

Letter from the Editor

Dear MUJSP Readers,

It is my great pleasure to present this year's issue of the *McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology* (MUJSP). Now in its sixth year of publication, the MUJSP continues to celebrate and showcase the exceptional research conducted by final-year students in the Honours Social Psychology program.

This year, six theses met the journal's rigorous publication criteria. Together, these projects explore a diverse range of topics— from generative AI and academic integrity to parental responsiveness and relationship dynamics, and the initiation of relationships on dating apps.

As Editor-in-Chief for the second consecutive year, I am truly honoured to share the 2025 issue with you. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Namya Tandon, the founder and original Editor-in-Chief of the MUJSP, whose vision laid the foundation for this journal. I also wish to thank Linette Sapper, who led the journal in 2023, the year I first joined the MUJSP team as Assistant Editor. Her mentorship and example continue to guide my approach to leadership today.

The publication of this issue would not have been possible without the dedication of our outstanding editorial team. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Assistant Editors, Paula Sheron Quieroz and Kathryanna Peacock. Paula has been an invaluable contributor for a second year, while Kathryanna has brought fresh insights and enthusiasm as a new member of the team. I also wish to recognize our Layout Editors, Khushi Goyal and Teodora Uilecan, for their hard work and creativity in shaping this issue's final presentation. Additionally, I would like to thank our Graphic Designer, Lia Icasiano, whose fresh vision and design expertise brought a new level of polish to the journal this year. Finally, I extend my deepest appreciation to Dr. Sarah Clancy, our faculty advisor, for her unwavering support, guidance, and commitment to the success of the MUJSP.

On behalf of the entire editorial team, thank you for taking the time to engage with the thoughtful and compelling research featured in the 2025 issue of the MUJSP. We hope you enjoy reading these papers as much as we enjoyed bringing them to publication.

Sincerely,

Ayma Iqbal
Editor-in-Chief