



To our past and present writers at The Broad,

First of all, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Lauren and I have just taken over as Editor In Chief. Since becoming Editorial assistant in 2020, I have been in awe of the quality of work at The Broad and the commitment of every writer, and am so excited to start this new chapter.

We are releasing this statement to update you with what has been happening these past few months at The Broad and, with sadness, informing you of our current situation.

Due to several issues with handovers, subscriptions, technicalities and other factors out of our control, and after several months of uncertainty, the website malfunctioned to a state of disrepair two days before christmas. Since then, Fiona, our previous Editor in Chief and ever hard-working member of The Broad, and I have been working tirelessly to retrieve what we can of the data. Unfortunately, it is with a heavy heart that we have to say, we were not able to recover the work from our wordpress sites or website.

This means that whatever work we are able to retrieve will come from the manual recovery of whatever is archived on our personal computers and the editor email. As you can understand, we have been through many editors since The Broad was founded in 2017, and so not all of this work is going to be recoverable.

So, with an entirely new website, we have made the bittersweet decision to start again. Although it is great that The Broad gets a new lease of life, we are saddened by the loss of so much hard work and beautiful writing, and are incredibly sorry to every person who may not get to see their articles on The Broad again.

We can assure you that, however precarious it may be, we are working so hard with what we have. We hope that the launch of the new website will include the recovery of our most recently written work, particularly last semester, and hopefully (although gradually) the semester before.

This is a huge loss and we entirely empathise with you all, as writers, who spent so much time, effort and commitment to The Broad, however long ago. We hope that you can understand how powerless we were in the events leading up to this, and how regretful we are that we have been unable, no matter how hard we have tried, to reverse the impact.

Despite this, we look forward to what the future has in store for The Broad. Although it is not the 'clean start' we would have wanted, the new website will ensure that students are able to continue having their work published and their voices heard. This semester will see the

formation of our new creative section, and hopefully the return of The Broadcast, and a team of incredible, dedicated students who want to continue to build The Broad from the ground up.

Thank you for your patience. If you are in need of a reference from us to show to employers that you have a record of writing at The Broad, please get in touch. We want to continue to do everything in our power to support our past and present writers in these circumstances.

Kind Regards,

Lauren Galligan
Editor-in-Chief