Productive philosophy requires critical thinking and self-examination—capacities that would not be possible without active engagement of other perspectives in discourse. This is a familiar lesson taught to us early on by Socrates, who thought that people made judgments far too hastily—that they referred back to traditions and authorities before consulting their own minds and engaging others. Since its inception, philosophy has been built upon the element of discourse; without an ongoing dialogue among thinkers of different creeds and cultures, philosophy would be fruitless and stagnant, unable to push new boundaries or arrive at new conclusions.

In this issue, we have four papers which exemplify the fruits of philosophical discourse. Alex Henderson offers us new insights to Cicero’s intentions, while Michelle Dyke challenges a Locke scholar’s interpretation. Philosophy further expounds that we need to have sense beyond our own perspectives. Corey Cusimano questions the extent to which we are epistemically blameworthy and responsible for our own beliefs. And lastly, Andrew Pellitieri challenges the views of the Churchlands, searching for the presence of romantic love beyond a material understanding.

This issue of Arché carries special significance, as it is a product of the work of last year’s editorial staff in cooperation with this year’s—a dialogue among the old and the new, with seasoned perspectives and fresh eyes coming together to produce an outstanding issue. We hope that the message of this journal, and of the papers herein, will remind its readers that no man is an island, and that we must come together and share our opinions in order to do something truly great.

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