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It is my pleasure to present the fifteenth volume of *Pioneering Neuroscience: The Grinnell Journal of Neurophysiology.* The articles collected in this volume represent original contributions to the field of neuroscience offered by students of Biology 150: Introduction to Biological Inquiry - The Language of Neurons. As has been true for the fourteen previous classes of The Language of Neurons, most of these students were in their first semester in college. For all of the students, this was their first college-level biology course!

The articles in this volume explore several themes in neural communication: the involvement of the several glutamate receptors in the production of EPSPs, the roles of SNARE proteins in paired-pulse facilitation, and a variety of means through which intracellular calcium concentration regulation affects synaptic plasticity. As usual, all of this was done using the wonderful model system of the crayfish neuromuscular junction. I hope you enjoy this volume and trust you will be as impressed as I am with what these students have accomplished in such a short time.

We wish to thank the students of Biology 150 for their hard work and collegiality. None of this would have been possible without the assistance of Jason Parks, lab instructor, and the excellent work of mentors Gabby Mercado ’16 and Takahiro Omura ’17.

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