



## About Our Cover

Understanding our place in nature is essential for understanding the function of our bodies and for enhancing the healing process. This month's editorial by Dennis Liu emphasizes the importance of basic research as a basis for advancements in health and medicine. Basic research benefits medicine not least because its curiosity-driven character yields practical benefits from surprising and unpredictable directions. At the same time, the reductionist approach of basic research has helped us to understand the physiology of our organ systems and cells at a mechanistic level. The cover image, composed by Blake Porch (Howard Hughes Medical Institute), reminds us that we are a part of the natural world, a product of evolution and not organisms separate and apart. The image was composed in Adobe Photoshop and rendered in Autodesk Maya. The focus of this issue of *ABT* is human health.

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