

Letter from the Outgoing Editor

Dear MUJSP Readers,

Welcome to the fifth issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology! I hope you're as excited as I am to read the compelling capstone research papers from fourth-year students within the Social Psychology program, as well as the abstracts from this year's Social Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference.

I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to this year's Editor-in-Chief, Ayma Iqbal. Ayma has seamlessly transitioned from Assistant Editor to Editor-in-Chief and has done an outstanding job of bringing together many new faces to the editorial team this year. Thank you, Ayma, for your dedication to this role; your hard work does not go unnoticed, and I appreciate everything you have done to ensure the MUJSP continues to recognize students' achievements.

I also want to recognize the rest of our amazing editorial team. Thank you to our two diligent Assistant Editors, Paula Sheron Quieroz & Christina Doan, our Graphic Designer, Julia Duguid, and our Layout Editor, Chelsea Zhang. The effort and consideration each of them has put into their roles to produce the current issue is greatly appreciated. Of course, I would also like to thank Namya Tandon, our first ever Editor-in-Chief and founder of the MUJSP. The Social Psychology community at McMaster is so lucky to have this collaborative space to celebrate students' achievements and we continue to appreciate Namya's creation with each new issue of the journal.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to our incredible Faculty Advisor, Dr. Sarah Clancy, whose dedication to the MUJSP has been unwavering from the start. Dr. Clancy's continued support and recognition of her students is truly remarkable, and I am immensely thankful not only for having the privilege of being one of her students during my undergraduate years, but also for the opportunity to work closely with her during my time as Editor-in-Chief for the previous issue. From the moment I joined the editorial team, Dr. Clancy made me feel welcomed, and I've watched her extend that same warmth to every new contributor to the MUJSP, whether they are authors or editors. She has fostered an environment that is both collaborative and inspiring – one that all of us are proud to be a part of. Thank you for everything, Dr. Clancy; your students appreciate you more than you know!

My time on the MUJSP editorial team, both as an Assistant Editor and as Editor-in-Chief, has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am confident that I am leaving it in very capable hands. I look forward to watching this journal continue to grow and showcase the impressive work of McMaster's Social Psychology students with each new issue.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support the MUJSP; it has been a pleasure to work with all of you. I hope you enjoy reading the outstanding research

papers presented in the 2024 issue!

Best,

Linette Sapper
Outgoing Editor-in-Chief