

Letter From The Editor:

We are really pleased to share a new issue of the NPHR with you. In this issue we explore a range of subjects with a particular focus on the intersection of law and health, a faculty member's life work to better understand the public health impact of the criminal justice system to the role of criminal tribunals in maintaining rule of law and public health. Professor Scheffer's essay, with excerpts from his book *All the Missing Souls*, featured in this issue is also particularly timely as we continue to grapple with the public health implications of the War in Syria and its consequent migration crises.

Additionally, this issue features our wonderful collaboration with the UIC Biomedical Visualization Program, which graciously partnered with us again to illustrate each article in the current volume as well as contribute a feature article on the role of biomedical visualization in public health.

Finally this issue marks the first step in our upcoming evolution: a switch to shorter, more thematically focused quarterly issues, published exclusive online. These changes will help us engage more responsively to national and international public health conversations. We aim to focus on bringing good stories to our readers more rapidly and to stay closer to the current pulse of public health with our journal, as we do with our blog.

We are deeply indebted to all the authors and artists for generously contributing to this issue. We specifically want to thank our current editorial board for keeping the NPHR sailing. Special thanks to Simona Morochnik for making this issue beautiful and aesthetically delightful. We hope you enjoy reading each story as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Sincerely,

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Editor-in-Chief

