

## A Brief Note from the Editor:

By Paul Devlin

This is the fourth issue (issue 2.2.) of the *St. John's University Humanities Review*. The initial idea for this publication was for it to be a book review journal, something like the *New York Review of Books*, for students to review books they may have read in their spare time. It did not really work out like that, but I think the way it turned out is better. We have in this issue, as we have luckily had in all our issues, contributions from established scholars from across the United States. I would like to thank them for contributing pieces to the *Review*, as I realize they could have contributed these pieces to much more established publications. I would also like to thank Stephen Sicari, chairman of the English Department, for his enthusiasm about my my initial idea to start this publication and for supporting it the entire time. If this is the first issue you have seen, please take a look at the site. Our past issues are there. Here are some of the past highlights:

In the first issue I interviewed my mentor, the novelist, cultural critic and jazz historian, **Albert Murray**, who also contributed a piece to the third issue. Also in the first issue, Michael Pozo interviewed famed American historian **Howard Zinn**.

In the second issue, Michael Pozo interviewed post-colonial theorist **E. San Juan Jr.**, who generously contributed to this issue as well. the second issue also saw Michael interview St. John's own **Gregory Maertz** about his upcoming book and projects. Also in the second issue, I interviewed the great poet and critic **John Hollander**, who is now professor emeritus at Yale University.

The third issue includes Michael's interview with **Peter McLaren**, as well as many other interesting pieces.

**Michael Pozo would like to say:**

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