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Director's Note

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In my past three years as the Director for *Digressions Literary & Art Journal*, I've been blown away by all the creativity present in Nova Southeastern University's student body. We always receive significantly more submissions than we could reasonably publish in one volume. But every year, these submitters return, ready to bravely show their pieces again. And every year, we have the immense pleasure of working with these creators to optimize their pieces towards their creative intent in preparation for sharing and publishing. No submission or submitter is alike. Similarly, each member of our staff and review team brings something new to the table. Each year, we see a plethora of new observations, new ideas, new perspectives, and new forms of expression. I hope that this continues long after I depart from *Digressions*, as new passionate and driven individuals lead it forward.

"Don't forget – no one else sees the world the way you do, so no one else can tell the stories that you have to tell." – Charles de Lint

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– Athena Edwards, Director of *Digressions*



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