

Letter from the Editor

Dear MUJSP Readers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this year's issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology. Now in its second year of publication, the MUJSP continues to recognize the academic achievements of final-year undergraduate students in the Honours Social Psychology Program, providing them with a forum to showcase their capstone research projects.

This year, a total of 6 research studies met the rigorous standards for publication. Within this issue, you will discover a variety of relevant research topics, ranging from how online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic affects the well-being of undergraduate students to the influence of social media on undergraduate students' perceptions of reality. The featured authors of this year's issue were in an unprecedented position, where for the first time in the history of this course, they completed their capstone research projects virtually. This year's issue is a testament to their perseverance and tenacity.

Since last year, the MUJSP editorial team has almost doubled in size. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the newest members of our team, Angelo Marmolejo and Raisa Jadavji, co-assistant editors, and Christina Doan, the layout editor, who should be commended for their enthusiasm and work ethic. I would also like to recognize Jordan Graber, the graphic designer, who has once again artistically captured the very spirit of the issue's contents. All members of the editorial team should be commended for their efforts in launching this year's issue, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Olga Perkovic, the Research and Advanced Studies Librarian, and Gabriela Mircea, the Digital Repository Librarian, for providing us with the platform to publish the MUJSP and celebrate the achievements of social psychology students at McMaster University. Last but not the least, I would like to acknowledge the continuing role played by Dr. Clancy, the faculty advisor of the MUJSP, in being incredibly encouraging of the MUJSP editorial team, as well as all her students, including the featured authors in this year's issue. I, as well as the whole team, are very fortunate to have benefited from her kindness and generosity.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's issue, in which you will find some of the most distinguished research projects within the McMaster social psychology community. On behalf of the editorial team, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Editor-in-Chief