

Editor's Statement: Bringing the Past into the Digital Present

We are delighted to announce the digital publication of back-issues of *sprinkle* volumes 8, 9, and 10. This project has been a labor of love for our editorial team as we delved into the journal's print archives to unearth valuable scholarship and perspectives from the past. The heart of this endeavor was to honor the legacy of *sprinkle* by making its previously published works accessible to a wider digital audience. We knew that these older volumes held insightful research, powerful narratives, and unique voices that deserve to be preserved and shared. However, as we reviewed these past issues, we confronted the complex task of determining what content was still relevant, respectful, and aligned with our evolving values and the changing landscape of social justice and inclusivity. While this journey down memory lane has been illuminating, it has also presented us with unique challenges that have called for careful consideration, sensitivity, and editorial discernment.

One of our foremost principles throughout this process was to maintain utmost respect for the authors whose work had graced our pages in the past. We did not want to censor their voices or dismiss their contributions lightly. It was essential for us to recognize the context in which these pieces were originally written and published, and to consider the academic and social milieu at the time. At the same time, we had a responsibility to ensure that our digital publication did not inadvertently perpetuate harmful narratives, stereotypes, or language that had become outdated and offensive.

Our team engaged in thoughtful and thorough discussions, weighing each manuscript's merits and challenges. We took into account whether the content had aged well in the context of our rapidly evolving understanding of gender, sexuality, and social justice. Some articles contained language and ideas that, while perhaps acceptable in their time, no longer aligned with our current values and standards. We were particularly mindful of content that could be triggering or perpetuate harmful stigmas against marginalized identities and victims of violence.

In some instances, we made the difficult decision not to republish certain articles, acknowledging that their content had not withstood the test of time and societal progress, recognizing that the evolution of knowledge and attitudes is an inherent part of academic discourse. To those authors whose work we chose not to republish, we extend our gratitude for their contributions to *sprinkle*. We value the conversations their work sparked in its time and recognize the importance of preserving a record of those dialogues. Your contributions are part of the journal's history, and your dedication to advancing scholarship in women's, gender, and queer studies is acknowledged and appreciated.

To our dedicated digital editorial team, who navigated this intricate process with empathy and diligence, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Your commitment to maintaining the integrity of *sprinkle* while ensuring its relevance in the digital age is commendable. It is

through your collective efforts that we can now present a digital archive that reflects the growth and evolution of our field.

As we embark on this digital journey through *sprinkle's* past, we invite readers to engage critically with the content, recognizing that it reflects not only the scholarship of its time but also the broader social and intellectual contexts. Together, let us continue the important work of pushing boundaries, challenging norms, and championing inclusivity in the pursuit of knowledge.

Thank you for joining us on this transformative journey.

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