Violet Margin (formerly Alchemist Review) is published annually by the English Department at the University of Illinois Springfield. It publishes creative writing including but not limited to fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction, art, and photography by new and experienced writers. Violet Margin is committed to providing an inclusive, safe and diverse space for undergraduate students across the US, as well as students and alumni of the University of Illinois at Springfield, to test their voices.

Violet Margin is committed to publishing diverse voices and aims to focus on those that have, throughout history, been marginalized and excluded from the literary canon. We especially encourage submissions from women, people of color, LGBTQIA+ writers, writers with disabilities, and writers of intersectional identities. Violet Margin reserves the right to remove work that is offensive or work that promotes harmful prejudices and stereotypes.