mitigate the need for fossil fuels. Sarah is originally from rural Enterprise, Oregon, and enjoys biking, gardening, sewing, backpacking, and ceramics in her free time.



Rowan Glass, Editor

Rowan Glass graduated from the University of Oregon in Spring 2023 with a major in Cultural Anthropology and minors in Latin American Studies and History. A combination of lifelong wanderlust and academic research has taken Rowan far afield across Latin America, the former USSR, West Africa, and Europe. Aside from editing with OURJ, Rowan is engaged in long-term ethnographic fieldwork with the Kamëntšá people of the Sibundoy Valley, a unique crossroads between the Andes and the Amazon of southwest Colombia. Rowan's research in Colombia focuses on the Kamëntšá struggle for cultural survival and ecosovereignty over their ancestral territory. Similar themes animate Rowan's interest in subaltern resistance movements around the world; he interned with several NGOs in Senegal in the spring and will be filming a documentary with the Zapatistas of southern Mexico this winter. Outside of work, Rowan enjoys photography, creative writing, and indie films.



Teagan Furbish, Editor

Teagan Furbish graduated from the Clark Honors College in Spring 2023 with a major in Biochemistry and a specialty in plant molecular biology. Passionate about discovery in and preservation of our ecosystems, Teagan has worked on research projects spanning from landscape ecology to electrochemistry. Currently, she is working to engineer proteins for artificial gene expression in chloroplasts. With a deep interest in science communication, she hopes to use oral and graphical means to relay the findings of complicated studies to people of all academic specializations. Toward this end, she helped to found the "Climate Justice Network" podcast at UO. Extracurricularly, Teagan leads rock-climbing education trips for women, competes as a part of the UO climbing team, and teaches yoga. In her free time, Teagan loves to read, embroider, slackline, swim, and explore the outdoors.