

## Letter from the Editor

Dear MUJSP Readers,

It is my pleasure to present you with this year's issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology. The MUJSP, now in its fifth year of publication, continues to recognize and highlight the achievements of final-year undergraduate students in the Honours Social Psychology program and the participants at the 2024 McMaster Social Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference.

This past year, six theses and 10 abstracts met the meticulous publication eligibility criteria for the MUJSP. The six research projects cover a vast array of topics, ranging from climate change and mental health, the influence of social media on student perception of parenthood, and the relationship between attachment styles and academic achievement in young adults. Moreover, 10 abstracts from the annual Social Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference cover research areas such as attachment styles and sexual dynamics, the experiences of police, and international student identity.

I am honoured to share the 2024 issue of the MUJSP with you all as Editor-in-Chief. I extend my gratitude to Namyra Tandon, the founder and original Editor-in-Chief of the MUJSP, who paved the way for the publication of valuable research in the field of social psychology. I would also like to extend my thanks and admiration to Linette Sapper, our outgoing Editor-in-Chief. Working under Linette as an Assistant Editor for the 2023 issue taught me valuable lessons about leadership, and assuming the position of Editor-in-Chief was a fortunately smooth process thanks to her continued guidance.

The publication of this issue would not be possible without our lovely editorial team. I would like to extend my gratitude to our two amazing assistant editors, Paula Sheron Quieroz, and Christina Doan, our former layout editor. I would also like to thank Chelsea Zhang, our new layout editor, and Julia Duguid for designing our issue cover. Moreover, I convey my appreciation for the research conference organizers, Megan Lee and Paula Sheron Quieroz, who aided in the publication of the abstracts presented earlier this year. Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Sarah Clancy, our faculty advisor. Thank you, Dr. Clancy, for your continued support and guidance for the editorial team, and your unwavering dedication to the success of this journal and every student whose work has been published within it.

On behalf of the editorial team, thank you for taking the time to read the thoughtful and engaging research published in the 2024 issue of the MUJSP. We hope you enjoy reading these papers as much as we did. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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Editor-in-Chief