



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I could regale you with many reasons for the delays in publishing this edition, but I will not. Instead, I shall thank our contributors and readers for pursuing the FANS Association Vision Statement along with us.

At each stage, they have encouraged us to continue despite our difficulties. We thank them.

At each stage, they have assisted us in moving forward despite our circumstances. We thank them.

At each stage, they have held faith with us as we move forward toward publication. We thank them.

And so, without further ado, I present to you the current edition of *The Phoenix Papers*.

Sincerely,

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to encourage the study of fans through their interactions with neomedia. We understand neomedia to refer to both new media, as well as traditional media that is being used or interpreted in new ways. The study of fandom has implications for studies ranging from Economics to Political Science, and from History to Anthropology, and so we believe it should be better studied to further all areas of academic progress.

VISION STATEMENT:

Our vision is to encourage, assist, and publish research on fandom and neomedia studies.

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