Letter from the Editor

Dear MUJSP Readers,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023 issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology! For those who may be unfamiliar, the MUJSP recognizes the outstanding original research studies completed by undergraduate students in their final year of the Honours Social Psychology program. Now in its fourth year of publication, the MUJSP continues to highlight the scholastic achievements of McMaster students, only publishing studies that have met rigid standards of excellence. As of last year, the journal also began showcasing abstracts presented at the annual Social Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference.

This year, there are five research studies that have met the standards for publication, as well as nine research abstracts that were presented at the conference. A variety of topics are covered within this issue, including studies on attachment styles, imposter syndrome, social conformity and labelling theory, mental health literacy, and the impact of social groups on academic agency.

I am honoured to be sharing this year's issue with you all as Editor-in-Chief after serving as an Assistant Editor for the MUJSP last year. My experience on the team this past two years has been nothing short of valuable in cultivating my own research skills and interests, and my wish is for anyone who reads this journal to feel the same motivation in pursuit of their own academic endeavours.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the entire editorial team, starting with the original Editor-in-Chief of the MUJSP, Namya Tandon, without whom the MUJSP would not exist today. Thank you, Namya, for giving McMaster students the opportunity to publicly contribute their insightful literature to the broader field of social psychology. I hope we have fulfilled your every expectation for the journal in this year's issue and continue to do your vision for the MUJSP justice. As well, I would like to express my appreciation to last year's Editor-in-Chief, Raisa Jadavji, whom I had the pleasure of working alongside as assistant editor for the 2022 issue. Raisa, you were an exemplary Editor-in-Chief and I am proud to say I learned from the best!

As for this year's editorial team, I would like to further extend my gratitude to our two wonderful assistant editors, Ayma Iqbal and Angelo Marmolejo, our talented graphic designer, Sarah McBride, and our incredibly diligent layout editor, Christina Doan. Working alongside everyone on this team was truly a privilege. I would also like to say thank you to Shaza Hassan, one of the research conference organizers, who played a valuable role in ensuring the publication of the abstracts presented this year. Finally, I would like to express the utmost appreciation to Dr. Sarah Clancy, the faculty advisor of the MUJSP. Thank you, Dr. Clancy, for your unwavering support throughout this year's publication journey. Your dedication to the success of the journal, and all the students whose work is published within it, is greatly appreciated; none of this would have been possible without your guidance.

On behalf of the entire editorial team, thank you for taking the time to read the compelling research presented in this year's issue of the MUJSP. We appreciate your support, and we hope you enjoy!

Sincerely,
Linette Sapper
Editor-in-Chief